

**STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF BLOUNT**

**BLOUNT COUNTY COMMISSION
JULY 9, 2024**

MINUTES OF BLOUNT COUNTY COMMISSION

The Blount County Commission held a combined work session and business meeting on Tuesday, July 9, 2024, at the office of the Commission in Oneonta, Alabama. Chairman Chris Green welcomed everyone to the meeting. Chairman Green called the meeting to order declaring a quorum present with the following members in attendance: Commissioners Allen Armstrong, Chad Trammell, and Bradley Harvey. Commissioner Nick Washburn was unable to attend. Also, present were County Administrator Mark Staton, and County Attorney Jeff Sherrer. The invocation was offered by E Street Church of Christ Pastor, Pastor Timothy Alexander. Chairman Chris Green expressed his appreciation for the pastors across the county, and their ministering to the people of Blount County.

The invocation was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America. Chairman Chris Green thanked all for their participation during the Pledge. He stated following the recent Independence Day celebrations, it occurred to him that although the media portrays the country in a sometimes-negative light; we are truly not in bad shape. He continued through his travels across the country he has encountered wonderful people.

ITEM 1 ADOPT AGENDA

Pursuant to review by the Commission, Chairman Chris Green entertained a motion to adopt the agenda. Commissioner Bradley Harvey offered a motion to adopt the agenda. Commissioner Chad Trammell seconded the motion.

By unanimous vote, be it so ordered.

**ITEM 2 JEFF MAZE AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE BLOUNT COUNTY
FARMERS FEDERATION TO PRESENT CHECK TO COMMISSION**

Chairman Chris Green recognized Blount County Farmers Federation President and his Son-in-law, Jeff Maze, representative from Blount County Farmers Federation. He noted some time back the group made a pledge to offer a contribution to the Multipurpose Facility Project because of the agricultural service the facility will provide.

Mr. Maze expressed his appreciation for the Commission and their vision for the Multipurpose Center, which will serve many in the agricultural community and beyond. He noted the former agribusiness center served the county well for years, however the new facility will offer outstanding opportunities for citizens and youth. Mr. Maze stated the advanced agricultural program offered by the school system and taught by Van Alldredge will open the door to unlimited opportunities. He stated he looks forward to hosting Kids Day on the Farm there as well.

Mr. Maze presented two checks to the Commission, a donation of \$40,000 from the Blount County Farmers Federation and a donation of \$10,000 from the state Farmers Federation. The Commission voiced their gratitude for the generous donation. The Commission paused for a brief photo opportunity. Members of the audience spoke about the new facility, stating they were excited to see the project nearing completion. Amy Burgess from the Alabama Extension Agency, spoke to say she would be giving a tour to some folks from outside the county who are interested in seeing the facility.

ITEM 3 JOHNNY KELSOE TO ADDRESS COMPLAINT

Chairman Chris Green welcomed Johnny Kelsoe from District Three, who attended the previous month's meeting, and since filed a written complaint with the Commission staff. Chairman Chris Green stated on the complaint there was no monetary number listed

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noting the cost of alleged damages incurred by District Three crew machinery. However, Chairman Chris Green stated, Mr. Kelsoe believed \$50,000 would be the number he would suggest. Mr. Kelsoe again asked the Commission what would happen to him, a private citizen, should he damage county property. The consensus sounded, they believed he would be made to pay for damages. Mr. Kelsoe replied he wanted the same courtesy extended to him. When asked by Commissioner Chad Trammell how he arrived at the monetary number of \$50,000. He responded it was a number that he felt would get the Commission's attention. Chairman Chris Green noted there were three options for addressing the complaint, deny the claim, accept the claim, or do nothing for a period of 90 days from the day the complaint was received, at which time the claim is automatically denied.

Commissioner Bradley Harvey addressed Mr. Kelsoe, offering an apology for what he feels was damage incurred on his property. Although Commissioner Harvey stated, he truly felt that a utility company was also to blame for some of the "ruts" in Mr. Kelsoe's pasture. Commissioner Bradley Harvey stated the two discussed the matter before the meeting and he offered to schedule a time to come to Mr. Kelsoe's property and investigate the alleged damage. Mr. Kelsoe stated he wanted the debris from the roadside mowing to be cleaned up and that he would only meet if there was a witness. After a discussion amongst the Commission, it was decided that Mr. Jeff Sherrer, county legal counsel, would attend the meeting on his property.

Chairman Chris Green stated he felt there was a clear path to resolving the matter, noting the planned meeting with the two parties at Mr. Kelsoe's property and thanked Mr. Kelsoe for his attendance. The Commission took no action on the matter.

ITEM 4 TERRY PALMORE AND LEIA WINDHAM TO LEASH LAWS

Chairman Chris Green recognized Terry Palmore, Pine Mountain resident to address concerns regarding at large dogs. Mr. Palmore stated he understood the Commission had discussed the matter a couple of times, but it had been many years since the last discussion. He noted that he had done research and spoken with various people in different capacities across the state regarding loose dogs. He explained he himself had experienced run-ins with aggressive dogs on the loose while running near his home, as have others in the area. Mr. Palmore mentioned the recent dog-mauling death in Lawrence County, stating an elderly man who was tending to his garden was fatally attacked. He stated since the terrible death the Lawrence County Commission have worked to address the serious matter and plan to take legislative action by adopting the existing (Alabama Code 3-1-5). Mr. Palmore also noted Emily's Law which was enacted some time ago after a girl was mauled in Elmore County. He detailed other statements relayed to him from others across the state and in his community regarding animals at large. Recently, Mr. Palmore stated a man passed away after hitting a dog in the roadway while on a motorcycle, the collision caused the man to go into oncoming traffic resulting in his tragic death. He encouraged the Commission to be proactive rather than reactive.

Chairman Chris Green stated he too is cautious while walking near his home in rural Blount County, noting he carries a stick while out and about. He stated he feels that with population growth, as well as a change in the mindset of residents, now may be an opportunity to address the issue.

Chairman Chris Green recognized County Attorney Jeff Sherrer. Mr. Sherrer stated the Alabama Code addresses dogs running at large, and does not apply to municipalities, as they establish their own ordinances. He continued; it provides for a \$50 fine if your dog is caught running at large. Commissioner Bradley Harvey questioned what constituted an animal being considered "at-large." Mr. Sherrer stated a dog that was off its owner's property. Commissioner Bradley Harvey suggested that a path to resolution for those concerned may be civil court. He continued that enforcement is an issue, he noted the county cannot afford full-time or additional personnel to police at large animals.

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Mr. Palmore, an animal control officer he spoke with, stated that once his county adopted the Alabama Code regarding at-large animals, citizens' attitudes seem to completely change. Chairman Chris Green and Commissioner Bradley Harvey both responded to the comment, Harvey stating he would support adopting the code if that were the case.

Chairman Chris Green recognized Leia Windham who also requested to discuss the item. She reiterated much of what Mr. Palmore stated, adding that she reached out to the health department and was told there were twenty-six reported dog bites in the county last year. However, she believed that number was too low, and would be higher if all bites were reported. Ms. Windham spoke of a case in North Carolina, she stated a county was sued because the county captured a man's dog, whom he used for breeding. The dog, under the care of the county animal control was spayed after a seven-day hold. When the man tried to retrieve the dog, he learned she was spayed and adopted out. He sued the county and won the case as the county did not have an ordinance or law about at-large animals, and the spaying and adoption of his dog resulted in him losing money. She noted the need for compliance in the community, citing a serious stray animal problem that was compounded during and after the pandemic. Ms. Windham stated she was a supporter of a stricter leash law.

Chairman Chris Green stated he did not believe the Commission was ready to decide. He continued by requesting Mr. Sherrer to research the county's options.

Chairman Chris Green recognized a member of the audience to speak. Kristen Henderson stated she did not contact the office in time to be added to the agenda but wanted to attend the meeting to explain her issues with at-large dogs in her area. She stated that she lived in District One, on CR45. Ms. Henderson further stated on multiple occasions a neighbor's loose dog has negatively impacted her family. Mr. Henderson stated her young son was bitten by the dog; however, she did not file a report at the time. She continued, the dog, a female, has now had puppies, who also roam free. Ms. Henderson stated that she is on a first name basis with the Animal Control Officer, Jeff Kirkland, who she calls frequently to report issues with the animals. She noted that she cannot allow her children to play outdoors or wait at the bus stop for fear of the aggressive dog. She continued she carries her pistol when outside, and that they have had to shoot at the dog. Ms. Henderson stated she has spoken with a deputy on numerous occasions, she continued she understands that every stray cannot be picked up, however, she thinks something should be done about aggressive animals. She stated a neighborhood child carries his BB gun while outdoors for protection. Ms. Henderson said that on one occasion she could not even leave her home because the dog had come between her and her car. She stated she has attempted to resolve the matter with the dog-owner; however, the owner does not seem to care.

Chairman Chris Green requested the item be placed under "old business" for the August meeting. He continued, requesting that legal counsel research the subject more in depth.

Commissioner Allen Armstrong inquired about the upcoming retirement of the part-time animal control officer, Mr. Kirkland; asking if a replacement had been hired. County Administrator Mark Staton stated the BCSO is working to hire someone.

Chairman Chris Green stated he has received calls regarding various matters across the county recently, noting several are worthy of a discussion.

Mr. Sherrer stated municipalities are given many liberties counties are not, noting anything done may have to be done through local legislation.

Chairman Chris Green states if an at-large animal law could be adopted, it may prevent some of the problems with problem animals in the county but would not solve them all. He used the example of speed enforcement.

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ITEM 5 OLD BUSINESS: CONSIDER BID INVITATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF A USED PAD FOOT ROLLER; COUNTYWIDE

Chairman Chris Green presented for consideration a motion to invite bids for a used pad foot roller for countywide use. Commissioner Bradley Harvey stated he has a roller on rent and would like to purchase it, noting the balance is just under \$90,000. He continued there is not a machine on state bid, so a used machine would need to be bid out.

Commissioner Chad Trammell inquired about paying for the machine. Chairman Chris Green stated he has some concerns about Fund 111(the seven-cent gas tax fund). He continued, nearing the end of the fiscal year leaves the commission staff searching for where the districts fall in their budgets. Chairman Chris Green noted a later item to be discussed, the purchase of a chip spreader. He stated he would like for that to be out-and-out purchased, rather than financed.

Commissioner Chad Trammell stated the roller is typically used after the reclaimer, he continued, the roller would be used countywide. He mulled over the prospect of renting one, however, he said that would be expensive.

Chairman Chris Green stated the motion is not to purchase a roller but bid one out. Commissioner Allen Armstrong stated once he receives a reimbursement for a CRAF project he will be back in the "black," in the way of his budget, noting he is currently," in the hole." He continued; he would be willing to request a bid on the roller. Commissioner Allen Armstrong stated this is a rough year as far as money goes, due to the inflated cost of materials. Commissioner Chad Trammell agreed.

Commissioner Bradley Harvey made a motion as stated. Commissioner Allen Armstrong seconded the motion.

By unanimous vote, be it so ordered.

ITEM 6 CONSIDER APPROVING MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 6, 2024, MEETING AND THE JUNE 20, SPECIAL-CALLED MEETING, AS WELL AS THE CLAIMS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE

Chairman Chris Green presented for consideration a motion to approve the minutes from the June 6, 2024, meeting and the June 20, 2024, special-called meeting, as well as the claims for the month of June.

Commissioner Chad Trammell made a motion as stated. Commissioner Allen Armstrong seconded the motion.

By unanimous vote, be it so ordered.

ITEM 7 CONSIDER BLOUNT COUNTY 911 DISPATCH SERVICE AGREEMENT

Chairman Chris Green presented for consideration a motion to approve the Blount County 911 Dispatch Service Agreement. He stated he had not been able to devote enough time to examining the agreement, noting he did not see an amount referenced in the document.

After a brief discussion, it was determined the item should be tabled until the August meeting. Chairman Chris Green recognized County Attorney Jeff Sherrer. Mr. Sherrer advised the county to table the item until the document can be carefully reviewed.

Commissioner Allen Armstrong made a motion as stated. Commissioner Bradley Harvey seconded the motion.

Commissioner Bradley Harvey (also a 911 Board member) stated there will be a more accurate projection of cost later. He continued; the current drafted document had a lot to be desired.

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Commissioner Chad Trammell asked if a new agreement with a dollar amount was signed every year with 911. Commissioner Bradley Harvey stated that is correct. Commissioner Chad Trammell then pointed out that in the document, it states that the agreement will automatically renew on October 1st of every year.

Chairman Chris Green restated there was a motion and second to table the item until all can closely review it.

By unanimous vote, be it so ordered.

ITEM 8 DISCUSS PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST FROM BLOUNT COUNTY 911

Chairman Chris Green recognized Commissioner Allen Armstrong who requested the item be placed on the agenda. Commissioner Allen Armstrong stated he requested some documents from Blount County 911 regarding response times of calls. He continued Blount County 911's legal team refused the request. He noted County Administrator Mark Staton researched Alabama Code sections and found that the request should not have been denied as it did not include sensitive information, only response times, which are public information. Mr. Sherrer stated he feels that every record, except for a recording of a 911 call, at 911 is a public record. Commissioner Bradley Harvey agreed and noted the issue he believed was the information on the CAD had additional information that their legal counsel believed should be protected. He continued, there was simply a misunderstanding.

Commissioner Allen Armstrong cited Alabama Code Section 36-12-4, which read that the information requested was a public record. He continued he spoke with the 911 director Derrick Walker, and he is working on getting policy in place to either allow or disallow the publishing of those records.

Chairman Chris Green asked the details to be spread upon the minutes.

ITEM 9 CONSIDER SHERIFF'S REQUEST FOR OPIOID FUNDS

Chairman Chris Green presented for consideration a request by the Blount County Sheriff's Office for Opioid Funds. Chairman Chris Green noted that the funds are already obligated to the Board of Education, Circuit Court Judge, and District Attorney's Office and stated the Commission has not received the full amount of Opioid Funds from the settlement. He stated if more funds become available a decision could be made at that time.

Mr. Sherrer stated there are three agreements that have been approved for utilization of the settlement funds. Chairman Chris Green stated \$45,000/5 years is obligated to the District Attorney's Office, \$40,000/5 years to the Circuit Judge Office, and another \$50,000/5 years to the Blount County Board of Education; all funds will be used to fund drug prevention programs, and suicide prevention education.

Mr. Sherrer stated the Opioid settlement fund process is a lengthy one, that has a lot of moving parts, and guidelines on how it can be spent.

After a discussion, the Commission arrived at the decision to spread the request upon the minutes and take no further action.

ITEM 10 CONSIDER ACCEPTANCE OF B&B TIRE LANDFILL APPLICATION; AND TO FURTHER APPROVE PUBLIC AWARENESS MEETING ON AUGUST 19, 2024, AT 6:00 PM, ON HAZELRIG ROAD, AT THE PROPOSED LANDFILL SITE; AS WELL AS A PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 5, 2024, AT 9:00 AM, IN THE COMMISSION BOARDROOM AT THE COURTHOUSE

Chairman Chris Green presented for consideration a motion to accept the application, along with the \$1429.00 application fee that is required, to be paid to the general fund, from B&B Tire Landfill, and to further approve a public awareness meeting scheduled for August 19, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. on Hazelrig Road at the proposed site, and to approve a public hearing scheduled for September 5, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commission

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Boardroom. He recognized County Attorney Jeff Sherrer. Mr. Sherrer stated the application process began again due to a required legal notice not being published in the newspaper. He continued that the guidelines for this process must be followed closely and must abide by a strict schedule of events. He continued today, the commission must first begin the process by formally accepting the application. He noted after the acceptance of the application, a public awareness meeting must be held, as well as a public hearing.

Commissioner Allen Armstrong stated he understood that all notices were delivered to the paper, as they should have, however, only one notice ran. Chairman Chris Green stated that is correct. Mr. Sherrer stated the time constraints of the process make things more difficult.

Commissioner Chad Trammell inquired if any Commission member must attend the public awareness meeting on the 19th of August. Mr. Sherrer stated at least one member would have to. Commissioner Chad Trammell stated that the Annual ACCA Conference fell during that time. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Bradley Harvey stated he would attend the meeting.

Commissioner Allen Armstrong made a motion as stated. Commissioner Chad Trammell seconded the motion.

By unanimous vote, be it so ordered.

ITEM 11 CONSIDER APPROVING THE FY25 PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION PLAN AND ACCOMPANYING RESOLUTIONS, RESOLUTION 2024-07-04 AND 2024-07-05

Chairman Chris Green presented for consideration a motion to approve the FY25 public transportation plan and accompanying resolutions, resolution 2024-07-04 and 2024-07-05. He recognized Jenifer Horton to discuss the annual item. Ms. Horton stated this is the routine annual process required by Alabama Department of Transportation for their annual grant funding budget. She continued this is committing their “math money.” Chairman Chris Green inquired about remaining ARPA monies. Ms. Horton stated public transportation still has some remaining ARPA funds and escrow monies, she stated she believed there was around \$150,000. She noted the match percentage is split 80/20, with public transportation paying twenty percent. Ms. Horton stated her money is up about \$30,000 from the previous year. To confirm Chairman Chris Green stated that Ms. Horton has public transportation funds to well cover the “match” amount required. She stated that is correct. Reviewing the amount budgeted for Public Transportation listed in the document, Chairman Chris Green stated the amount of \$267,000 was a lot of money. Ms. Horton stated they always budget high and have never required the amount budgeted. Chairman Chris Green stated he believed no cash match was required for the last 2-3 years. Ms. Horton agreed. Chairman Chris Green stated the documents look routine, and that he is comfortable with proceeding with a motion should it be the pleasure of the Commission.

Pursuant to no further discussion, Chairman Chris Green entertained a motion.

Commissioner Chad Trammell made a motion as stated. Commissioner Allen Armstrong seconded the motion.

By unanimous vote, be it so ordered.

EXHIBIT ONE – RESOLUTIONS 2024-07-04 AND 2024-07-05

ITEM 12 CONSIDER RESOLUTION 2024-07-01 TO LEVY VAPOR TAX AS PROVIDED BY ACT 2024-445

Chairman Chris Green presented for consideration a motion to approve Resolution 2024-07-01 to levy vapor tax as provided by Act 2024-445. He continued local legislation was passed recently. He further stated the Commission and Blount County Board of Education have a great working relationship, and it is the plan to have a school

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resource officer in every school. Chairman Chris Green stated a legislation levying a tobacco tax was put before the public for a vote years ago and passed that helped fund school resource officers. However, he continued, there was a great need to hire others. He stated there is a gap in revenue generated by tobacco tax and funding SRO's, this vapor tax, he said will help close the gap some. He explained the newer alternative nicotine products will be taxed 3%. He continued that there is work to do to complete the process of collecting the new tax.

Commissioner Bradley Harvey made a motion as stated. Commissioner Chad Trammell seconded the motion.

Chairman Chris Green state while at the Probate Judge's conference an Avenu Insights representative approached him and expressed their interest in the county's ability to get the vapor tax legislated. He stated he was glad Blount County was on the leading edge of the new taxation.

By unanimous vote, be it so ordered.

EXHIBIT TWO - RESOLUTION 2024-07-01

ITEM 13 CONSIDER AMENDING SELF-POLICING POLICY RESOLUTION REGARDING LONG-SERVING OFFICIALS

Chairman Chris Green presented for consideration a motion to amend the self-policing policy resolution regarding long-serving officials. He recognized Commissioner Allen Armstrong who requested the item. Commissioner Allen Armstrong stated currently there is a rule in the policy that prevents an outgoing official from attending conferences or traveling. He continued, considering Chairman Chris Green's retirement is nearing, he wanted to amend the policy to allow long-serving officials to attend such events; noting the annual ACCA conference will be in August, just months before the Chairman's retirement. Mr. Sherrer stated removing part of the language in paragraph 3, regarding traveling expenses or education purposes.

Commissioner Allen Armstrong stated he believed the intent of the rule was due to some former out-going officials who signed up for an overabundance of classes and travel.

Chairman Chris Green expressed his appreciation for the thoughtfulness of Commissioner Allen Armstrong.

Mr. Sherrer advised an amendment to revise the language in paragraph 3 of resolution 11-04 regarding travel and class attendance be made to allow for these unusual circumstances.

Commissioner Allen Armstrong made a motion as stated. Commissioner Chad Trammell seconded the motion.

By unanimous vote, be it so ordered.

ITEM 14 CONSIDER SPECIAL-DEBT SETTLEMENT BETWEEN AGREEMENT BLOUNT COUNTY COMMISSION AND EMPLOYEE #2578

Chairman Chris Green presented for consideration a motion to approve a special-debt settlement between agreement between Blount County Commission and Employee # 2578. He noted the employee left in good standing to gain employment elsewhere. He continued the debt-settlement is for the repayment of classes the former employee took, for which repayment by the employee would be mandated should they leave before the period dictated in the agreement. To settle the debt, Chairman Chris Green stated the former employee has agreed to come back and complete part-time work until the debt is satisfied. He recognized County Human Resources Director, Hanah Denney. Ms. Denney stated the former employee would work at his hourly rate, until the debt of \$3,999 was satisfied. There was a discussion about the need for running it through

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payroll, it was determined that only the hours would need to be calculated to keep track of the amount of time needed to work to pay off the debt.

Chairman Chris Green entertained a motion to allow the former employee (#2578) to work at his previous hourly rate the amount of time require to satisfy the debt of the \$3,999.

Commissioner Bradley Harvey made a motion as stated. Commissioner Chad Trammell seconded the motion.

By unanimous vote, be it so ordered.

ITEM 15 CONSIDER ACCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATION

Chairman Chris Green presented for consideration a motion to approve the nomination of Commissioner Allen Armstrong to the ACCA Board of Directors District 7 place. He noted Commissioner Allen Armstrong currently sits on the board.

Commissioner Bradley Harvey made a motion as stated. Commissioner Chad Trammell seconded the motion.

By unanimous vote, be it so ordered.

ITEM 16 CONSIDER ACCA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE NOMINATION

Chairman Chris Green presented for consideration a motion to approve the nomination of Commissioner Bradley Harvey to the ACCA Legislative Committee. He noted Commissioner Bradley Harvey currently holds that position.

Commissioner Allen Armstrong made a motion as stated. Commissioner Chad Trammell seconded the motion.

By unanimous vote, be it so ordered.

ITEM 17 CONSIDER NOMINATING A NEW REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ALABAMA MOUNTAIN LAKES TOURIST ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS; TWO-YEAR TERM; CURRENTLY HELD BY PAT CLANTON

Chairman Chris Green presented for consideration a recommendation to appoint Nicole Tolbert to the Alabama Mountain Lakes Tourist Association Board. He noted the position, a two-year term, is currently held by Pat Clanton.

Commissioner Allen Armstrong made a motion as stated. Commissioner Bradley Harvey seconded the motion.

Chairman Chris Green expressed his gratitude for Ms. Clanton's service on the board.

By unanimous vote, be it so ordered.

ITEM 18 CONSIDER USE OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES FOR 40TH ANNUAL COVERED BRIDGE FESTIVAL, COVERED BRIDGE TOURS ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2024

Chairman Chris Green presented for consideration a motion to approve the use of Public Transportation vehicles for the 40th annual Covered Bridge Festival, Covered Bridge tours, on Saturday, October 12, 2024. Commissioner Bradely Harvey stated he has been approached by members of the community and Chamber representatives. He continued that there are not many details available, however, in the past the public transportation buses have offered tours on a first come first serve basis to visitors during the festival.

Chairman Chris Green stated that there would be no prohibition by the federal government for offering the special service if it was open to anyone, and the tours were

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conducted on public roadways. He continued the expense of drivers and fuel should be a consideration.

Commissioner Bradley Harvey made a motion as stated. Commissioner Chad Trammell seconded the motion.

By unanimous vote, be it so ordered.

ITEM 19 CONSIDER PURCHASE OF A CHIP SPREADER; COUNTYWIDE; AND TO FURTHER AUTHORIZE PURCHASE FROM ACCA BID

Chairman Chris Green presented for consideration a motion to approve the purchase of a chip spreader, a countywide piece of equipment; and to further authorize the purchase from ACCA joint bid; PO not to be issued, until approval by county commission machine operator and Commissioner Chad Trammell has been voiced. He noted the county sold a chip spreader that did not meet their specific needs for \$300,000.00. County Engineer Dustin Stewart stated the ACCA has a joint bid on a chip spreader for approximately \$445,000.00 with that options and canopy addition the commission desires. He continued Cowin Equipment has presented the county with the opportunity to purchase a chip spreader that was ordered by another county, who has since decided they did not want it. He noted it has all the options the county wants and would be well-suited for county use. Mr. Stewart stated the chip spreader could be picked up during the month of August. Chairman Chris Green inquired, asking if the machine is the proper width the commission wants. Mr. Stewart said yes.

Commissioner Chad Trammell stated if the purchase is approved, he would like to take a county operator to test the machine and review the machine beforehand.

Chairman Chris Green stated the purchase would still fall under the ACCA joint bid. County Administrator Mark Staton noted there would be a small percentage fee charged to the county for using the joint bid, he believed it would be one percent of the total cost with an annual cap of \$5,000.00 which the county has already met. Chairman Chris Green stated it should be around \$4,000.00.

Commissioner Chad Trammell again stated to ensure the county purchases the right machine, operators and county commission crews should look the machine over and learn about it.

Mr. Stewart stated he would send the quote with all the machine specs to the districts for review. Chairman Chris Green advised the county to purchase the machine out-and-out, he stated he would rather not bother the \$746,000.00 in Fund 200. He stated there is not enough in Fund 111, either. He continued the dump truck fleet purchase approved several months ago will be delivered soon and will be financed through Hometown Bank. He reiterated he would advise paying for the chip spreader in full, rather than financing it. Chairman Chris Green suggested paying for half of the machine with Fund 112 monies, and the other half with the general fund monies. Commissioner Bradley Harvey inquired about using a portion of the Severance Tax monies. Chairman Chris Green stated he is unsure of the balance in that fund, however, that is not a bad suggestion.

Commissioner Chad Trammell stated this purchase is an investment and something the commission will have long-term. Mr. Staton stated the \$300,000.00 generated from the sale of the other chip spreader was put into Fund 111, leaving approximately \$145,000.00 to be owed on the cost of a new 20-ft chip spreader. Chairman Chris Green stated he appreciated that reminder, however, he hoped to keep a \$500,000.00 cushion in Fund 111 to help balance the district's year-end budgets.

Chairman Chris Green entertained a motion to authorize the purchase of a 20-ft chip spreader using the ACCA joint bid, from Cowin Equipment; contingent upon approval by Commissioner Chad Trammell, before PO issuance; and to further authorize the county

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administrator to work between Fund 112, Severance Tax Fund and General Fund, to make the purchase.

Commissioner Allen Armstrong made a motion as stated. Commissioner Bradley Harvey seconded the motion.

Mr. Stewart stated the chip spreader is currently in the Etnyre Facility in Illinois. Commissioner Chad Trammell stated he has been there and can go again if necessary. Mr. Stewart noted it can be delivered here once off the production line, if ordered by the county.

By unanimous vote, be it so ordered.

ITEM 20 CONSIDER SURPLUS OF TWO LAND PRIDE BUSH HOGS AND ONE BUSH HOG BRAND MOWER, ASSET #3497, 3498, AND 3196; AND TO FURTHER CONSIDER SELLING BY SEALED BID; D2

Chairman Chris Green presented for consideration a motion to approve the surplus and sale by sealed bid, two Land Pride bush hogs and one Bush Hog brand, bush hog; Asset #'s 3497, 3498, and 3196; D-2. Chairman Chris Green recognized Commissioner Chad Trammell to discuss the item. Commissioner Chad Trammell stated all three are older pieces of equipment and are inoperable.

Commissioner Chad Trammell made a motion as stated. Commissioner Allen Armstrong seconded the motion.

By unanimous vote, be it so ordered.

ITEM 21 CONSIDER APPROVING NEW 36-MONTH COPIER LEASE WITH AMERITEK FOR THE COMMISSION OFFICE AND THE PROBATE OFFICE

Chairman Chris Green presented for consideration a motion to approve a 36-month copier lease with Ameritek for the Probate office and the Commission office.

Commissioner Chad Trammell made a motion as stated. Commissioner Allen Armstrong seconded the motion.

By unanimous vote, be it so ordered.

ITEM 22 CONSIDER ADDITIONAL ROOMS FOR THE MUSEUM LOCATED IN THE MUSEUM BASEMENT

Chairman Chris Green presented for consideration a motion to approve the use of one additional room for the museum in the museum basement. He noted Blount County Memorial Museum Curator Amy Rhudy voiced her request to him and Commissioner Bradley Harvey. Chairman Chris Green stated there is a large room near the bottom of the steps that would be suitable. Commissioner Bradley Harvey agreed on the plan to utilize the one large space, noting he would be cautious to offer more space as he would not want the basement to be filled with artifacts that may never be displayed.

Pursuant to no further discussion Chairman Chris Green entertained a motion.

Commissioner Bradley Harvey made a motion as stated. Commissioner Allen Armstrong seconded the motion.

By unanimous vote, be it so ordered.

ITEM 23 CONSIDER TRANSFER OF REMAINING BALANCE OF \$34,200.00 IN 116-52100-231 TO 001-52200-231

Chairman Chris Green presented for consideration a motion to approve the transfer of the remaining balance of \$34,200.00 in 116-52100-231 to 001-52200-231. He stated the transfer is a routine transfer to the jail maintenance fund. He recognized Mr. Staton

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to discuss the item. Mr. Staton stated that he spoke to Ken Mullins who said they are remodeling cells at the jail. He noted the monies would be used for sinks and toilets specially made for the purpose.

Commissioner Allen Armstrong made a motion as stated. Commissioner Bradley Harvey seconded the motion.

By unanimous vote, be it so ordered.

ITEM 24 CONSIDER AWARDDING GOVDEALS BID TO JEREMY GRANIER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,100.00 FOR THE PURCHASE OF ASSET # 7600 AN EMA MOBILE COMMAND VEHICLE

Chairman Chris Green presented for consideration a motion to award the GovDeals bid to Jeremy Granier in the amount of \$15,100.00 for the purchase of Asset # 7600, an EMA mobile command vehicle; and to further amend the EMA budget to include the monies from the sale in the revised budget to be spent according the federal guidelines.

Commissioner Bradley Harvey made a motion as stated. Commissioner Allen Armstrong seconded the motion.

By unanimous vote, be it so ordered.

Chairman Chris Green noted once the transaction has been made the money will go back to cash balance of Fund 189. Don Roybal, EMA Director stated the monies from the sale will go to purchase a side-by-side for the EMA department.

ITEM 25 CONSIDER AWARDDING GOVDEALS BID TO BARRY WILDER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$27,700.00 FOR THE PURCHASE OF ASSET # 7742, A COUNTYWIDE TAR TRUCK

Chairman Chris Green presented for consideration a motion to award the GovDeals bid to Barry Wilder in the amount of \$27,700.00 for the purchase of Asset # 7742, a countywide tar truck. Commissioner Allen Armstrong stated he and others researched the selling price of comparable trucks, and found they went for a considerable amount more. He continued, the board on the truck may go out and could be an expense of \$40,000.00 or more, noting that is the only malfunction on the truck which is still in use. Commissioner Allen Armstrong stated it is a gamble to hold on to it due to the chance it may malfunction, however a new tar truck would set the county back approximately half a million dollars.

Commissioner Chad Trammell stated considering all the equipment purchases being made, he advised that the county hold onto the tar truck and continue using it. After a discussion amongst the Commissioners, it was decided to reject the bid.

Chairman Chris Green entertained a motion to reject the bid on GovDeals and keep the tar truck.

Commissioner Allen Armstrong made a motion as stated. Commissioner Bradley Harvey seconded the motion.

By unanimous vote, be it so ordered.

ITEM 26 CONSIDER INVITING ANNUAL OFFICE SUPPLY, AND OIL CHANGE BIDS FOR FY25

Chairman Chris Green presented for consideration a motion to solicit an invitation to bid for the annual office supplies, and annual oil change bids for FY25.

Commissioner Bradley Harvey made a motion as stated. Commissioner Allen Armstrong seconded the motion.

By unanimous vote, be it so ordered.

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ITEM 27 CONSIDER VARIOUS BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Chairman Chris Green presented for consideration a motion to approve various budget amendments.

REVENUE

Fund/Act/Line Item	Description	Budget	Requested Revision	Revised Budget
001-51600-199	Misc Services by Others	\$20,000.00	\$12,620.00	\$32,620.00

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Fund/Act/Line Item	Description	Budget	Requested Revision	Revised Budget
003-52100-219	Other Misc	\$0.00	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00
003-47905-000	Recoveries on Ins	\$0.00	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00

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Fund/Act/Line Item	Description	Budget	Requested Revision	Revised Budget
111-44910-000	Misc Municipal Rev	\$98,937.77	\$15,000.00	\$113,937.77
111-53500-212	Fuel	\$41,038.00	\$15,000.00	\$56,038.00

Commissioner Bradley Harvey made a motion as stated. Commissioner Chad Trammell seconded the motion.

By unanimous vote, be it so ordered.

ITEM 28 UPDATE ON PROGRESS AT THE MULTIPURPOSE FACILITY PROJECT; AWARD BID FOR LED SIGN

Chairman Chris Green provided an update on the Multipurpose Center. He stated work is continuing at the project site. Commissioner Allen Armstrong stated crews hit rock while working on abutments, however they were able to continue working on the rebar. He continued that the parking lot should be finished by the following Monday.

County Engineer Dustin Stewart stated the pavement contractors are on site and asked for some concrete work to be done. Chairman Chris Green expressed his appreciation for the district’s help getting the project near completion. He continued that the plan has always been to never exceed the grant money provided for the project. He passed out a recently updated spreadsheet detailing the costs, paid to date. Chairman Chris Green stated it is difficult to project the end cost of a large build such as this. He noted that with the district’s and engineering office’s help money has been saved.

Chairman Chris Green noted two items that were put out to bid, one being a LED sign, the other, a natural gas generator. He continued he hoped there would be money to cover the cost of the two purchases, however, after reviewing the cost-to-date, the project may run over a bit.

Chairman Chris Green stated three bids were put out for the LED sign. Baker Audio quoted \$90,704.36, Suntronics quoted \$74,900.00 for a 6mm sign and \$62,900.00 for a 10mm sign, and Complete Signs quoted \$120,675.00 for a 6mm sign without warranty, \$125,950.00 for a 6mm sign with 7-year warranty, and \$96,791.00 for a 10mm sign with 7-year warranty. He noted Suntronics had the best quote which matched the specifications. He continued Suntronics has a representative local in Holly Pond.

Commissioner Bradley Harvey asked if all quotes included the same sign specs. Chairman Chris Green stated they did. He noted the LED sign can be controlled from a computer and has Wi-Fi capabilities to operate. Commissioner Chad Trammell asked

what the difference between 6mm and 10mm was in terms of LED signs. Commissioner Bradley Harvey explained it was the clarity or resolution of the sign.

Chairman Chris Green also noted a natural gas 100KW generator was also put out to bid. He stated there were several bids put out, but only one received. He stated Current Electric a Generac Superstore quoted \$79,137.00 for the generator. He continued the generator will be beneficial for the use of an emergency staging center. Chairman Chris Green stated there were additional costs and requirements of electrical work in the barn area to make the space suitable for educational uses.

Commissioner Bradley Harvey asked about the older generator which was purchased with grant money and housed at the former agribusiness center. Mr. Roybal stated the generator was damaged in the demolition of the building and is not suitable for use. He continued Matt Crow is providing a letter to state the generator was damaged. Chairman Chris Green stated the generator in question was far too small for the need at the Multipurpose Center.

Chairman Chris Green stated approving the two items may push the county over the \$10,000,000.00 budget. Commissioner Bradley Harvey asked if there was grant money available for the cost of the generator. Mr. Roybal stated that is a possibility, however, it would be next year before applications could be done.

Commissioner Chad Trammell and Commissioner Allen Armstrong suggested the commission move forward with the purchase.

Mr. Stewart asked if Alabama Power would be willing to help with the cost of the generator. Chairman Chris Green stated that the company will already be doing a considerable amount of work to move a major transmission line for the county, he did not feel they would be willing to offer monetary assistance for the purchase.

Chairman Chris Green noted a backup plan for funds would be the remaining \$300,000.000 from the lease of the former agribusiness center received from Hometown Bank. He stated of the total \$900,000.00 paid by Hometown Bank, \$585,000.00 has been allocated for the cost of the window replacement project in the Courthouse.

Pursuant to no further discussion Chairman Chris Green entertained a motion to approve the bid from Suntronics in the amount of \$74,900.00 for a 6mm LED sign at the Multipurpose Center.

Commissioner Bradley Harvey made a motion as stated. Commissioner Chad Trammell seconded the motion.

By unanimous vote, be it so ordered.

ITEM 29 APPROVE BID FOR NATURAL-GAS GENERATOR AT MULTIPURPOSE FACILITY

Chairman Chris Green presented for consideration a motion to approve the bid for a natural gas 100KW generator from Current Electric a Generac Superstore, who quoted \$79,137.00 for the generator at the Multipurpose Center.

Commissioner Bradley Harvey made a motion as stated. Commissioner Allen Armstrong seconded the motion.

By unanimous vote, be it so ordered.

ITEM 30 UPDATE ON THE COURTHOUSE RENOVATION PROJECT; AWARD SEALED BID FOR THE COURTROOM PEWS

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Chairman Chris Green presented for consideration a motion to award the sealed bid to Jerry Wayne Thomas for the purchase of the courtroom pews, in the amount of \$22.00. He noted multiple avenues were explored to advertise the sealed bid, stating they were advertised on the local WCRL radio station, published in the paper, as well as advertised through phone networking. He continued, Jerry Wayne Thomas was the sole bidder and planned to remove the pews once they had been disassembled. Chairman Chris Green stated the electrical conversion will take place on Saturday, which will be a wonderful time for the pews to be removed from the premise. He continued, if all goes well with the new electrical service conversion, there should be no ill-effects experienced on Monday.

Commissioner Bradley Harvey made a motion as stated. Commissioner Chad Trammell seconded the motion.

By unanimous vote, be it so ordered.

ITEM 31 UPDATE ON THE COURTHOUSE WINDOW REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Chairman Chris Green provided an update on the courthouse window replacement project. He stated the work may start at any time, either in the courtroom or the District Attorney's Office.

ITEM 32 CONSIDER ADDING CHECKLIST TO COUNTYWIDE ACCESS PERMITS

Chairman Chris Green recognized County Engineer Dustin Stewart. Mr. Stewart presented for consideration a motion to add a checklist to the Countywide Access Permit. He stated in the previous meeting the Commission requested an addition be made to the current access permit. He read the checklist aloud. After a brief discussion and a request for minor changes made to the checklist Mr. Stewart presented. After a discussion amongst the commissioners, they decided to table the item until August.

Chairman Chris Green entertained a motion to table the item until the August meeting.

Commissioner Chad Trammell made a motion as stated. Commissioner Allen Armstrong seconded the motion.

By unanimous vote, be it so ordered.

ITEM 33 CONSIDER RESOLUTION 2024-07-03, A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR LRSI GRANT APPLICATION FOR GUARDRAIL AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS

County Engineer Dustin Stewart presented for consideration a motion to approve a resolution of support for Local Road Safety Initiative Grant application, Resolution 2024-07-03. Mr. Stewart explained the grant would go to fund guardrails on CR33, CR26, Putman Drive, Pearman Drive, and Remlap Drive.

Commissioner Chad Trammell made a motion as stated. Commissioner Bradley Harvey seconded the motion.

By unanimous vote, be it so ordered.

EXHIBIT THREE - RESOLUTION 2024-06-02

ITEM 34 CONSIDER HIRING BRIDGE MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR, AND ADDITIONAL EMPLOYEE

County Engineer Dustin Stewart presented for consideration a motion to hire a Bridge Maintenance Supervisor, as well as an additional laborer employee. He stated this is a topic that has been discussed several times. He stated the position could be in the Engineering Department and the person would work daily with Brad Holland, the County Bridge Inspector, to clear and manage the maintenance of the bridge structure. He continued; the person should have the ability to perform concrete work as well.

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Chairman Chris Green stated he understood there may be a part-time person who would be a candidate for the position. Mr. Stewart stated that could be the case. Chairman Chris Green stated he does not doubt there is a need for the position, however he must consider the budget and if it will allow for an additional employee or two. He asked if the employee would need a truck and tools as well.

Commissioner Allen Armstrong stated the county budget may not allow an additional employee. He asked if Mr. Stewart believed the districts could offer a crew member to assist the bridge maintenance supervisor. Mr. Stewart stated he felt that the potential employee would prefer a permanent person rather than someone new every few days, so they can be taught the duties of the job. Commissioner Bradley Harvey stated he felt an employee rotation program would work well, too. Commissioner Chad Trammell stated he felt he would need a permanent person to always work with him. Mr. Stewart stated the additional employee could be discussed closer to budget time. He continued the bridge maintenance supervisor could be a part-time employee.

Commissioner Chad Trammell stated the employee would need a truck, and potentially a mini-ex. Mr. Stewart said Commissioner Nick Washburn suggested that the person work on Friday so they would be able to use the county's equipment (Commission Road crews are off on Friday).

Commissioner Bradley Harvey asked if the current bridge inspector, Mr. Holland, and a new bridge maintenance supervisor would be enough employees to adequately maintain the bridges. Mr. Stewart stated it could work. He continued; he would still like to hire an additional laborer if possible.

The Commissioners discussed the item amongst themselves.

Chairman Chris Green reiterated the issue with funding two employees under the current condition of the budget and future budget. He continued that the money used to employ these proposed workers will come out of the Commissioner's budgets. He concluded; he wanted them to understand that.

Commissioner Chad Trammell asked how much it would cost to employ the supervisor. HR Director Hanah Denney stated that a part-time retired person could be paid no more than \$37,000 per year, and with benefits, the cost of the employee could run the county approximately \$55,000 per year. Following the discussion, it was decided that an hourly rate will be determined to keep the employee under the wage limit.

Chairman Chris Green asked if contracting the employee would be more expensive. Mr. Stewart and other Commissioners said they felt it would be more expensive doing contract labor. The group discussed finding an inexpensive pickup truck for the employee, something they decided will need to be done soon.

Pursuant to no further discussion Chairman Chris Green entertained a motion to approve hiring a Bridge Maintenance Supervisor on a part-time basis.

Commissioner Bradley Harvey made a motion as stated. Commissioner Chad Trammell seconded the motion.

By unanimous vote, be it so ordered.

ITEM 35 CONSIDER THE PURCHASE OF A USED SNOOPER TRUCK

County Engineer Dustin Stewart requested the Commission consider purchasing a used snooper truck and discuss the topic again in August.

ITEM 36 CONSIDER RESOLUTION 2024-07-02 FOR CDBG GRANT TO RESURFACE SUGARLAND LAKE'S ASSOCIATION ROADS

Chairman Chris Green recognized Commissioner Bradley Harvey to discuss the CDBG Grant for Sugarland Lake Roads. Commissioner Bradley Harvey stated although the

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previous plan was to resurface all the roads in Sugarland Lake Association, he has since decided to scale back the project to include the south end of the lake's roads, as they need repair. He continued that the grant award of \$300,000.00 should be enough to cover the work. Chairman Chris Green stated CDBG are challenging as they require the work to be completed in a lower-to-moderate income area.

Chairman Chris Green entertained a motion to approve Resolution 2024-07-02, and application for the CDBG grant to resurface a portion of Sugarland Lake's Association roads.

Commissioner Bradley Harvey made a motion as stated. Commissioner Chad Trammell seconded the motion.

By unanimous vote, be it so ordered.

EXHIBIT FOUR - RESOLUTION 2024-07-02

ITEM 37 CONSIDER TRANSFER OF CRAF FUND TO DISTRICT 1 FOR PROJECT RA BCP 05-214-22 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$181,181.93 AND TRANSFER OF CRAF FUND 220 TO DISTRICT 3 FOR PROJECT RA BCP 05-229-24, RA BCP 05-230-24, AND RA BCP 05-234-24 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$162,105.10

County Engineer Dustin Stewart presented for consideration a motion to approve the transfer of CRAF fund 220 to District 1 for project RA BCP 05-214-22 in the amount of \$181, 181.93, as well as a transfer of CRAF Fund 220 to District 3 for projects RA BCP 05-229-24, RA BCP 05-230-24, and RA BCP 05-234-24 in the amount of \$162,105.10.

Commissioner Bradley Harvey made a motion as stated. Commissioner Allen Armstrong seconded the motion.

By unanimous vote, be it so ordered.

ITEM 38 CONSIDER REQUEST TO CONVENE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Chris Green recognized County Attorney Jeff Sherrer. Mr. Sherrer stated a letter requesting the Commission convene to executive session had been provided to Commission staff.

He referenced the item regarding the B&B Tire landfill application; requesting it be spread upon the minutes: pursuant to the code section 22-27-48 subparagraph 'd', there is an application fee to be submitted with the application that is 20 percent of the application fee of the ADEM statewide permit, which is \$1429.00. He continued, legal counsel for the other party produced a check for the fee, however, it was made payable to Mr. Sherrer's trust account. He concluded he will issue a check for that amount to the county commission.

He advised the session should last approximately thirty minutes, to three hours. The announcement drew a laugh.

Chairman Chris Green entertained a motion to convene to executive session. Chairman Chris Green took a roll call, with District's one, two, and three, all voting, yes.

EXHIBIT FIVE – REQUEST TO CONVENE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION-

ITEM 39 ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Commission work session will be Thursday, August 8, 2024, 9:00 a.m.
The next Commission Business Meeting will be Tuesday, August 13, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.
Annual bids for Aggregate, Hot Mix Asphalt, & Cold Mix Asphalt will be opened on July 17, 2024.
Annual bids for Asphalt Emulsions, Corrugated Metal Pipe, and Plastic Pipe will be renewed by the same suppliers at the current terms and conditions.

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ITEM 40 CONSIDER ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Chris Green presented for consideration a motion to adjourn.

Commissioner Chad Trammell made a motion as stated. Commissioner Allen Armstrong seconded the motion.

By unanimous vote, be it so ordered.

**EXHIBIT ONE - RESOLUTIONS 2024-07-04 AND 2024-07-05 -FY25 PUBLIC
TRANSPORTATION PLAN**

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SECTION 5311 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LOCAL MATCHING FUNDS

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-07-04

"SECTION 5311 RURAL AREA PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION"

WHEREAS the Blount County Commission recognizes the need for a public transportation program; and

WHEREAS the Blount County Commission is recognized as a member of the Blount County Public Transportation Steering Committee; and

WHEREAS the Blount County Commission recognizes that the requirements to obtain Section 5311 funds from the Alabama Department of Transportation include a local match of 50% for operating expenses and 20% for administration, planning, and capital expenses; and

WHEREAS the Blount County Commission recognizes that the local match will be a shared cost with other participating municipalities being responsible for providing an appropriate allocation of local non-federal funds to secure the operating of the Section 5311 Rural Area Public Transportation Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Blount County Commission hereby commits the amount of \$268,257.00 as local non-federal match for operations, administration, planning, and capital expenditures under the Section 5311 Rural Area Public Transportation Program during Fiscal Year 2025.

Adopted this 9th day of July, 20 24

Elected Official:



Attest:



Name:

Chris Green

Name:

Mark Staton

Title:

Commission Chairman

Title:

County Administrator

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Resolution No. 2024-07-05

Resolution authorizing the filing of an application with Department of Transportation, United States of America, and the Alabama Department of Transportation for a grant under the Federal Transit Act.

WHEREAS the Secretary of U.S. Department of Transportation and Director of the Alabama Department of Transportation are authorized to make grants for a public transportation program;

WHEREAS the contract for financial assistance will impose certain obligations upon the Applicant, including the provision of its local share of the project costs in the program;

WHEREAS it is required by the U.S. Department of Transportation in accord with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, that in connection with the filing of an application for assistance under 49 USC Section 5311 the applicant gives an assurance that it will comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and other pertinent directives and the U.S. Department of Transportation requirements thereunder; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the Applicant that disadvantaged business enterprises (minority business enterprises and woman business enterprises) be utilized to the fullest extent possible in connection with this/these project(s), and that definite procedures shall be established and administered to ensure that disadvantaged business enterprises (DBEs) shall have the maximum feasible opportunity to compete for contracts and purchase orders when procuring construction contracts, supplies, equipment contracts, or consultant and other services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BLOUNT COUNTY COMMISSION

1. That the Commission Chairman is authorized to execute and file (an) application(s) on behalf of the Blount County Commission with the Alabama Department of Transportation to aid in the financing of administration, planning, capital and/or operating assistance projects pursuant to 49 USC Section 5311, the Alabama Public Transportation Grant Program, and the Alabama Seniors and Disabled Transit Fare Assistance Program.
2. That the Commission Chairman is authorized to execute and file with such applications an assurance, or any other document required by the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Alabama Department of Transportation effectuating the purpose of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.
3. That the Commission Chairman is authorized to furnish such additional information as the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Alabama Department of Transportation may require in connection with the application for the Program of Projects submitted to FTA.
4. That the Commission Chairman is authorized to set forth and execute affirmative disadvantaged business enterprise policies in connection with any procurements made as

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part of the project.

5. That the Commission Chairman is authorized to execute grant agreements on behalf of the Blount County Commission with the Alabama Department of Transportation for aid in the financing of the administration, planning, capital, and/or operating assistance projects.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Commission Chairman of the Blount County Commission certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution, adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Blount County Commission held on July 9, 2024.

If applicant has an official seal, impress here.



Chris Green
Signature of Recording Officer

CHAIRMAN
Title of Recording Officer

7/9/24
Date

BLOUNT COUNTY COMMISSION
220 SECOND AVENUE EAST, SUITE 106
ONEONTA, AL 35121



BLOUNT COUNTY COMMISSION
RESOLUTION NO. 2024-07-01

DUE DATE AND ASSESSMENT OF INTEREST ON TAX DELINQUENCY – VAPOR PRODUCTS, VAPING DEVICES, & ALTERNATIVE NICOTINE PRODUCTS (IN RE: 2024-HB388)

BE IT RESOLVED by the Blount County Commission (herein called the "Commission") of **BLOUNT COUNTY, ALABAMA** (herein called the "County"), as follows:

Section 1. Findings. The Commission has ascertained and does hereby determine and declare as follows:

- (a) pursuant to, without limitation, 2024 Legislature of the State of Alabama, H.B. 388 relating to Blount County Alabama, as of October 1, 2024, there is levied an excise tax of 3% on gross proceeds of sales of vaping devices, vapor products, or alternative nicotine products sold, delivered, used, or otherwise consumed; and
- (b) pursuant to, without limitation, §11-3-11.3(g) Code of Alabama, "Any self-administered county governing body, . . . , may elect, by the adoption of . . . resolution, to assess interest on any tax delinquency."; and
- (c) the Commission deems it necessary, desirable and in the public interest that the due date for the remittance of said excise tax shall be the 20th day of the month following any tax period; and
- (d) H.B. 388 establishes civil penalties in the amount of not less than \$250 for any person, firm, corporation, club, or association and for each act in violation of the requirements of said legislation;

Section 2. Authorization of Interest on Delinquencies. The Commission hereby authorizes and approves an interest rate, computed in accordance with §40-1-44 Code of Alabama, of **One Percent (1%)** per month (i.e. 12% Annual Rate) to be applied to delinquencies relating to or resulting from the failure to timely remit excise taxes as a required by law (i.e. HB388) on every person, firm, or corporation that sells delivers, uses, or otherwise consumes vapor products, vaping devices, and alternative nicotine products and fails to remit such taxes timely.

Section 3. Authorization of Interest on Refunds. The Commission hereby authorizes and approves an interest rate, computed in accordance with §40-1-44 Code of Alabama, of **One Percent (1%)** per month (i.e. 12% Annual Rate) to be applied to refunds by the County relating to or resulting from errors or over payments of excise taxes collected pursuant to law (i.e. H.B.388).

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Section 4. Authorization of Remittance Due Date. The Commission hereby authorizes and approves a due date to be applied to all remittances of excise taxes as required by law (i.e. HB388) on every subject person, firm, or corporation that sells delivers, uses, or otherwise consumes vapor products, vaping devices, and alternative nicotine products in the County with said date for the remittance of said excise tax to be the 20th day of the month following any tax period.

Section 5. Fulfillment of Legislative Requirements. The Commission Chairman of the County and the County Administrator of the County, or either of them, are each hereby authorized and directed to do all things necessary and to act in accordance with the requirements of the law (i.e. H.B.388) and to execute such other documents or certificates necessary in order to carry out and to properly collect the taxes so levied (i.e.3%) and the civil penalties (i.e. \$250/each act) for any dealer, storer, or distributor engaged in or continuing in business in Blount County and that fails or refuses to add to the sales price and collect from the purchaser the amount due, to refund or offer to refund all or any part of the amount collected or absorbed, or advertised, directly or indirectly, the tax or any portion thereof as required by law.

Section 8. Severability and Conflicts. The provisions of this Resolution are severable. If any provision, section or portion is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, it shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of the remaining provisions. All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with the provision contained herein are hereby repealed to the extent of said conflict.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this the 9th day of July 2024.

Commission Chairman



County Administrator



CERTIFICATE OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR OF BLOUNT COUNTY

I, Mark Staton, do hereby certify that I am the duly appointed, qualified and acting County Administrator of Blount County, a political subdivision of the State of Alabama (the "County"), and that I am duly authorized to make certified copies of the records of the County. I do further certify that the resolution attached hereto was duly adopted at a meeting of the governing body of the County duly held on July 9, 2024, and that such resolution has not been repealed, revoked, amended or changed and is in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this certificate has been executed on behalf of the County by the undersigned officer.

Dated: 7-9, 2024.



County Administrator

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BLOUNT COUNTY COMMISSION
220 SECOND AVENUE EAST, SUITE 106
ONEONTA, AL 35121



RESOLUTION 2024-07-03

COUNTY OF BLOUNT
STATE OF ALABAMA

Project No. BCP-05-237-24

WHEREAS, the County Commission of Blount County, Alabama, is desirous of constructing or improving for safety reasons, by contract, a section of road included in the Blount County Road System and described as follows:

Replacing and adding Bridge Guardrail at various locations around the county

Location Map Attached

WHEREAS, the county intends to apply for Local Road Safety Initiative (LRSI) funds for the construction of the above referenced project, and

WHEREAS, the County agrees to all of the provisions of any agreement which will be executed covering the construction of this project.

Done at the regular session of the County Commission of Blount County, this the 9th day of July 2024.

Blount County Commission
Governing Body


Chris Green, Chairman


Allen Armstrong, Commissioner


Chad Trammell, Commissioner


Bradley Harvey, Commissioner


Nick Washburn, Commissioner

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EXHIBIT FOUR - RESOLUTION 2024-07-02 CDBG GRANT-SUGARLAND LAKE

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BLOUNT COUNTY COMMISSION
220 SECOND AVENUE EAST, SUITE 106
ONEONTA, AL 35121



RESOLUTION NO. 2024-07-02

WHEREAS, the Blount County Commission, acting by and through its County Commission proposes to apply for 2024 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for the purpose of performing eligible community development activities that will benefit low- and moderate-income residents in Blount County;

THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Blount County Commission as follows:

THAT, Chris Green, Chairman, is hereby authorized to execute and submit an application with appropriate assurances to the State of Alabama, Department of Economic and Community Affairs requesting 2024 Community Development Block Grant funds in the amount of **\$300,000** to implement a Road Improvements Project; and

THAT, the Blount County Commission hereby commits all local matching funds for the project which is estimated to be **\$50,000** and that the match will be provided by the County through In-Kind Services;

READ AND ADOPTED this the 9th day of **July 2024**.

Signed for the Blount County Commission:


Chris Green, Chairman

Attest:


Mark Staton, County Administrator

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EXHIBIT FIVE- REQUEST FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

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JOHN B. BRUNSON • J. SCOTT BARNETT • W. JEFFERSON SHERRER

July 8, 2024

Honorable Chris Green
Chairman, Blount County Commission
Blount County Courthouse
Oneonta, Alabama 35121

RE: Executive Session on July 9, 2024

Dear Judge Green:

Pursuant to §36-25A-7(a)(4) Code of Alabama (1975), it is the recommendation of this office that at its regular meeting on July 9, 2024, the Blount County Commission convene an executive session to discuss security plans, procedures, assessments, measures, or systems, or the security or safety of persons, structures, facilities, or other infrastructures the public disclosures of which could reasonably be expected to be detrimental to public safety or welfare.

If you should have any questions or comments, do not hesitate to call.

Yours truly,

BRUNSON, BARNETT & SHERRER, P.C.



W. Jefferson Sherrer

Cc Mark Staton, County Administrator

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MARK STATON, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

JUDGE CHRIS GREEN, CHAIRMAN

ALLEN ARMSTRONG, DISTRICT 1

CHAD TRAMMELL, DISTRICT 2

BRADLEY HARVEY, DISTRICT 3

NICK WASHBURN, DISTRICT 4

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