

# WASHINGTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

## RESOLUTION NO. 24-09-06

### **RESOLUTION AMENDING FISCAL YEAR BUDGET 2024-2025 RE: WASHINGTON COUNTY FIRE ASSOCIATION - PURCHASE OF SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS FIT TEST MACHINE**

WHEREAS, the Washington County Fire Association requests the following amendments to Fiscal Year Budget 2024-2025 to purchase a Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) Fit Test Machine (Exhibit A) for the benefit of all Volunteer Fire Departments, with the primary location and management of the apparatus being Sulphur Springs Volunteer Fire Department:

1. Increase \$16,000.00 to expense line item 101-54310-316 (Fire Prevention & Control);
2. Decrease \$16,000.00 from equity line item 101-39000 (Fund Balance); and

WHEREAS, at its September 5, 2024 meeting the Public Safety Committee recommended consideration and approval of this request; and

WHEREAS, the Budget Committee at its September 11, 2024 meeting recommended consideration and approval of this request to the Board of County Commissioners; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE THAT:

SECTION 1. Fiscal Year Budget 2024-2025 is amended to appropriate \$16,000.00 to the Sulphur Springs Volunteer Fire Department for the purchase of a Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus Fit Test Machine:

1. Increase \$16,000.00 to expense line item 101-54310-316 (Fire Prevention & Control).
2. Decrease \$16,000.00 from equity line item 101-39000 (Fund Balance).

SECTION 2. This Resolution shall take effect from and after the date on which it is approved by the County Mayor or as indicated by certification of the County Clerk, as hereinafter set forth.

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**Introduced by Commissioner:** *Wheeler*

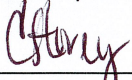
**Seconded by Commissioner:** *Fitzgerald*

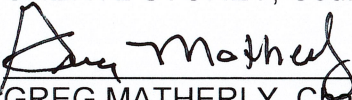
**Commissioners Voting FOR:** *Tucker, Johnson, Fitzgerald, Edens, Matherly, England, Malone, Stout, Tomita, Jones, Wexler, Huffine, Wheeler, Carder*

**Commissioners Voting AGAINST:** *None*  
**Commissioners Abstaining:** *None*  
**Commissioners Absent:** *Davenport*

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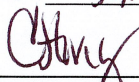
ADOPTED BY THE COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODY, in session duly assembled, on this the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2024.

  
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CHERYL STOREY, County Clerk

  
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GREG MATHERLY, Chair of the Board


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REFERRED to County Mayor this the 25 day of Sept 2024.

  
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CHERYL STOREY, County Clerk

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APPROVED by County Mayor on this the 25 day of Sept 2024.

  
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WILLIAM J. GRANDY, County Mayor

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The County Mayor having declined to approve this Resolution, the same became effective on the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2024, pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated § 5-6-107(b)(5).

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CHERYL STOREY, County Clerk

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Approved as to form by the County Attorney this 24<sup>th</sup> day of September 2024.

  
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ALLYSON L. WILKINSON, County Attorney



## Washington County Volunteer Fire Association

### SCBA Fit Test Machine Funding Request

#### Need:

For a fire department, an SCBA (Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus) Fit Test Machine is crucial for ensuring firefighter safety in dangerous situations. Here are the key reasons a fire department needs this machine:

1. Ensures Proper Mask Fit for Firefighters: A well-fitted SCBA mask is critical for protecting firefighters from smoke, toxic gases, and other hazardous materials encountered during firefighting and rescue operations. The machine helps confirm that each firefighter's mask fits securely and creates an airtight seal.
2. Meets Regulatory Requirements: Fire departments must comply with OSHA, NFPA 1852, (National Fire Protection Association), safety regulations that mandate regular SCBA fit testing. The machine ensures that these standards are consistently met, protecting both firefighters and the department from liability.
3. Enhances Firefighter Safety in High-Risk Environments: Proper fit testing ensures that firefighters' SCBA masks will perform as expected, reducing the risk of exposure to life-threatening hazards like smoke inhalation and chemical fumes while on duty.
4. Boosts Firefighter Confidence in Their Equipment: Regular fit testing reassures firefighters that their equipment fits properly and will function effectively in the field, allowing them to focus on their duties without worrying about potential leaks or equipment failure.
5. Supports Equipment Maintenance: SCBA fit testing helps identify issues with masks and other SCBA components before they become critical failures in the field. This allows for timely repair or replacement, ensuring that all equipment remains in optimal condition.

For a fire department, having an SCBA Fit Test Machine is essential for maintaining the health and safety of firefighters, complying with safety regulations, and ensuring readiness during emergencies.

#### Proposal:

Funds to purchase a Fit Test Machine **\$16,000.00**

Flow funds through Sulphur Springs Volunteer Fire Department to make the purchase.