

WASHINGTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION NO. 25-01-06

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXPANSION OF THE FIRE PROGRAM BY ADDING PERSONNEL TO THE EXISTING DEPARTMENTS & AMENDING FISCAL YEAR BUDGET 2024-2025

WHEREAS, expanded staffing for the Limestone and Nolichucky Volunteer Fire Departments, adding full-time positions to provide 24/7 coverage, will enhance the Volunteer Fire Departments' ability to respond to fire incidents promptly, improve fire prevention efforts, and support pre-planning, hydrant maintenance, and inspections. These measures will further protect communities and contribute to maintaining or improving ISO ratings which benefit residents through lower insurance premiums; and

WHEREAS, Chief Dan Wheeley (EMS) and Chief Tim Jaynes (Limestone VFD) propose one additional firefighter per shift at each department, to be managed by Washington County/Johnson City EMS; and

WHEREAS, Chief Dan Wheeley (EMS) requested the following amendments to Fiscal Year Budget 2024-2025 as an additional appropriation to EMS:

1. Increase \$250,000.00 to expense line item 101-54310-316 (Fire Prevention and Control- Contributions);
2. Decrease \$250,000.00 from equity line item 101-39000 (Fund Balance); and

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Committee at its January 9, 2025 meeting recommended consideration and approval of this request; and

WHEREAS, the Budget Committee at its January 15, 2025 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. The urgency of this expansion has grown following the impact of Hurricane Helene which has strained Washington County Volunteer Fire Departments and highlighted the critical need for additional support and it is in the best interest of Washington County to increase EMS's funding to implement the proposed expansion of the fire program.

SECTION 2. Fiscal Year Budget 2024-2025 is amended to:

1. Increase \$250,000.00 to expense line item 101-54310-316 (Fire Prevention and Control- Contributions);
2. Decrease \$250,000.00 from equity line item 101-39000 (Fund Balance); and

SECTION 3. 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.

Introduced by Commissioner: *Edens*

Seconded by Commissioner: *Fitzgerald*

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

Commissioners Voting AGAINST: *None*

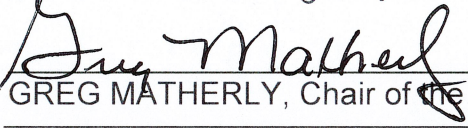
Commissioners Abstaining: *None*

Commissioners Absent: *Tucker, Matherly, Wexler*

ADOPTED BY THE COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODY, in session duly assembled, on this the 27th day of January, 2025.



CHERYL STOREY, County Clerk



GREG MATHERLY, Chair of the Board

REFERRED to County Mayor this the 24 day of January 2025.



CHERYL STOREY, County Clerk

APPROVED by County Mayor on this the 31 day of January 2025.

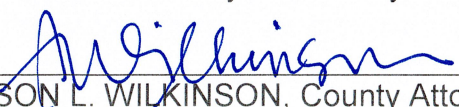


WILLIAM J. GRANDY, County Mayor

The County Mayor having declined to approve this Resolution, the same became effective on the ___ day of _____ 2025, pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated § 5-6-107(b)(5).

CHERYL STOREY, County Clerk

Approved as to form by the County Attorney this 28th day of January 2025.



ALLYSON L. WILKINSON, County Attorney
