

**WASHINGTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

RESOLUTION NO. 25-08-11-A

***RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAVING SERVICES
BY THE WASHINGTON COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
FOR THE WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SHOOTING
RANGE/TRAINING CENTER AND AMENDING FY26 BUDGET***

WHEREAS, Resolution 24-08-17 approved a 50-year Lease Agreement by and between Sam B Kite Jr. and Washington County, TN, for nominal consideration for the purpose of a shooting range/training center;

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office requests that the Washington County Highway Department provide paving services for the improved use of the property as a shooting range/training center; and

WHEREAS, Art. 2, § 29 of the Tennessee Constitution requires that public funds to be provided by taxation may be expended only for a public purpose; and

WHEREAS, T.C.A. § 54-7-202(a) prohibits the Highway Superintendent to authorize or knowingly permit the trucks or road equipment, the rock, crushed stone or any other road materials to be used for any private use or for the use of any individual for private purposes;

WHEREAS, although T.C.A. § 54-7-202(a) would generally preclude the Highway Department from performing paving services on a parcel that is privately owned and leased to Washington County, the fact that the improvements would benefit the county for the life of the investment due to the length of the lease would serve as an exception to this rule; and

WHEREAS, consistent with T.C.A. § 54-7-202(d), Washington County has traditionally authorized the Highway Department to perform work for other county agencies and governmental entities, provided that the cost of the projects so authorized is reimbursed; and

WHEREAS, the expenditure associated with paving the property for the WCSO shooting range/training center will provide a benefit to the community as a body and is directly related to the functions of county government; and

WHEREAS, the Public Works Committee at its August 7, 2025, meeting recommended consideration and approval of this request to the Budget Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Budget Committee at its August 13, 2025, meeting recommended deferral of the project to allow the Highway Department to provide a quote; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of County Commissioners at its August 25, 2025 meeting, approved a motion to table the resolution; and

WHEREAS, at the September 10, 2025 Budget meeting the Sheriff's Office presented a request to fund the project from E-cig reserve funds:

1. Increase \$25,000.00 from expense line item 101-54110-799-213 (Sheriff's Department- Other Capital Outlay);
2. Decrease \$25,000.00 from equity line item 101-34525-000-213 (Restricted for Public Safety); and

WHEREAS, the Budget Committee at its September 10, 2025, meeting recommended consideration and approval of this request to the Budget Committee; now therefore

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

SECTION 1. The Board of County Commissioners finds that the expenditure associated with the paving promotes the public health, safety, morals, general welfare, security, prosperity and contentment of the residents of Washington County and is therefore an expenditure for the public purpose.

SECTION 2. The Board of County Commissioners approves of the Sheriff's Office request for paving services by the Highway Department for the shooting range and authorizes the Washington County Highway Department to perform the work.

SECTION 3. The Highway Department will provide to the Washington County Sheriff's Office an estimate of the costs related to the services which shall be approved by the Washington County Sheriff's Office prior to the commencement of any work.

SECTION 4. Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget is amended to:

1. Increase \$25,000.00 from expense line item 101-54110-799-213 (Sheriff's Department- Other Capital Outlay).
2. Decrease \$25,000.00 from equity line item 101-34525-000-213 (Restricted for Public Safety).

SECTION 5. 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: *Davenport*

Seconded by Commissioner: *Huffine*

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

Commissioners Voting AGAINST: *None*


Commissioners Abstaining: *None*

Commissioners Absent: *None*

ADOPTED BY THE COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODY, in session duly assembled, on this the 22nd day of September, 2025.



CHERYL STOREY, County Clerk



GREG MATHERLY, Chair of the Board

REFERRED to County Mayor this the 24th day of Sept. 2025.



CHERYL STOREY, County Clerk

APPROVED by County Mayor on this the 26 day of Sept 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 24th day of September 2025.



ALLYSON L. WILKINSON, County Attorney