

RESOLUTION NO. 26-06-016

SPONSORED BY: Commissioners Nick Bright, Jared Anderson and Mike Caylor

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND GENERAL COUNTY BUDGET

- WHEREAS,** Blount County currently has a significant number of people addicted to opioids who are charged with low level felony and misdemeanor offenses; and
- WHEREAS,** The Blount County Recovery Court is unable to accept these offenders into its treatment program because of the short duration of their potential sentence; and
- WHEREAS,** These offenders pose a significant risk of reoffending and victimizing citizens and businesses in Blount County; and
- WHEREAS,** the State of Tennessee has authorized the creation of a social worker position in the district 5 Public Defenders Office provided that this position can be funded from county opioid grant funds; and
- WHEREAS,** the creation by the State of Tennessee of such a position would be highly beneficial to the citizens of Blount County

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislative Body of Blount County, Tennessee, assembled in regular/called session on this 18th day of June 2026, Blount County hereby requests the State of Tennessee to create a social worker position funded by opioid grant monies in the District 5 Public Defenders Office in the amount of \$85,024.00

Appropriation:

101-53610-530900-581

Contracts with Government Agencies.....\$85,024.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that \$85,024 be appropriated from opioid grant funds to reimburse the State of Tennessee for payment of the salary and benefits accruing to the social worker position in the District 5 Public Defenders Office.

Duly authorized and approved the 18th of June 2026.

CERTIFICATION OF ACTION

ATTEST

Commission Chairman

County Clerk

County Mayor

Date

- Approved
- Vetoed