

**RESOLUTION NO. 25-06-016**

SPONSORED BY: Commissioners Rick Carver, Dyran Bledsoe, Jared Anderson, Nick Bright, and Mike Caylor

**A RESOLUTION THAT APPROVES AN AGREEMENT WITH COGENT COMMUNICATIONS, LLC TO AMEND THE EXISTING CONTRACT TO EXTEND BEYOND THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026**

**WHEREAS,** the Board of Commissioners of Blount County, Tennessee, adopted the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, § 5-14-101 et. seq., known as the County Purchasing Law of 1957;

**WHEREAS,** Tennessee Code Annotated §5-14-108(m)(1) states that the County Purchasing Agent is authorized to purchase and contract to purchase materials, supplies, equipment and contractual services on a fiscal year basis, but no commitment shall be made which extends beyond the end of the current fiscal year for which appropriations have been made by the county legislative body, except such commitments as are authorized by resolution of the county legislative body;

**WHEREAS,** COGENT COMMUNICATIONS, LLC provides Blount County with internet service that is used by all Blount County departments and related agencies to access the Internet. By entering into the agreement for three (3) consecutive years, from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2028, COGENT COMMUNICATIONS, LLC will maintain the same price of \$20,580 for each of the consecutive 3 (three) years;

**WHEREAS,** the Purchasing Department, on behalf of the Information Technology Department, requests a multi-year contract with COGENT COMMUNICATIONS, LLC that will extend beyond the current fiscal year to maximize cost savings;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of Blount County, Tennessee, assembled in regular session on this 19 day of June 2025, that a multi-year contract with COGENT COMMUNICATIONS, LLC be approved for Blount County, Tennessee, with the term beyond the current fiscal year.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that this Resolution take effect from and after its passage, and that any part of any prior resolution to the contrary is hereby declared null and void, the public welfare requiring it.

**Duly authorized and approved the 19 of June 2025.**

**CERTIFICATION OF ACTION**

**ATTEST**

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Commission Chairman

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County Clerk

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County Mayor

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Date

☐ Approved  
☐ Vetoed