Resolution No. 22-09-006

Sponsored by: Commissioners Tom Stinnett and Jared Anderson

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BLOUNT COUNTY TO ACCEPT THE TRANSFER OF THE CITY OF FRIENDSVILLE'S DESIGNATED AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDS FOR UTILITY PROJECTS

WHEREAS, federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds have been authorized and appropriated on February 17, 2021, by the Blount County Commission to be used for eligible drinking water, wastewater or storm water projects

WHEREAS, the City of Friendsville owns and operates water and wastewater systems that provide water and wastewater services to the City of Friendsville and Blount County citizens and has received $629,655.25 in ARPA funds from TDEC for eligible projects; and

WHEREAS, the City of Friendsville voted by Resolution Number 2022-04 to transfer its state designated ARPA allocation to Blount County to be used as a collaborative project for needed improvements to the City of Friendsville Water and Wastewater utilities for the benefit of citizens of the City of Friendsville and Blount County; and

WHEREAS, by accepting this transfer, Blount County will assume the City of Friendsville's responsibility for the application process; administration; reporting; or contractual agreements with engineers, contractors, administrators and any other parties necessary to carry out the program; and

WHEREAS, the acceptance of the funds shall be administered pursuant to the Inter-local Agreement entered into between Blount County and the City of Friendsville dated April 21, 2022.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Blount County, Tennessee assembled in regular session the 15th day of September, 2022, that:

Blount County will accept TDEC ARPA funds in the form of a transfer of $629,655.25 to be used for a collaborative project for water and wastewater improvements for the City of Friendsville as allowed by the TDEC ARPA guidelines.

Duly authorized and approved this 15th day of September, 2022.

CERTIFICATION OF ACTION..... ATTEST

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Commission Chairman **County Clerk**

Approved: _____

Vetoed: _____ _____ _____

County Mayor Date