



MEMO

Date: October 27, 2022

To: Blount County Purchasing Commission

From: Blount County Highway Superintendent Jeff Headrick

RE: Increasing thresholds for competitive bids.

Purchasing Commission and County Commission Members:

The Blount County Highway Department is in support of the resolution to increase the threshold over which competitive bids are required to \$50,000.

This change will allow us to secure commercial items and services more efficiently and cost effectively. We also believe that the improvements in securing low cost items efficiently will save the taxpayers' dollars.

As costs for items have risen, we have had to wait for bid process to conclude before goods and services from the public sector could be secured. Increasing the bid threshold from \$25,000 to \$50,000 will allow our Department to operate more effectively and efficiently. It should also be noted that the Tennessee County Highway Officials Association is in support of this measure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Headrick".

Jeff Headrick
Highway Superintendent