

**RESOLUTION NO. 26-01-014**

**Sponsored by Commissioners: Scott King and Robbie Bennett**

**A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE LIABILITY INSURANCE FOR THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DRUG AND VIOLENT CRIMES TASK FORCE VEHICLES**

**WHEREAS**, the Fifth Judicial District Drug and Violent Crimes Task Force for the Fifth Judicial District, Blount County, Tennessee, (hereinafter "Task Force") was created by an Interlocal Agreement between the Fifth Judicial District Attorney General, Blount County, Tennessee, the City of Maryville, Tennessee and the City of Alcoa, Tennessee, pursuant to state law; and

**WHEREAS**, under the current operating status, the City of Maryville and the City of Alcoa both assign one officer to the Task Force and each of the officers bring with them a respective City-owned vehicle which is covered and insured by the City that owns the vehicle; and

**WHEREAS**, the Blount County Sheriff's Office has ten (10) officers assigned to the Task Force and two (2) non-officer personnel assigned to the Task Force; and

**WHEREAS**, the Task Force has thirteen (13) vehicles that are titled in the name of the Task Force and which are provided for the use and benefit of the Blount County Sheriff's Office employees assigned to the Task Force; and

**WHEREAS**, it has recently been discovered that the vehicles titled in the name of the Task Force are currently uninsured for purpose of liability insurance and all parties deem it acceptable and necessary to ensure that the vehicles owned by the Task Force are properly insured for liability purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, Blount County, Tennessee operates a self-insured general liability fund which provides liability insurance for vehicles which are titled in the name of Blount County, Tennessee; and

**WHEREAS**, Blount County, Tennessee is authorized by statute and state law to provide funds, personnel and services to the Task Force; and

**WHEREAS**, all parties deem it necessary and in the best interests of Blount County and the Task Force that the vehicles titled in the name of the Task Force not otherwise covered by a policy of liability insurance should be included and covered for liability insurance purposes under Blount County's self-insured plan.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Blount County Commissioners assembled in regular session at Maryville, Tennessee, on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026 as follows:

Beginning immediately, the vehicles owned and titled in the name of the Fifth Judicial District Drug and Violent Crimes Task Force for the Fifth Judicial District, Blount County, Tennessee, shall be included and covered under Blount County's general liability fund for the purposes of liability insurance and claims arising under the operation of said vehicles

shall be handled and administered by the Blount County Risk Management Department, as are all other liability claims relating to County-owned vehicles except that any vehicle covered by a separate policy of insurance shall not be covered under Blount County's self-insurance plan.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THIS RESOLUTION SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY, THE PUBLIC WELFARE REQUIRING IT.**

Duly authorized and approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

**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