

## **Blount County Budget Committee Memo**

TO: Blount County Commissioners

FROM: Blount County Schools DATE: November 26, 2025

RE: Replacement of the Heritage High School Baseball & Softball Field Lights

- 1. Proposal (what is the new item/service being requested) Replace 10 wooden poles with galvanized steel poles installed using pre-cast concrete bases with integrated lightning grounding. The fixtures will be replaced with LED lights to improve player visibility. Because LED lights reduce energy usage this project is eligible for a rebate through TVA's Energy Right Program.

  The estimated rebate is approximately \$28,764.
- 2. Current Operations (how are operations without the request and impact if not funded)

  Over time the existing wooden poles have become unstable. Multiple poles
  are leaning and one pole is split. Both issues create serious safety concerns
  for students, staff, and spectators. Delaying replacement increases the
  risk of a pole collapsing.
- 3. Impact if funded (provide summary if the request is approved) The proposal specifies 10 12 weeks for delivery of materials to the job site from the time of order, submittal, approval, and confirmation of order details. Project execution will be coordinated with HHS athletics, BCS maintenance, and the contractor.

Budget Impact	
Original Budget	\$ 0.00
Amendment Impact	\$ 559,000.00
Proposed Revised Budget	\$ 559,000.00

11/28/2025

Signature from Department Head/Elected (or designee)