

**RESOLUTION NO. 24-07-014**

SPONSORED BY: Commissioners Jared Anderson, Nick Bright and Mike Caylor

**A RESOLUTION THAT APPROVES AN AGREEMENT WITH FIRSTWATCH SOLUTIONS, INC TO AMEND THE EXISTING CONTRACT TO EXTEND BEYOND THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025**

**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,** FIRSTWATCH SOLUTIONS, INC. provides Blount County with software that used to ensure that our third party ambulance service is compliant with the County’s contract. This software uses data directly from Blount County’s 911 communications center and cannot be manipulated by our contractor (AMR). Our contract with AMR required them to reimburse Blount County for any and all expenses relating to the purchasing of this software. By entering into the agreement for five (5) consecutive years, from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2029, FIRSTWATCH SOLUTIONS, INC. will maintain the same price of \$19,137.25 for each of the consecutive 5 (five) years. This is a cost-effective solution that provides for employee and public safety;

**WHEREAS,** the Purchasing Department, on behalf of the General Services Department, requests a multi-year contract with FIRSTWATCH SOLUTIONS, INC. 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 18 day of July 2024, that a multi-year contract with FIRSTWATCH SOLUTIONS, INC. 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 18 of July 2024.**

**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