

RESOLUTION No. 26-03-013

Sponsored by: Commissioners Linda Webb, David Wells, Nick Bright

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENTS FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL COUNTY DEPARTMENTS.

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated §12-3-4205 allows for use of master cooperative purchasing agreements upon the approval and consent of the local legislative body: and

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; and

WHEREAS, cooperative purchasing agreements allow governments to purchase goods and services from other local, state, and national cooperative purchasing alliances that have been competitively bid under the same circumstances required by law by the purchasing entity; and

WHEREAS, these cooperative purchasing agreements allow local governments to obtain the best pricing available for competitively bid goods and services applicable under this law while also reducing time and personnel resources: and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated § 12-3-1205 states as follows;

- (a) Any municipality, county, utility district, or other local government of the state may participate in, sponsor, conduct or administer a cooperative purchasing agreement for the procurement of any supplies, services or construction with one (1) or more other local governments in accordance with an agreement entered into between the participants. Such cooperative purchasing may include, but is not limited to, joint or multi-party contracts between local governments. Where the participants in a joint or multi-party contract are required to advertise and receive bids, it shall be sufficient for those purposes that the purchasing entity comply only with its own purchasing requirements.
- (b)
 - (1) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, any municipality, county, utility district, or other local government of the state may participate in, sponsor, conduct, or administer a cooperative purchasing agreement for the procurement of any goods, supplies, services, or equipment with one (1) or more other governmental entities outside this state, to the extent the laws of the other state permit the joint exercise of purchasing authority, or with an agency of the United States, to the extent federal law permits the joint exercise of purchasing authority, in accordance with an agreement entered into between or among the participants; provided, such goods, supplies, services, or equipment were procured in a manner that constitutes competitive bidding and were advertised, evaluated, and awarded by a governmental entity and made available for use by other governmental entities.
 - (2) A municipality, county, utility district, or other local government of the state may participate in a master agreement by adopting a resolution accepting the terms of the master agreement. If a participant in a joint or multi-party agreement is required to advertise and receive bids, then it will be deemed sufficient for those purposes that the purchasing entity or the entity that procured the bid complied with its own purchasing requirements. The participant shall acquire and maintain

documentation that the purchasing entity or entities that procured the bid complied with its own purchasing requirements.

WHEREAS, the cooperative purchasing agreements currently available for Blount County use include:

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AEPA - Association of Educational Purchasing Agencies

AESA - Association of Educational Service Agencies

AESC19 - Allied States Purchasing Cooperative

Axia Cooperative

BuyBoard Purchasing Cooperative

Choice Partners Purchasing Cooperative

City of Kansas City, MO

City of Virginia Beach

Cobb Co GA Procurement

Cooperative Purchasing Connection (CPC)

E & I Cooperative Services - Purchasing Cooperative for Education.

Edge Public

EPIC6

Equalis Group

Florida Sheriffs Association

Foundation for California Community Colleges (FCCC)

GoodBuy - Purchasing Program of the Education Service Center, Region 2

GOVMVMT

GSA- General Services Administration

HGACBuy

Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC)

HPS - Buying Group - Schools Food Service

Idaho Association of Highway Districts Local Government Cooperative (IAHD LGC)

Illinois Learning Technology Purchase Program (ILTTP)

Illinois Together

Keystone Purchasing Network

King County Directors' Association (KCDA)

MALiA - Mid Atlantic Library Alliance

MiDEAL

Midwestern Higher Education Compact (MHEC)

Minnesota State Office of State Procurement- Cooperative Purchasing Venture

MMCAP Infuse

Mohave Cooperative

Mohave Educational Services Cooperative (MESCC)

NASPO- National Association of State Procurement Officials

NASPO ValuePoint Cooperative Contracts

National IPA- National Intergovernmental Purchasing Alliance (Now OMNIA Partners)

NCPA- National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance

North Carolina Sheriffs' Association

North County Educational Purchasing Consortium (NCEPC)

NPPGov- National Purchasing Partners Government

OMNIA Partners
 OMNIA Partners (active contract formerly under National IPA and US Communities)
Organization for Educational Technology and Curriculum (OETC)
 PACE- Purchasing Association of Cooperative Entities
 PCA - Purchasing Cooperative of America
 PEPPM Purchasing Cooperative- Pennsylvania Education Purchasing Program for Microcomputers
 Public Promise Procurement
 Purchasing Solutions Alliance (PSA)
 RFXPremier | Procurement Professionals Alliance
San Joaquin Valley Community Cooperative (SJVCC)
 Savvik
 Sourcewell
Southeast Texas Purchasing Coop (SETX)
Southern California Procurement Alliance
 State of New Hampshire
 TCPN- The Cooperative Purchasing Network
 Texas Dept. of Information Resources (TX DIR Coop)
TexBuy
 TIPS-USA- The Interlocal Purchasing System
TXShare
 UNA - Group Purchasing Organization (UNA GPO)
 USETPA - US Educational Technology Purchasing Alliance
 Virginia Higher Education Procurement Consortium (VHEPC)
Virginia Sheriffs' Association
Washington Institutions of Public Higher Education (WIPHE)
Worth Cooperative

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Blount County, Tennessee, meeting in regular session assembled this 24th day of March, 2026, that the use of master cooperative purchasing agreements be approved for Blount County, Tennessee.

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.

CERTIFICATION OF ACTION

ATTEST

Commission Chairman

County Clerk

County Mayor

Date

- Approved
- Vetoed