

# Blount County Government



## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Blount County Commissioners

**From:** Jaclyn Johnson and Tim Tipton, Risk Management

**Date:** June 29, 2026

**Subject:** Resolution Authorizing Replacement of Individual Bonds with Crime Insurance Policy.

The attached resolution seeks approval to replace individual statutory bonds for county officials and employees with coverage under Blount County's crime insurance policy.

In 2023, the Tennessee General Assembly amended T.C.A. § 8-19-101, allowing counties to add required bonds to an existing insurance policy that provides government crime coverage, employee dishonesty coverage, or equivalent coverage, which insures the lawful performance of officials' and employees' fiduciary duties and responsibilities.

The County's newly selected insurance broker, Gallagher, recommended amending the existing Government Crime Insurance Policy to cover these bonding requirements. This approach ensures the necessary protection, reduces administrative work, and incurs no additional cost. Currently, the County spends approximately \$28,000 on individual bonds with varying terms. Transitioning to the crime policy will eliminate those bond costs, resulting in ongoing savings to the County.

The County Attorney drafted the attached resolution and approved this approach, confirming it complies with Tennessee law.