

**RESOLUTION NO. 24-04-019**

**SPONSORED BY: Commissioners Tom Stinnett, and Rick Carver**

**A RESOLUTION TO ADVANCE APPROXIMATELY \$6 MILLION IN CAPITAL FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE SERVICES AND THE OPIOID TRUST FUND TO ESTABLISH A TRANSITIONAL CAMPUS; AND TO REQUEST THE CONVEYANCE OF 3.5 TO 5.0 ACRES OF COUNTY OWNED PROPERTY (I.E. OLD RUSSELL FARM) TO THE MCNABB CENTER TO FULFILL THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE STATE GRANTS**

**WHEREAS**, at the October 24, 2023 regularly scheduled CARES Committee meeting, a motion was approved to pursue the grant opportunities available from the State of Tennessee to enable Blount County to move forward on the Transition Center Pilot Project; and

**WHEREAS**, The McNabb Center applied for such funding, and the “Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Use Services” and the “Opioid Trust Fund” made awards totaling approximately \$6million in capital funds to establish the long-awaited Transitional Campus; and

**WHEREAS**, the conveyance of 3.5 to 5.0 acres of the approximately 62 acres of county owned property (i.e. old Russell Farm) to the McNabb Center is necessary to fulfill the requirements of the grant; and

**WHEREAS**, the property will revert to the county if, and when, it is no longer utilized for its intended use of transitional services; and

**WHEREAS**, no local (Blount County) tax dollars are requested for the project, only the conveyance of the property on which to erect the facilities of the transitional campus. Service funding is available from the State of Tennessee once the facilities have been constructed; and

**WHEREAS**, annual operating funds were requested and awarded from both TDMHSAS and Opioid Trust Fund. The McNabb Center will have contracts to operate services in the facilities being constructed into the future. Capital maintenance as well as services are budgeted for substance use treatment, mental health supports, and recovery housing/recovery supports. McNabb staff will be on campus 24/7/365; and

**WHEREAS**, the CARES Committee enthusiastically recommends advancing the funding awards from the State of Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Use Services and the Opioid Trust Fund totaling approximately \$6 million in capital funds and conveying the 3.5 to 5.0 acres to the McNabb Center to establish the long- awaited Transitional Campus; and

**WHEREAS**, it is deemed in the best interest of the citizens of Blount County to proceed with the construction of the facilities of the transitional campus; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Legislative Body of Blount County, Tennessee, assembled in regular session on this 18th day of April, 2024 that:

Blount County approves moving forward with the funding awards from the Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Use Services and the Opioid Trust Fund totaling approximately \$6 million in capital funds to establish the long-awaited Transitional Campus; and conveying 3.5 to 5.0 acres of the 62 acres of county owned property (i.e. old Russell Farm) to the McNabb Center to fulfill the requirements of the grant.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT THIS RESOLUTION SHALL BE IIN FORCE AND BECOME EFFECTIVE UPON ITS ADOPTION, THE PUBLIC WELFARE REQUIRING IT.**

<b>CERTIFICATION OF ACTION</b>	<b>ATTEST</b>
<div><div></div><div>Commission Chairman</div></div>	<div><div></div><div>County Clerk</div></div>
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