

RESOLUTION NO. 23-12-013

SPONSORED BY: Commissioners Jared Anderson, Richard Carver, David Wells, Tom Stinnett and Mike Akard

**A RESOLUTION THAT APPROVES AN AGREEMENT TERM WHICH EXTENDS BEYOND THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR FOR GROUP ORGAN & TISSUE TRANSPLANT INSURANCE FOR BLOUNT COUNTY, TN**

**WHEREAS**, Blount County, TN (“the County”) desires to maintain a self-insured employee healthcare program that is fiscally sound; and

**WHEREAS**, the County desires to control the risk of expenses incurred for organ and tissue transplants by purchasing group organ and tissue transplant insurance (“Transplant Coverage”); and

**WHEREAS**, CBIZ Benefits and Insurance Services of Tennessee (“CBIZ”), the independent health insurance broker retained by Blount County to obtain and make recommendations regarding benefits, solicited bids for the provision of Transplant Coverage for the plan year 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, QBE is the most competitive option for Transplant Coverage for Blount County, TN; and

*Fiscal note: Sufficient funds are available in the FY 24 budget for administering the County’s self-insured health plan and transplant coverage. Based on the current census, the annual transplant insurance premium will be: \$202,146.*

**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; 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**, the Blount County HR and Insurance Committees met on November 14, 2023, reviewed the recommendation from CBIZ and made a recommendation to approve QBE as the Transplant Coverage carrier for the 2024 plan year.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Blount County, Tennessee, assembled in regular session this 14th day of December, 2023 approves the selection of QBE to provide Transplant Coverage for Blount County, TN effective January 1, 2024; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County Mayor, or his designee, is hereby authorized to execute documents with QBE in order to secure Transplant Coverage for the plan year 2024;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THIS RESOLUTION TAKE EFFECT FROM AND AFTER ITS PASSAGE, THE PUBLIC WELFARE REQUIRING IT; AND THAT ANY PRIOR RESOLUTION TO THE CONTRARY IS HEREBY DECLARED VOID.**

**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