



Blount County Budget Committee Memo

TO: Blount County Commissioners

FROM: Accounting, Brian Baldwin

RE: Central Services Legal Fees

DATE: March 4, 2025

1. Background County legal fees have continued to climb over the past year. Legal costs went up 40% from FY23 to FY24 and have climbed another 26% this year due to increase in billed hours to commission, planning & development, & highway depts.
2. History (tell if the item has been brought to the budget committee previously) Item has not previously been brought to the budget committee for consideration.
3. Current Operations (how are operations without the requested item/service) The county would not be able to fund the invoices for legal services rendered.
4. Proposal (what is the new item/service being requested) Increase to the legal services budget to support increased legal fees for the county.
5. Impact if not funded (provide a summary on impact to the mission if the item/service is not approved) Impact if not funded were curtail required legal services

Budget Impact	
Original Budget	\$ 130,000.00
Amendment Impact	\$ 64,000.00
Proposed Revised Budget	\$ 194,000.00

Signature from Department Head/Elected (or designee)

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