

**RESOLUTION NO. 24-06-010**

SPONSORED BY: Commissioners Jared Anderson, Nick Bright and Mike Caylor

**A RESOLUTION THAT APPROVES AN AGREEMENT WITH AXON ENTERPRISES, INC. TO AMEND THE EXISTING CONTRACT FOR THE PROVISION OF TASERS AND EXTENSION OF EXISTING CONTRACT BEYOND THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025**

**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;

**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;

**WHEREAS,** AXON ENTERPRISES, INC. shall provide new TASERS, Body Cameras, In-car Cameras, provide service, updates and maintenance for existing and new equipment for the Blount County Sheriff's Office. The agreement shall be through a SOLE SOURCE as AXON is the only manufacturer and distributor of the TASER brand who can also provide the software, maintenance and update packages. This is also Legacy equipment, as the Sheriff's Department already owns approximately 425 AXON cameras and TASERS, many of which need updated. By entering into the agreement an additional five (5) years, from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2029, this is a cost-effective solution that provides for employee and public safety;

**WHEREAS,** the Purchasing Department, on behalf of the Blount County Sheriff's Office, requests a multi-year contract with AXON ENTERPRISES, INC. that will extend beyond the current fiscal year to maximize cost saving and include maintenance and updates to existing equipment;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of Blount County, Tennessee, assembled in regular session on this 20<sup>th</sup> day of June 2024, that a multi-year contract with AXON ENTERPRISES, INC. be approved for Blount County, Tennessee, with the term beyond the current fiscal year.

**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.

**Duly authorized and approved the 20th of June 2024.**

**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

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