



Blount County Budget Committee Memo

TO: Blount County Commissioners
FROM: Information Technology
RE: Multi-Year Contract with Cogent Communications (Cogent)
DATE: June, 5, 2025

1. Background Cogent currently provides Blount County Government with 1Gbps of primary internet service since 2023. Blount County Government provides internet service for all departments as well as other government agencies within the County.
2. History (tell if the item has been brought to the budget committee previously) This item has not been brought to the budget committee previously since Blount County Government has only contracted with Cogent in one year increments.
3. Current Operations (how are operations without the requested item/service) As technology use increases within the County's departments, we are approaching the utilization of almost the full 1Gbps bandwidth we are provided.
4. Proposal (what is the new item/service being requested) Our proposal is to enter a three year contract with Cogent to provide an increase to 5Gbps internet service. Cogent is providing a discount for entering into a multi-year contract.
5. Impact if not funded (provide a summary on impact to the mission if the item/service is not approved) Blount County Government risks utilizing the entire 1Gbps bandwidth limit and having to strictly regulate bandwidth for future projects.

Budget Impact	
Original Budget	\$ 20,580.00
Amendment Impact	\$ 0.00
Proposed Revised Budget	\$ 20,580.00

Signature from Department Head/Elected (or designee)

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