

RESOLUTION NO. 23-11-001

SPONSORED BY COMMISSIONERS JARED ANDERSON, MIKE CAYLOR, AND NICK BRIGHT

RESOLUTION TO AMEND BOTH THE SHERIFF’S DRUG FUND (122) BUDGET AND THE GENERAL COUNTY FUND (101) BUDGET FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING A NEW BUILDING FOR THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DRUG TASK FORCE

WHEREAS, the county legislative body of Blount County approved that the Sheriff’s Office, acting as fiduciary for the Drug Task Force, would use DTF Justice and Treasury reserve (asset forfeiture) funds to contribute to this build; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff’s Office, has been made aware by MLARS (Money Laundering and Asset Recovery Section), of the Department of Justice, that they no longer allow use of these funds for new construction, as well as prohibit comingling of these funds with other fund sources; and

WHEREAS, MLARS has suggested using such funds for an allowable expense, such as patrol vehicles; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed to be in the best interest of Blount County, to amend the Sheriff’s Drug Fund Budget and General County Fund Budget to correct the previous action taken on February 16, 2023, by reversing the action of moving asset forfeiture funds to the DTF project budget, (performed by the auditor) then utilizing the Sheriff’s Office normal vehicle operating budget to replenish the removed DTF project funds, and then reappropriating the returned asset forfeiture funds to purchase patrol vehicles; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislative Body of Blount County, Tennessee, assembled in regular session on this 16th day of November, 2023 that the Sheriff’s Drug Fund Budget and General County Fund Budget be amended as follows:

Transfer to replenish DTF project budget

101-91130-571800	Motor Vehicles.....	\$608,644.50
101-91121-570600-202	Admin of Justice-DFT building	\$608,644.50

Replace vehicle funds used for project – vehicles are an allowable expense for forfeiture funds

Estimated Revenue:

122-0-489900-00	Other/Use of Fund Balance.....	\$608,644.50
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Appropriation:

122-54150-571800-202	Motor Vehicles.....	\$608,644.50
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Duly authorized and approved the 16th day of November, 2023.

CERTIFICATION OF ACTION

ATTEST

Commission Chairman

County Clerk

County Mayor

Date

- Approved
- Vetoed