

**Anderson County Board of Commissioners**  
**OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**  
**AGENDA**

**December 13, 2021**  
**6:00 p.m. Room 312**

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Prayer / Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Approval of Agenda**
4. **Appearance of Citizens**
5. **Presentation:** by Garrett Schoop representative of National Salvage
6. **Private Act possibly “Grandfathering” sitting federal employed commissioners** – requested by Chairman Isbel.
7. **Mayor**
  1. Appointment of County Commissioner to TN School Funding Meetings/Discussions
  2. Statistical Report for Commission for Anderson County Animal Shelter
  3. Status Updates
    - A. Pine Meadow’s Subdivision.
    - B. Update on Logo and County Seal Project.
    - C. Information Share on TN Length of Service Program (LOSA) for Volunteer First Responders.
    - D. EPA: Grant Award for Financial Impact Analysis/Study for Anderson County and Scott County for rail line.
    - E. Update on Firetruck Analysis and asset inventory and other data review.
    - F. Comprehensive Parks Plan: Need to push out survey for additional response.
    - G. TDEC Testing at Kids Palace Playground in Claxton.
8. **Law Director**
  1. Fire Truck Resolution No. 21-12-901 Draft
9. **Possibility of the inclusion of Norris and Rocky Top Dispatch with Anderson County Dispatch** – forwarded from Intergovernmental Committee
10. **Upkeep of community cemeteries** – requested by Chairman Isbel.
11. **Senior Center – Sea Cadets** – requested by Commissioner Wandell
12. **Claxton School Zone updates** – requested by Commissioner Wandell
13. **Pine Meadows / Ben’s Mobile Home Claxton updates** – requested by Commissioner Wandell

**New Business**

**Old Business**

**Adjournment**



## ANDERSON COUNTY GOVERNMENT

TERRY FRANK  
COUNTY MAYOR

December 8, 2021

Commissioner Tim Isbel  
Chairman, Anderson County Operations Committee

Dear Chairman Isbel,

I would like to add the following items to the Agenda:

- 1) **Action Item:** Appointment of County Commissioner to TN School Funding Meetings/Discussions.
- 2) **Statistical Report** for Commission for Anderson County Animal Shelter
- 3) **Status Updates Only:** No action required
  - a. Pine Meadow's Subdivision
  - b. Update on Logo and County Seal Project
  - c. Information Share on TN Length of Service Program (LOSA) for Volunteer First Responders
  - d. EPA: Grant Award for Financial Impact Analysis/Study for Anderson County & Scott County for rail line.
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  - g. TDEC Testing at Kids Palace Playground in Claxton

Many thanks and my best regards,

Terry

## Follow Up on School Funding/Local Match Discussion Sessions

tnedu funding <tnedu.funding@tn.gov>

Tue 12/7/2021 5:27 PM

To: tnedu funding <tnedu.funding@tn.gov>

Good afternoon,

As a follow-up to the email that was shared on Friday, December 3, we are providing the final logistics (please note times) for the School Funding/Local Match Discussion sessions below:

Date	Time	Region	Location
Dec. 14	8-10 a.m. CT	Southwest	University of Memphis – Lambuth Campus, 705 Lambuth Blvd, Jackson TN 38301: Student Union Building, Jack Morris Ballroom (Parking in the lot beside the tennis courts on Maple Street)
Dec. 14	1-3 p.m. CT	Northwest	University of Tennessee, Martin, 245 University Center, Martin, TN 38238: Watkins Auditorium
Dec. 15	8-10 a.m. CT	Upper Cumberland	Central City Church, 400 Dubois Rd., STE A19, Cookeville, TN 38501
Dec. 15	1-3 p.m. ET	South East	Howard High School, 2500 Market Street, Chattanooga, TN 37408
Dec. 16	8-10 a.m. ET	First	ETSU Millennium Center, 2001 Millennium Place, Johnson City, TN 37614 (Parking on levels 2 or 3 of the parking garage)
Dec. 16	1-3 p.m. ET	East	Sarah Simpson Professional Development Technical Center, 801 Tipton Ave., Knoxville, TN 37920
Dec. 17	8-10 a.m. CT	South Central	UT Southern, 101 S. Fifth St., Pulaski, TN 38478: Gault Fine Arts Center. (See attached map: Parking will be in the Commuter Lot, which is 1 on the map. There are entrances to the lot off of 5 <sup>th</sup> Street and West Flower Street. The event space itself will be in Gault Fine Arts Center, which is 17 on the map.)
Dec. 17	1-3 p.m. CT	Mid- Cumberland	Dickson County Government Building, 303 Henslee Drive, Dickson, TN 37055 (Parking in front of the Dickson County Government building)

Please be reminded that district teams may register no more than five people. Suggested roles for district teams are below:

- School Board Chair (or designee),
- District Financial Director,
- County Commission/local funding entity representative (to be selected by the County Commission/local funding entity),
- Superintendent (optional recommended), and
- Mayor (optional recommended).

Registration will close on Friday, December 10 at noon CT.

Item # 1

STATE OF TENNESSEE

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DAVID H. LILLARD, JR.  
STATE TREASURER

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

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December 1, 2021

The Honorable Terry Frank  
Mayor of Anderson County  
100 North Main Street, Room 208  
Clinton, TN 37716

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COUNTY MAYOR'S OFFICE

Dear Mayor Frank,

As a resident of Fayette County, I know that volunteers are the lifeblood of our fire service in many communities throughout Tennessee. These brave men and women account for nearly two-thirds of our State's firefighters and ensure the safety of our citizens and those visiting our state each day. From conversations with many mayors and firefighters, I understand that recruiting and retaining dedicated volunteers poses a substantial challenge and threat. That is why I am pleased to announce the Tennessee Department of Treasury will soon offer the State of Tennessee Length of Service Award Program for Volunteers.

A length of service award program, or LOSAP, allows participating local governments to provide financial rewards to volunteers performing firefighting and prevention, emergency medical, and ambulance services. The program is designed to recruit, retain, and reward volunteers for their commitment to the community. Local governments electing to participate in the program will be able to designate an annual contribution amount to be invested on behalf of eligible volunteers to provide future monetary benefits.

The 112<sup>th</sup> General Assembly authorized Treasury to establish a LOSAP with SB0655/HB0612, championed by Senator Janice Bowling of Tullahoma and Representative Ron Gant of Rossville. The legislation was signed into law by Governor Lee on May 27, 2021 after receiving unanimous approval by both the House and Senate. With their support, I am pleased to be able to put the expertise of the Treasury Department to work on behalf of our volunteer firefighters and emergency personnel.

Adopting the length of service award program is a meaningful way to encourage, recognize, and retain the service of our volunteers, and it may be established in your community with very little cost. If you are considering participating in the program or would like to learn more, please contact Justin Ball, our East Tennessee Outreach Representative at (423) 356-1518 or Justin.Ball@tn.gov.

I appreciate the important work you do for your community, and Tennessee Department of Treasury will continue to support you in any way we can.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David H. Lillard, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

David H. Lillard, Jr.  
Tennessee State Treasurer

## LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM

### The State of Tennessee Length of Service Award Program for Volunteers

The Tennessee Department of Treasury was authorized by the 112th General Assembly to establish a length of service award program (LOSAP). A length of service award program allows participating local governments and tax-exempt organizations to provide financial rewards to volunteers performing firefighting and prevention, emergency medical, and ambulance services. LOSAPs are designed to recruit, retain, and reward volunteers for their commitment to the community.

Participating entities may designate an annual contribution to be made to a volunteer's account per year of service. These contributions are invested on behalf of the volunteer to provide a future monetary benefit.

#### Eligibility

To be eligible to receive benefits from a LOSAP, an individual must be a bona fide volunteer who receives no compensation for the services and instead receives only reasonable reimbursement or nominal stipends. It is the responsibility of the participating entity to determine who qualifies as a bona fide volunteer and to develop a criteria for awarding LOSAP contributions.



#### Budgeting

Local governments and tax-exempt organizations electing to participate will be assessed a one-time fee of \$500 to establish a LOSAP and a \$250 annual maintenance fee.

The participating entity may specify an annual contribution amount between \$200 and \$6,000 per eligible volunteer.

#### Investing

Investments for the State of Tennessee LOSAP will be overseen by the Tennessee Department of Treasury. This experienced team monitors the performance of the investment options through a quarterly review process. The TN Stable Value Fund has been selected as the default investment option. The primary objective of this fund is to seek to provide safety of principal while earning a competitive credited interest rate. Participants may also elect to invest contributions in the Fidelity Puritan Fund.

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## LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM

### Benefits

LOSAP contributions, and any associated investment earnings, may be distributed to volunteers upon attainment of age 45 and completion of five years of eligible volunteer service.

### Tax Treatment

The contributions made to a volunteer's LOSAP account are not considered wages and, therefore, are not subject to FICA taxes or other payroll taxes. When a volunteer reaches entitlement age and receives a distribution of their account, the benefit payment is subject to ordinary income tax.

### About the Tennessee Department of Treasury

The Tennessee Department of Treasury is responsible for many of the financial operations of state government, including managing and overseeing more than \$99.2 billion in assets through its various investment programs. Treasury administers the State's retirement program, RetireReadyTN, which combines the state pension plan, Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System, and the State's deferred compensation plans.

### About the State of Tennessee LOSAP

During the 2021 legislative session, the 112th General Assembly authorized the State Treasurer to inquire with local governments and volunteer fire departments about establishing a length of service award program (LOSAP) pursuant to Section 457 of the Internal Revenue Code. Based on the results of the inquiry, the Treasurer was authorized to establish a LOSAP to be administered by the Tennessee Department of Treasury. The legislation, SB0655/HB0612, championed by Senator Janice Bowling of Tullahoma and Representative Ron Gant of Rossville, was signed into law by Governor Lee on May 27, 2021 after receiving unanimous approval by both the House and Senate.

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# **FIRE COMMISSION**

## **DRAFT**

### **Anderson County, Tennessee**

#### **Board of Commissioners**

**RESOLUTION No: 21-12-901**

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE BULK PURCHASE OF ELEVEN (11) FIRE TRUCKS, OR OTHER APPROVED VEHICLES, FOR THE USE AND BENEFIT OF ALL COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENTS, IN A CONSOLIDATED AND MUTUAL EFFORT TO PROTECT THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE OF COUNTY CITIZENS.**

**WHEREAS**, in April of 2006, the Anderson County Board of Commissioners adopted a Resolution providing funding on a rotating basis for the purchase of one (1) firetruck each year to a different county fire department on an eleven (11) year cycle; and

**WHEREAS**, with the final partial payment due to the Andersonville Volunteer Fire Department in the 2022/23 Fiscal Year Budget, all fire departments have been provided a firetruck or other approved vehicle to fully satisfy the County's obligation under the previous Resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners realizes the continued support of fire departments in our County is a matter of critical importance to health, safety and welfare of our citizens, and now wishes to authorize a one-time bulk purchase of eleven (11) firetrucks to be allocated individually to provide one firetruck to each of the County's eleven (11) fire departments.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Anderson County Board of Commissioners meeting in regular session this 15<sup>th</sup> day of November 2021 that to continue with our support of the County's fire departments and our ongoing efforts to protect the health, safety and welfare of our citizens, we hereby authorize the bulk purchase of eleven (11) firetrucks, or other approved vehicles, to be individually allocated to each of the eleven (11) County fire departments, one to each department including the County Rescue Squad, with the required funding coming through any authorized manner under Tennessee law, including combinations thereof, under the following conditions:

## **SECTION 1: ELIGIBLE FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND ORGANIZATIONS**

The following departments will be provided one (1) firetruck, or other approved vehicle as available in this specific order:

- A) Briceville Volunteer Fire Department
- B) Oliver Springs Town Fire Department
- C) Clinton City Fire Department
- D) Rocky Top Fire Department
- E) Norris City Fire Department
- F) Claxton Volunteer Fire Department
- G) Marlow Volunteer Fire Department
- H) Oak Ridge City Fire Department
- I) Medford Volunteer Fire Department
- J) Anderson County Rescue Squad
- K) Andersonville Volunteer Fire Department

## **SECTION 2: QUALIFYING FIRETRUCKS OR VEHICLES**

Each department or organization will be provided one qualifying vehicle per department meeting National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards and Insurance Services Office (ISO) requirements.

## **SECTION 3: VEHICLE MAINTENANCE**

Each department or organization will be individually responsible for all repairs, damages, fuels, fluids, and maintenance charges.

## **SECTION 4: VEHICLE OWNERSHIP**

All purchased vehicles will be titled under the department's name and subject to immediate repossession, without further legal proceedings, by the County if the terms and conditions of this Resolution are not met. Acceptance of the firetruck or other approved vehicle, will conclusively indicate the fire department's acceptance and consent to the terms of this Resolution,

## **SECTION 5: INSURANCE**

Each department or organization receiving a vehicle under this Resolution will be responsible for obtaining insurance coverage on the vehicle. Insurance policies shall cover without limitation: liability, property loss, injury, death, dismemberment comprehensive, collision, uninsured motorist, medical payments or other recognized forms of damages existing under Tennessee law in the minimal amounts of Three Hundred Thousand (\$300,000.00) Dollars per person and One Million (\$1,000,000.00) Dollars per occurrence.



**SECTION 6: FIRE COMMISSION PARTICIPATION**

Each department or organization receiving a firetruck or other approved vehicle under the terms of this Resolution shall be required to attend and participate in monthly meetings of the Anderson County Fire Commission with no more than three (3) absences per calendar year.

**SECTION 7: RESPONSE TO EMERGENCIES**

Each fire department or organization receiving a firetruck or other approved vehicle shall be required to respond to emergency medical calls as outlined by the Tennessee state guidelines.

**SECTION 8: MUTUAL AID RESPONSES**

Each fire department or organization shall be required to fulfill its duties at all times under all standing mutual aid agreements and in compliance with all State Mutual Aid Guidelines if available.

**SECTION 9: REQUIRED TRAINING PARTICIPATION**

Each fire department and organization receiving a firetruck or other approved vehicle under the terms of this Resolution shall require all firefighter to adhere to Tennessee Code Annotated § 4-24-112 minimum training requirements.

**SECTION 10:** Fire departments receiving an annual donation under the terms of this Resolution shall not charge for their services other than governmental taxing authority approved by the local county or municipal legislative body or Tennessee General Assembly. Fire departments who privately charge Anderson County citizens for emergency service responses are unable to receive a county donation for the purchase of a new fire truck, rescue vehicle or other vehicle apparatus; however, departments may charge for standby services for athletic events, highly dangerous or special needs requests unrelated to typical emergency calls, first responder and mutual aid responses when requested and compensation agreed to in advance.

**RESOLVED, DULY PASSED AND EFFECTIVE** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

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Joshua N. Anderson, Chair

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Terry Frank, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Jeff Cole, County Clerk



Anderson County Board of Commissioners  
**Intergovernmental Committee**  
**Minutes**

**November 8, 2021**  
**Room 312**

**Members Present:** Catherine Denenberg, Tim Isbel, Bob Smallridge, Tracy Wandell, Shain Vowell, Josh Anderson, Mayor Frank

**Members Absent:** Jay Yeager

**Call to Order:** Chairman Denenberg called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Smallridge made a motion to approve the October 11, 2021 Amended Minutes. Commissioner Isbel seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Citizen Sharon Todd addressed the committee - No Action Taken.

> Commissioner Wandell made a motion to approve the possibilities of the inclusion of Norris and Rocky Top Dispatch with Anderson County Dispatch to forward to Operations Committee. Commissioner Smallridge seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**New Business**

None

**Old Business**

None

**Adjournment**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.