

RESOLUTION NO. 2025072205

**RESOLUTION TO PURCHASE AN APPROXIMATE .76 ACRE TRACT OF LAND
LOCATED ADJACENT TO THE LAWRENCE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY, IN
PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CITY OF LAWRENCEBURG, TENNESSEE FOR
FUTURE EXPANSION OF THE LAWRENCE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY**

WHEREAS, Lawrence County government recognizes the need for future expansion of the Lawrence County Public Library (the “Library”) located on East Gaines Street in the City of Lawrenceburg; and,

WHEREAS, immediately adjacent and contiguous to the Library lies a tract of land containing approximately .76 of an acre (the “Land”) (Tax Map 089C D 3.00) and is currently owned by John Hill Ferguson, Trustee of the John Hill Ferguson Trust, dated August 21, 2013, a One-Half Undivided Interest, and Kathryn Janene Fleeman, Trustee of the Kathryn Janene Fleeman Trust, dated December 19, 2012, a one-half undivided interest (see Record Book 654, page 253), which owners have agreed to sell said property to Lawrence County and the City of Lawrenceburg for the sum of \$80,000.00, provided any future building erected thereon will be named in honor of said owners grandfather, the late Bill Hill; and,

WHEREAS, the owners have further requested that if such expansion of the library is not commenced within fifteen (15) years from the date the land is conveyed to Lawrence County, the owners shall have the right to repurchase the land from Lawrence County for the sum of \$80,000.00; and,

WHEREAS, the Lawrence County Board of County Commissioners deems it in the County’s best interest to purchase the Land in partnership with each purchaser contributing \$40,000.00 plus closing costs, said to be used for the expansion of the Library building.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Lawrence County Board of County Commissioners meeting in regular session this 25th day of March, 2025, that (1) the County Executive is authorized to enter into a contract for the purchase by Lawrence County and the City of Lawrenceburg for the Land located immediately adjacent and contiguous to the Library containing approximately .76 of an acre, and more particularly identified as (Tax Map 089C D 3.00) (see also Record Book 654, page 253), and for a sum not to exceed \$80,000.00, in conjunction with the City of Lawrenceburg, with Lawrence County contributing \$40,000.00 to the purchase price and the City of Lawrenceburg contributing \$40,000.00 to the purchase price, plus any additional sums as necessary to pay closing costs or any other incidental expenses in acquiring said property and (2) the County Executive is further authorized to proceed with closing the purchase of said real property and execute any documents necessary for such closing and the funds for said purchase shall be paid from the General Fund, subject to the covenants that any future building erected thereon will be named in honor of the current owners grandfather, the late

Bill Hill and that if such expansion of the library is not commenced within fifteen (15) years from the date the land is conveyed to Lawrence County, the owners shall have the right to repurchase the land from Lawrence County for the sum of \$80,000.00.

This Resolution shall be effective upon its passage and approval, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed this 22nd day of July, 2025.

SHANE EATON, CHAIR

DAVID MORGAN, COUNTY EXECUTIVE

ATTEST:

RUSS BREWER, COUNTY CLERK

SPONSOR: BUDGET COMMITTEE