

RESOLUTION NO. 20260728-11

Establishing a One-Year Dead Stock Removal Relief Fund for Lawrence County Livestock Producers

Whereas, agriculture is a vital component of the economy and heritage of Lawrence County, Tennessee, and the livestock industry contributes significantly to the County's economic well-being and quality of life; and

Whereas, the timely removal and proper disposal of deceased livestock is essential to protecting animal health, public health, environmental quality, and the continued operation of agricultural enterprises throughout Lawrence County; and

Whereas, livestock producers have experienced increased costs associated with dead stock removal services because of changes in available funding and financial assistance for such services; and

Whereas, the Lawrence County Board of County Commissioners recognizes that these increased costs place an additional financial burden upon local cattle producers and other livestock owners; and

Whereas, the Lawrence County Board of County Commissioners finds that providing temporary financial assistance for dead stock removal services will promote the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Lawrence County while supporting one of the County's most important industries; and

Whereas, the Lawrence County Board of County Commissioners desires to establish a one-year relief fund for this purpose;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Lawrence County Legislative Body meeting in Regular Session on this 28th day of July 2026, that a one-year Dead Stock Removal Relief Fund is hereby established for the benefit of eligible livestock producers within Lawrence County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the sum of sixty-seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$67,500.00) is hereby appropriated from the General Fund for the establishment and operation of the Dead Stock Removal Relief Fund during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the funds appropriated herein shall be expended from the General Fund in accordance with the annual appropriations resolution for Fiscal Year 2026–2027. The County Executive, or his designee, is hereby authorized to administer the Fund and to establish reasonable policies and procedures governing eligibility, reimbursement, documentation, and distribution of funds, consistent with the purpose of this Resolution and subject to available appropriations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the adoption of this Resolution shall constitute an amendment to the Lawrence County Budget for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, and the Director of Accounts & Budgets is hereby authorized and directed to make such accounting and budgetary entries as may be necessary to implement the appropriation authorized herein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Dead Stock Removal Relief Fund shall terminate on June 30, 2027, unless extended by subsequent action of the Lawrence County Board of County Commissioners.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that nothing contained herein shall be construed as creating an entitlement to reimbursement or requiring expenditures more than the funds appropriated by this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect upon its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed this 28th day of July 2026.

Shane Eaton, Chair
Lawrence County Legislative Body

David A. Morgan, County Executive

ATTEST:

Russ Brewer, County Clerk

SPONSOR: Budget Committee, County Commissioners, and David Morgan