

RESOLUTION No. 15-11-002

Sponsored by Commissioners Tona Monroe, Jamie Daly, and Karen Miller

A RESOLUTION TO CONDUCT A TELECONFERENCE HEARING FROM THE ILPP CONSULTANT.

WHEREAS the taxpayers of Blount County, Tennessee paid \$94,580 to have the nationally recommended non-profit Institute for Law & Policy Planning (ILPP) perform a criminal justice system assessment and issue a report on the jail, jail crowding, possible need for a new facility, and its overall findings (similar to ILPP highly regarded work in Knoxville); and

WHEREAS ILPP has more than once offered to do a presentation of their report and recommendations for the Blount County Board of Commissioners at no additional costs; and

WHEREAS the Mayor has stated his intention to sue ILPP (with the "County Attorney", a position which has never been created by a private act of the Tennessee General Assembly), and employed his own attorney to evaluate that lawsuit, and thereby stifle discussion on the ILPP study; and

WHEREAS no lawsuit has been filed against ILPP in the seven months since the Mayor's statement; and,

WHEREAS the Sheriff has been sending the mayor and commissioners letters discussing jail overcrowding and has said that there is resulting increased tension in the jail; and

WHEREAS there is a national discussion and much action on criminal justice reform and jail crowding, including action taken on the basis of ILPP's report in Knoxville; and

WHEREAS the ILPP report for Blount County states that the County re-formulate it's approach to the use of the local jail; and

Whereas the members of Blount County Corrections Partnership at the January meeting voted 5 yes, 0 no, with 1 absent to forward to the full Commission a request that the County Commission host a teleconference presentation from and discussion with ILPP in a public setting; and,

WHEREAS the Blount County Corrections Partnership has only met infrequently; so,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Blount County, Tennessee assembled this 19th day of November 2015:

At the regularly scheduled December meeting of the Blount County Board of Commissioners the consultant shall present the results of his assessment. The Chair may reschedule the presentation for another date before March 1, 2016 if the need arises, but in any case provide for teleconferencing.

CERTIFICATION OF ACTION

ATTEST

Commission Chairman

County Clerk

Approved: ____

Vetoed: _____
County Mayor

Date