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Moved by: _____

Seconded by: _____

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Reviewed by: Lee Hopson

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE FY 2017 OPERATING BUDGET OF THE SHELBY COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,096,415.00 AND THE POSITION CONTROL BUDGET TO PROVIDE THE RESOURCES AND PERSONNEL NECESSARY FOR A FIRE BASED EMERGENCY AMBULANCE TRANSPORT SERVICE. THIS ITEM REQUIRES THE APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURE OF FIRE SERVICES FUNDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$5,096,415.00 INCLUDING AN INTERFUND LOAN FROM THE GENERAL FUND FOR CAPITAL PURCHASES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,500,000.00. COSPONSORED BY COMMISSIONER VAN TURNER AND MARK BILLINGSLEY.

WHEREAS, Shelby County Government (“County”) and the Cities of Millington and Lakeland and Town of Arlington, Tennessee (“Municipalities”), have need for the provision of emergency ambulance services throughout unincorporated Shelby County and within said Municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the County entered into an agreement with American Medical Response of Tennessee, Inc. on July 1, 2013 to provide emergency ambulance service; and

WHEREAS, Shelby County Government has received notice of cancellation by American Medical Response of Tennessee, Inc., of its current contract to provide emergency ambulance transport effective December 31, 2016; and

WHEREAS, After a thorough review of all available options, the County has determined that it is in the best interest of the citizens of the County and Municipalities,

from a safety and fiscal standpoint, to provide said fire based emergency ambulance transport through its Shelby County Fire Department (SCFD); and

WHEREAS, This additional responsibility requires an amendment to the FY 2017 Operating and Position Control Budgets to provide salaries for 60 additional Firefighters/EMS personnel, including supervisory staff, and the necessary equipment and medical supplies to fully support a fire based emergency ambulance transport within the unincorporated areas of the County, the Cities of Millington and Lakeland and Town of Arlington, Tennessee for the remaining portion of FY 2017; and

WHEREAS, SCFD has identified the need to increase its FY 2017 Operating Budget by \$5,096,415.00 for this purpose, as shown on the attached Budget Exhibit A and Position Control Budget Exhibit B; and

WHEREAS, The total appropriation of \$5,096,415.00 includes \$2,500,000.00 for the capital purchase of ambulances through an interfund loan from the General Fund as authorized by separate resolution of this body; and

WHEREAS, The Fire Department has committed to comply with the response times contractually required of AMR; and

WHEREAS, Fire Fees in the unincorporated areas of Shelby County will be increased by 12% effective January 1, 2017, to support the cost of providing these services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE, That the Shelby County Fire Department's FY 2017 Operating Budget is hereby amended and funds appropriated in the amount of \$5,096,415.00 for the purpose of providing 60 additional firefighters/EMS

personnel and supervisory staff with needed equipment and medical supplies, pursuant to the attached Exhibit A, which shall be incorporated herein by reference.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Shelby County Fire Department's Personnel Control Budget is hereby amended pursuant to the attached Exhibit B, which shall be incorporated herein by reference.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Shelby County Fire Department, with the present service area, will only require a total of 60 full time personnel committed to the emergency ambulance service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Mayor and the Director of Administration and Finance are authorized to issue their warrant or warrants in amounts not to exceed \$5,096,415.00 and to take proper credit in their accounting therefor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this Resolution becomes effective in accordance with the Shelby County Charter, Article II, Section 2.06(B).

Mark H. Luttrell, Jr.
Shelby County Mayor

Date: _____

ATTEST:

Clerk of County Commission

ADOPTED: _____