

BEFORE THE COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODY FOR UNION COUNTY, TN
RESOLUTION No. _____

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENTS FOR THE USE AND BENEFIT OF ALL COUNTY DEPARTMENTS.

WHEREAS, *Tennessee Code Annotated (TCA) § 12-3-1205 (B) (1)* allows for master cooperative purchasing agreements upon the approval and consent of the local legislative body; and

WHEREAS, cooperative purchasing agreements allow local governments to purchase goods and services from other local, state and national cooperative purchasing alliances that have been competitively bid under the same circumstances required by law by the purchasing entity; and

WHEREAS, these master cooperative agreements reduce time and personnel resources needed to competitively bid goods and services at the local level, but still allow local governments to take advantage of the lowest and best pricing available for the needed goods and services; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee state law was recently amended at the request of the Tennessee Association of Public Purchasing, the Union County Legislative Committee and the Union County Board of Commissioners for all Tennessee counties to take advantage of cooperative purchasing agreements in effect throughout our state and nation; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section *12-3-1205 (B) (1)*, states as follows:

(1) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, any municipality county, utility district, or other local government of the state may participate in, sponsor, conduct, or administer a cooperative purchasing agreement for the procurement of any goods, supplies, services, or equipment with one (1) or more other governmental entities outside this state, to the extent the laws of the other state permit the joint exercise of purchasing authority, in accordance with an agreement entered into between or among the participants; provided, such goods, supplies, services, or equipment were procured in a manner that constitutes competitive bidding and were advertised, evaluated, and awarded by a governmental entity and made available for use by other governmental entities.

(2) A municipality, county, utility district, or other local government of the state may participate in a master agreement by adopting a resolution accepting the terms of the master agreement. If a participant in a joint or multi-party agreement is required to advertise and receive bids, then it will be deemed sufficient for those purposes that the purchasing entity or the entity that procured the bid complied with its own purchasing requirements. The participant shall acquire and maintain documentation that the purchasing entity or entities that procured the bid complied with its own purchasing requirements.

WHEREAS, Union County desires to take advantage of the newly created law and reduce the taxpayer burden for duplication of services while still taking advantage of the lowest and best pricing under the master cooperative agreements that have been competitively bid under the same circumstances required by law by the purchasing entity.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Union County Commission meeting in regular session this 24th day of February , 2020 that we agree to the terms of the newly created law and authorize use of the following master cooperative purchasing agreements:

1. OMNIA-formerly known as The Cooperative Purchasing Network (TCPN)
2. SOURCEWELL- formerly known as National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA)
3. OMNIA-formerly known as U. S. Communities
4. OMNIA-formerly known as National IPA (NIPA)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the established list of authorized cooperative purchasing agreements may be amended at any time by the Union County Board of Commissioners.

RESOLVED, DULY PASSED AND APPROVED this 24th day of February, 2020

Jason Bailey, Union County Mayor

ATTEST:

Pam Ailor, Union County Clerk