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BUSINESS**

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-116

**RESOLUTION REMOVING THE TWENTY-FIVE DOLLAR (\$25) WHEEL TAX GOING TO DEBT SERVICE FOR THE CLAIBORNE COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER**

**WHEREAS**, a twenty-five dollar (\$25) wheel tax was established to cover the expenses for the construction of a new justice center through the issuance of a bond; and

**WHEREAS**, there is enough money in the escrow account to make the last two payments on the existing bond; and

**WHEREAS**, Claiborne County wishes to lessen the tax burden on its citizens; and so,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** for the purpose of approving or rejecting the provisions of this resolution, the twenty-five dollar (\$25) wheel tax funding the debt service for the Justice Center shall be removed upon being approved by two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the county legislative body at two consecutive regularly scheduled meetings.

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED** should this resolution meet the above criteria, the additional twenty-five (\$25) wheel tax going to debt service for the repayment of the jail bond shall be terminated on December 31, 2024.

**IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED** this resolution shall take effect upon its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this the 21<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2024.

  
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Joe Brooks, Claiborne County Mayor

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Mitchell Cosby, County Commissioner

ATTEST:

  
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Karen Hurst, County Clerk



JASON E. MUMPOWER  
*Comptroller*

November 6, 2024

Honorable Joe Brooks, Mayor  
and Honorable Board of Commissioners  
Claiborne County  
P.O. Box 318  
Tazewell, TN 37879

Dear Mayor Brooks and Members of the Board:

Thank you for your request. We acknowledge receipt on November 1, 2024, of a request from the Finance Director of Claiborne County (the "County") for approval to issue three-year capital outlay notes in an amount not to exceed \$390,000 to be known as the "Claiborne County Landfill Garbage Truck Capital Outlay Notes, Series 2024" (the "Notes").

Included with the request was a certified copy of Resolution #2024-120 adopted on October 21, 2024, authorizing the issuance of the Notes to finance the acquisition of a garbage truck for the Claiborne County Landfill (the "Project"). The proposed note form was not included with the resolution. Please submit a copy of the executed note to our office when you complete the Report on Debt Obligation: [uncot.cc/debt-report](http://uncot.cc/debt-report). The report should be filed within forty-five (45) days of the issuance of the debt herein approved.

### **Note Approval**

This letter constitutes approval for the County to issue the Notes by informal bid pursuant to Title 9, Chapter 21, Part 6 of Tennessee Code Annotated. Approval of the sale of the Notes is conditioned upon the County's compliance with all relevant provisions of Tennessee law. Our office has relied upon the County's determination of the cost of the public works project.

The County is responsible for ensuring compliance with Title 9, Chapter 21, Parts 1, 4, and 6 of the Tennessee Code Annotated, its debt management policy, and timely payment of outstanding note principal and interest in accordance with the note provisions.

This letter and the approval to issue debt do not address the compliance with federal tax regulations and should not be relied upon for that purpose. The County should discuss these issues with a tax attorney or bond counsel.

Claiborne County  
Capital Outlay Note Approval Letter  
November 6, 2024

This approval is valid for six months after the date of this letter. If the Notes have not been issued within that time, a new request must be submitted to our office for approval. Please notify us if the County decides not to issue the Notes.

### **Purpose, Terms, and Life**

This Project meets the definition of a public works project in Tenn. Code Ann. § 9-21-105, and the County may issue notes under the authority of Title 9, Chapter 21 of the Tennessee Code Annotated to finance such Project.

The maturity of the Notes does not exceed the life of the proposed Project as attested by the local governing body. The maximum maturity for the Notes as authorized by the governing body is three fiscal years after the fiscal year the Notes are issued.

In its resolution, the County committed to amortize the Notes in a manner that reflects level debt service.

The submitted resolution and supporting documents appear to meet the requirements for the issuance of notes in Title 9, Chapter 21 Parts 1, 4, and 6 of the Tennessee Code Annotated.

### **After Issuance**

Our website contains specific compliance requirements your local government will be responsible for once the notes are issued: <http://uncot.cc/debt>. The listing is not all inclusive.

If you should have questions or need assistance, please refer to our online resources or feel free to contact your financial analyst, Lori Barnard, at 615.747.5347 or [Lori.Barnard@cot.tn.gov](mailto:Lori.Barnard@cot.tn.gov).

Sincerely,



Sheila Reed, Director  
Division of Local Government Finance

cc: Eric Pearson, Finance Director, Claiborne County

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