

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-\_\_\_\_**

**CITY OF TONTITOWN, WASHINGTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS**

**A RESOLUTION TO WAIVE COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND TO RATIFY AND APPROVE THE CITY COUNCIL'S APPROVAL ON FEBRUARY 20, 2024 OF A PURCHASE OF 2023 FORD EXPLORER FOR THE TONTITOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT.**

**WHEREAS**, on February 20, 2023, the City Council voted to approve the purchase of one 2023 Ford Explorer for the Tontitown Police Department for the amount of \$50,340.00 from Oxmoor Ford in Louisville, Kentucky; and

**WHEREAS**, this police vehicle was subsequently purchased using funds paid from city's the general fund because there was an immediate need by the Tontitown Police Department to have an operational police vehicle; and

**WHEREAS**, due to an error, the resolution to waive competitive bidding and to approve the purchase of this vehicle was not executed; and

**WHEREAS**, because the proposed purchase in February of 2023 was only valid for a short period of time, and special circumstances existed with the limited availability of police response vehicles at that time, the City County determined that an exceptional circumstance existed which necessitated the waiving of competitive bidding and which made competitive bidding impossible with this transaction; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council reviewed the proposal from Oxmoor Ford and determined on February 20, 2023 that sufficient funds were available for the purchase and that the price was more favorable than similar police vehicles that were available in Arkansas at that time; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council found it is in the best interest to waive competitive bidding and that the best interest and benefit of the community to authorize the Mayor to purchase the above-described police department apparatus and equipment for the amount of \$50,340.00 for the Tontitown Police Department, and to appropriate funds for the same from the General Fund; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council desires to acknowledge the approval of the purchase of this police vehicle and to ratify the waiver of competitive bidding and all actions that were taken by the city to complete the purchase.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City Council of the City of Tontitown, Arkansas:

**Section 1.** The City Council hereby ratifies the purchase of the above-described police vehicle from Oxmoor Ford, which was approved by the City Council on February 20, 2023, for the amount of \$50,340.00 with funds to be paid from the city's general fund.

**Section 2.** The City Council hereby ratifies that waiver of competitive bidding for the above-described police vehicle and declares that an emergency existed on February 20, 2023 because the police vehicle was only available for a short period of time, requiring the City Council

to act quickly, and where special circumstances existed at that time in the market that limited the availability of police vehicles. The City Council further ratifies there was an immediate need for an operational police vehicle for the Tontitown Police Department on February 20, 2023 and that the price for this vehicle was advantageous as compared to vehicles that were available at the time.

**Section 3.** The actions of the Mayor and her designees are hereby ratified and authorized by the City Council in connection therewith.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2025.

APPROVED:

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Angela Russell, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Rhonda Ardemagni, City Clerk-Treasurer  
(SEAL)