

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-_____

CITY OF TONTITOWN, WASHINGTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE TONTITOWN HISTORICAL MUSEUM FUND THROUGH THE ARKANSAS COMMUNITY FOUNDATION USING PRIVATELY RAISED FUNDS; PROHIBITING THE USE OF CITY FUNDS AS SEED MONEY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Tontitown City Council recognizes the importance of preserving Tontitown's history and supporting the Tontitown Historical Museum; and

WHEREAS, the Arkansas Community Foundation requires a private individual to serve as the donor establishing the Tontitown Historical Museum Fund, and Michael A. Washkowiak has agreed to serve in that capacity under the Agreement Establishing the Tontitown Historical Museum Fund attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement provides that the Fund shall support the Tontitown Historical Museum and identifies the City of Tontitown, Tontitown Historical Museum, as the designated grantee; and

WHEREAS, the Tontitown City Council desires to support this private fundraising initiative while expressly providing that the initial contribution, referred to as "seed money," shall be raised from private sources and shall not consist of City funds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TONTITOWN, ARKANSAS:

Section 1. Approval of the Fund. The Tontitown City Council approves the establishment of the Tontitown Historical Museum Fund under the Agreement attached as Exhibit A and approves the identification of the City of Tontitown, Tontitown Historical Museum, as the designated grantee, subject to the conditions of this Resolution.

Section 2. Private Seed Money Required. All seed money and initial contributions used to establish the Fund shall consist exclusively of voluntarily contributed private funds. No City funds shall be appropriated, transferred, advanced, reimbursed, or otherwise used, directly or indirectly, to provide the seed money or initial contributions. This prohibition includes funds held in any City account, including any existing City museum account or reserve, regardless of the original source of those funds.

Private contributions shall be paid directly to the Arkansas Community Foundation for the Fund and shall not pass through City accounts.

Section 3. No City Funding Obligation. This Resolution does not authorize any City contribution to the Fund, matching contribution, reimbursement to a donor, guarantee, or commitment to replace or supplement privately raised funds. The City shall have no obligation to supply any fundraising shortfall or pay the Fund's establishment, administration, or management fees. Such fees shall be paid from private contributions or Fund assets in accordance with the Agreement.

Section 4. Agreement and Administration. Tontitown Alderman Michael A. Washkowiak shall serve as the private individual identified as the "Donor" under the Agreement, as required by the Arkansas Community Foundation to establish the Fund. Mr. Washkowiak's designation in that capacity does not obligate him to personally provide all seed money or initial contributions, which may be raised from private donors. The Agreement shall remain between Michael A. Washkowiak and the Arkansas Community Foundation, and the City shall not become a donor or contracting party by adopting this Resolution. The Fund shall be held and administered by the Arkansas Community Foundation in accordance with the Agreement.

Section 5. Implementation and Distributions. The Mayor is authorized to communicate the City's approval and execute acknowledgments or other documents necessary to identify the City and Museum as the designated grantee, provided those documents are consistent with this Resolution and impose no financial obligation upon the City. Any distributions received by the City shall be recorded and administered through the City's applicable financial procedures and used for the authorized purposes of the Tontitown Historical Museum.

Section 6. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its adoption, approval, and signature by the Mayor.

THIS RESOLUTION PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2026.

APPROVED:

Angela Russell, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rhonda Ardemagni, City Clerk-Treasurer
(SEAL)

SPONSORSHIP AND LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

Sponsor (Initiated By): _____

Motion to Introduce Made By: _____

Seconded By: _____

Adopted / Passed: _____

Vote: Ayes ____ Nays ____ Abstain ____ Absent ____

This requirement is in addition to, and does not supersede, any authentication, attestations, or signature requirements imposed by state law or other provisions of the Tontitown Municipal Code.