

R E S O L U T I O N

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CROSSVILLE, TENNESSEE, CALLING A REFERENDUM ELECTION TO ASK THE QUALIFIED VOTERS WHETHER THE CITY MAY, UPON A DETERMINATION BY THE CITY COUNCIL THAT SUCH ACTION IS IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE CITY AND ITS RATEPAYERS, TRANSFER CERTAIN WATER AND SEWER UTILITY REAL PROPERTY TO THE CUMBERLAND PLATEAU WATER AUTHORITY.

WHEREAS, the City of Crossville, Tennessee (“City”) owns and operates a municipal water and sewer system for the benefit of its residents and ratepayers; and

WHEREAS, Meadow Park Lake was dedicated in 1939 for the purpose of supplying potable water to the City, and the City presently owns real property at and around Meadow Park Lake, which are more particularly described as Tax Map 136, Parcel 004.00 and Tax Map 124, Parcel 046.01, Tax Assessor for Cumberland County, Tennessee as well as other tracts.

WHEREAS, it is the intent to transfer only 3.85 acres that is contiguous to and surrounding the dam and 38.17 acres that is contiguous to and surrounding the treatment facility; (The property description for the land being conveyed for the dam is attached as Ex. A; the property description for the land being conveyed for the treatment facility is attached as Ex. B) and

WHEREAS, it is the intent that no other land located at Meadow Park Lake be transferred to the Water Authority, other than the tracts mentioned above.

WHEREAS, the City of Crossville also owns other tracts of property throughout Cumberland County, Tennessee that are utilized in the water/sewer systems that are more particularly identified on the list of properties that is identified as Exhibit C, which is incorporated herein.

WHEREAS, the City of Crossville and the Cumberland Plateau Water Authority (“CPWA”) are evaluating the potential consolidation or merger of the City of Crossville’s water and sewer operations with CPWA in order to promote long-term system reliability, regional efficiency, and ratepayer stability; and

WHEREAS, any such consolidation or merger would require the transfer of certain real property presently owned by the City of Crossville and used for water and sewer operations, including but not limited to:

- 3.85 acres at Meadow Park Lake surrounding the dam;(Exhibit A)
- 38.17 acres surrounding the Meadow Park Lake Water Treatment Plant (Exhibit B); and

All real property owned by the City of Crossville that is more particularly identified on Exhibit C, including property located elsewhere within Cumberland County, Tennessee, constitutes essential property used in the operation of the City’s water and sewer system. Such property includes, without limitation, sites used for water tanks, pumping stations, treatment plants, and all other facilities necessary for the provision and operation of municipal water and sewer

services. **No real property other than the properties listed on Exhibits A, B, and C is proposed to be conveyed.**

WHEREAS, Article III, Section 1 (9) of the Charter of the City of Crossville requires approval by referendum of the qualified voters of the City before the City may transfer, convey, or dispose of utility system real property that is located at or contiguous to the properties owned at Meadow Park Lake; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to submit to the qualified voters of the City, at the November 3, 2026 general election, the question of whether the City may transfer the above-described real property, as well as the properties described on Exhibit A to CPWA if and only if the City Council later determines, by separate action, that such transfer is in the best interests of the City of Crossville and its ratepayers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CROSSVILLE, TENNESSEE, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Referendum Called.

A referendum election is hereby called to be held on November 3, 2026, in conjunction with the statewide general election, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of the City of Crossville the question set forth in Section 2 of this Resolution.

SECTION 2. Ballot Question.

The following question shall be placed on the ballot:

“Shall the City of Crossville be authorized to transfer to the Cumberland Plateau Water Authority the properties listed on Exhibit A, B & C if the Crossville City Council later determines that such transfer is in the best interests of the City of Crossville and its ratepayers?”

YES NO

SECTION 3. Effect of Approval.

Approval of the referendum shall authorize, but not require, the City Council to transfer the above-described real property to the Cumberland Plateau Water Authority by subsequent ordinance or resolution, subject to all applicable legal requirements.

SECTION 4. Notice of Election.

The City Clerk is directed to transmit this Resolution to the Cumberland County Election Commission and to take all actions necessary to place the referendum question on the November 3, 2026 ballot as required by law.

SECTION 5. Publication.

The City Clerk shall cause this Resolution, or a summary thereof, to be published in accordance with applicable law.

SECTION 6. Effective Date.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption, the public welfare requiring it.

ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF JUNE, 2026.

Mayor R. J. Crawford

Council Member Mike Turner

Council Member Art Gernt

Council Member James Mayberry

Council Member Mark A. Fox

ATTEST:

Baylee Rhea, City Clerk

Approved as to Form:

Randall A. York, City Attorney