

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-R-30

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF REVIVING THE STATE-RUN FEDERAL SURPLUS PROPERTY PROGRAM  
ADMINISTERED BY THE STATE OF ARKANSAS**

**WHEREAS**, the Arkansas Federal Surplus Property Program has historically provided cities, towns, counties, state agencies, fire departments, and non-profits across the state with access to high-quality, government-grade equipment and supplies at a fraction of retail cost; and

**WHEREAS**, the program enabled local governments to acquire essential items—such as vehicles, tools, office furniture, emergency response gear, and generators—at discounts of up to 90%, often paying only 5–10% of the original value; and

**WHEREAS**, the program was recently shut down due to a reported \$300,000 operating deficit, largely caused by changes in federal policy that shifted surplus property sales to online platforms, reducing the volume of high-value items available to the state; and

**WHEREAS**, despite this shortfall, local governments collectively paid approximately \$900,000 for surplus items through the program—receiving goods worth many times that amount—demonstrating the program's high return on investment and value to Arkansas communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the closure of the program disproportionately affects small and rural municipalities that rely on affordable access to durable equipment to maintain public safety, infrastructure, and essential services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Arkansas Legislative Council's Joint Performance Review Committee has heard testimony from local officials and emergency responders urging a fiscal impact study and reconsideration of the program's closure; and

**WHEREAS**, the City/Town/Department of City of Bull Shoals has directly benefited from this program in the past and recognizes its critical role in supporting local government operations.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BULL SHOALS, ARKANSAS:**

1. That we strongly support the **revival or replacement** of the Arkansas Federal Surplus Property Program;
2. That we urge the Governor, Arkansas General Assembly, and relevant state agencies to explore sustainable funding models or partnerships to restore this vital service;
3. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Arkansas Department of Public Safety, the Arkansas Legislative Council, and our local legislative delegation.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this 18<sup>th</sup> day of DECEMBER, 2025.

  
Mayor Bill Stahlman  
City of Bull Shoals

**ATTEST:**   
Bull Shoals Recorder  
Paula Reynolds