

RESOLUTION NO. 2447

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY ACCEPTING STATE GRANT FUNDS THROUGH THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF CRIME CONTROL AND PREVENTION ENTITLED "LATENT FINGERPRING EXAM."

WHEREAS, The City of Salisbury accepts funds from GOCCP in the amount of \$33,000.00 (thirty-three thousand dollars) to pay for latent fingerprint exams conducted by Ron Smith & Associates; and

WHEREAS, Ron Smith & Associates has contracted with the Maryland State Police Crime Lab to assist in analyzing current and backlogged latent fingerprint evidence; and

WHEREAS, the Salisbury Police Department has current and backlogged latent fingerprint evidence pending analysis at the Maryland State Police Lab; and

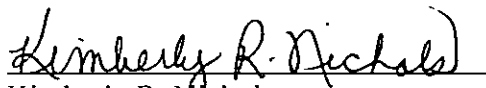
WHEREAS, the awarded dollars would be utilized solely for the processing of the Salisbury Police Department's current and backlogged latent Fingerprint evidence sent directly to Ron Smith & Associates or located at the Maryland State Police Lab; and

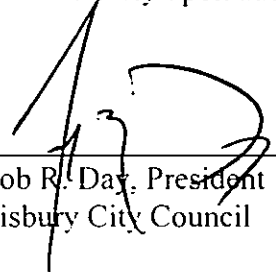
WHEREAS, the Salisbury Police Department has the need to expedite current and backlogged latent fingerprint evidence for the purposes of criminal case investigation, and prosecution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND that the awarded State Grant funds in the amount of \$33,000.00 (thirty three thousand dollars) are accepted and shall be utilized by the Salisbury Police Department.

THIS RESOLUTION was duly passed at a meeting of the Council of the City of Salisbury held on September 22, 2014 and is to become effective immediately upon adoption.


ATTEST:

  
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Kimberly R. Nichols  
City Clerk

  
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Jacob R. Day, President  
Salisbury City Council

APPROVED BY ME THIS:

24<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2014

  
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James Arton, Jr., Mayor

# City of Salisbury



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BARBARA DUNCAN  
CHIEF OF POLICE

September 4, 2014

TO: Tom Stevenson

FROM: Major David Meienschein

SUBJECT: Resolution – Acceptance of Grant Funds for Latent Fingerprint Analysis

Attached, please find a Resolution to accept \$33,000.00 from The Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention, GOCCP to be used for the analysis of latent fingerprints. These funds may be used for current unsent or backlogged latent fingerprints that have previously been sent to the Maryland State Police Lab.

The Maryland State Police currently maintains an extensive backlog of latent fingerprints from various agencies. In many cases court cases have been adjudicated before the fingerprints are analyzed. The primary issue is an overwhelming caseload and understaffing.

In recognizing this problem the Maryland State Police have contracted with Ron Smith & Associates to assist with clearing out this backlog. The award from GOCCP will pay for the analysis of the fingerprints only and is specific to this vender. Ron Smith & Associates is located in Collinsville, MS. Although the fingerprint analysis may be accomplished at Ron Smith & Associates business location however, they must transport the latent fingerprints to the Maryland State Police Lab in Pikeville, Md.

SPD is requesting that \$8,000.00 be set aside to cover the cost of transporting SPD latent prints to the Maryland State Police lab. At times when a shared travel cost with other agencies is appropriate we will explore those options.

It should be noted that expeditious analysis of latent fingerprints can be critical in the identification and prosecution in criminal cases.

Unless you, or the Mayor, have further questions, please forward this Resolution to the City Council.

Major David Meienschein  
Administrative Commander

Attachment