Council Member Ryan Stone made a motion to approve the following resolution. A vote of 5-0 in favor.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TOWN STAFF TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA) DISASTER ASSISTANCE FUNDING GRANT FOR REPLACING HELENE-DAMAGED VEHICLES

RESOLUTION NO. R-26-30

WHEREAS, Tropical Storm Helene caused extensive damage to Town of Black Mountain vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the FEMA Public Assistance has determined they will not fund vehicle replacement beyond insurance proceeds; and

WHEREAS, there exists a substantial gap between insurance proceeds and vehicle replacement costs; and

WHEREAS, replacing damaged vehicles is an eligible activity under the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Community Facilities Disaster Assistance Funding program; and

WHEREAS, the Land of Sky Regional Council has offered to assist the Town of Black Mountain with this application; and

WHEREAS, the USDA CF DAF program does not require local matching funds; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council wishes to pursue a formal application in the amount of $556,403.57 to cover the estimated gap between insurance proceeds and replacement vehicle costs based on blue book values.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BLACK MOUNTAIN:

1. That the Town of Black Mountain is authorized to submit a formal application to the USDA Community Facilities Disaster Assistance Funding program for replacing Helene-damaged vehicles.
2. That the Town Manager (or designee) is authorized to execute and file the application, including all assurances and agreements required, on behalf of the Town of Black Mountain.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Approved this the 1st day of April 2026.

C. Michael Sobol, Mayor

Attest:

Wesley M. Barker, Town Clerk