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Meeting Minutes - Draft

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Thursday, April 18, 2024

6:30 PM

Blount County Courthouse, Room 430

Live stream via <https://zoom.us/join>

Zoom Meeting ID: 830 7009 1336

ROLL CALL

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the Blount County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, April, 18, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. in the Blount County Courthouse of Maryville, Tennessee. Blount County Commission Chairman Jared Anderson called the meeting to order. An electronic roll call was taken by Blount County Clerk Gaye Hasty. There were 16 members present and 5 absent. The following proceedings were held, to wit:

- Present:** 16 - Chairperson Jared Anderson, Commissioner Dyran Bledsoe, Vice Chair Nick Bright, Commissioner Richard Carver, Commissioner Mike Caylor, Commissioner Misty Davis, Commissioner Ron French, Commissioner John Giles, Commissioner Jessica Hannah, Commissioner Jeff Jopling, Commissioner Scott King, Commissioner Staci Martin, Commissioner Dawn Reagan, Commissioner Tom Stinnett, Commissioner Linda Webb, and Commissioner David Wells
- Absent:** 5 - Commissioner Mike Akard, Commissioner Robbie Bennett, Commissioner Brad Bowers, Commissioner Earl McMahan, and Commissioner Steve Mikels

A. SETTING OF AGENDA.

A motion was made by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Vice Chair Bright, that the agenda be set. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 16 - Anderson, Bledsoe, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, King, Martin, Reagan, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 5 - Akard, Bennett, Bowers, McMahan, and Mikels

Abstain: 0

B. CONSENT CALENDAR.

A motion was made by Commissioner French, seconded by Commissioner Giles, that the Consent Calendar be approved. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 16 - Anderson, Bledsoe, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, King, Martin, Reagan, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 5 - Akard, Bennett, Bowers, McMahan, and Mikels

Abstain: 0

1. [Resolution No. 24-04-012, A Proclamation Honoring the Alcoa High School Graduating Class of 2024 for Their Accomplishment in Scoring a 30 or Above on the ACT.](#)

Attachments: [AHSrClass2024ResProclamation](#)

The Proclamation was read out loud by Commissioner Hannah.

2. [Resolution No. 24-04-013, A Proclamation Honoring the Heritage High School Graduating Class of 2024 for Their Accomplishment in Scoring a 30 or Above on the ACT.](#)

Attachments: [HeritageHSrClass2024ResProclamation](#)

The Proclamation was read out loud by Commissioner Jopling.

3. [Resolution No. 24-04-014, A Proclamation Honoring the Maryville High School Graduating Class of 2024 for Their Accomplishment in Scoring a 30 or Above on the ACT.](#)

Attachments: [MHSrClass2024ResProclamation](#)

The Proclamation was read out loud by Chairman Anderson.

4. [Resolution No. 24-04-015, A Proclamation Honoring the Samuel Everett School of Innovation Graduating Class of 2024 for Their Accomplishment in Scoring a 30 or Above on the ACT.](#)

Attachments: [SESISrClass2024ResProclamation](#)

The Proclamation was read out loud by Commissioner Bright.

5. [Resolution No. 24-04-016, A Proclamation Honoring the William Blount High School Graduating Class of 2024 for Their Accomplishment in Scoring a 30 or Above on the ACT.](#)

Attachments: [WBSrClass2024ResProclamation](#)

The Proclamation was read out loud by Commissioner Bright.

6. [Resolution No. 24-04-017, A Proclamation Honoring the Alcoa High School Tornadoes Men's Basketball Team.](#)

Attachments: [proclamationALCOAHSBASKETBALL Back2Back Champs](#)

The Proclamation was read out loud by Commissioner Bledsoe.

7. [Resolution No. 24-04-018, A Proclamation Honoring the Alcoa Tornadoes Basketball Team Player Jahvin Carter.](#)

Attachments: [Proclamation Honoring Alcoa Tornadoes Basketball Player Jahvin Carter](#)

The Proclamation was read out loud by Commissioner Bledsoe.

8. [Minutes of Regular Commission Meeting on March 21, 2024.](#)

Attachments: [1920 M Board of Commissioners 24-03-21 Meeting Minutes](#)

The minutes were approved.

9. [Approval of Bonds and Oaths.](#)

Attachments: [BONDS AND OATHS RESOLUTION 2024-APR-18](#)

[Oaths of Deputy Sheriff 2024-Apr-18](#)

[Oaths of Deputy Assessors](#)

[Notary Public Bonds Oaths 2024-Apr-18](#)

The Resolution was adopted.

10. [Notaries to be Elected.](#)

Attachments: [Notaries to be Elected 2024-Apr-18](#)

The notaries were elected.

11. [Receiving of Reports \(Information Only\).](#)

Attachments: [Minutes of Animal Center Advisory Board 2023-Nov-28](#)
[Minutes of Beer Board 2024-Mar-12](#)
[Minutes of Board of Zoning Appeals 2023-Dec-04](#)
[Minutes of Budget Committee 2024-Mar-12](#)
[Minutes of Planning Commission 2024-Feb-22](#)
[Records Requests 2023_Q4 Oct-Dec](#)
[Trustees Report March 2024](#)

The reports were received and filed.

12. [March 2024 Financial Reports \(Information Only\).](#)

Attachments: [ARPA Utility Project Update March 2024](#)
[ARPA Tracking 3.31.24](#)
[FY23.24 Capital Exhibit Master](#)
[March 2024 Expense Report](#)
[March 2024 Revenue Report](#)
[YTD Expense Report as of March 31 2024](#)
[YTD Revenue Report as of March 31 2024](#)
[US Bank Report March 2024](#)

The reports were received and filed.

13. [Certified Election Results for March 05, 2024 \(Information Only\).](#)

Attachments: [Receipt of Certified Election Results for 2024-Mar-05](#)
[Republican Presidential Preference Primary Election Held 2024-Mar-05](#)
[Demotractic Presidential Preference Primary Election Held 2024-Mar-05](#)
[Republican Primary Election Held 2024-Mar-05](#)
[Democratic Primary Election Held 2024-Mar-05](#)
[City of Rockford Election Held 2024-Mar-05](#)

The reports were received and filed.

14. [Blount County Fire Protection District Board of Commissioners \(4-Year Term\) Reappointment of Benny Kirby, Seat 1 \(Information Only\).](#)

Attachments: [Fire Protection Appointment 2024](#)

The appointment was received and filed.

15. [Blount County Penny Valuation memorandum for FY24-25 \(Information Only\).](#)

Attachments: [FY24.25 Penny Valuation Memo](#)

The information was received and filed.

C. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

D. ELECTIONS, APPOINTMENTS, AND CONFIRMATIONS.

1. [I.T. Committee - Confirmation of Mayoral Appointment of Jenny Montgomery to fill Highway Department Representative Vacancy.](#)

Attachments: [IT Committee April 2024](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Stinnett, seconded by Commissioner French, that the appointment be approved. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 16 - Anderson, Bledsoe, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, King, Martin, Reagan, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 5 - Akard, Bennett, Bowers, McMahan, and Mikels

Abstain: 0

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

F. NEW BUSINESS.

1. [Resolution No. 24-04-001. Budget Increase - School Capital - \\$347,800.00 \(Appropriate funds for HVAC Controls at Eagleton College and Career Academy\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution Schools ECCA HVAC Controls](#)
[Amendment Schools ECCA HVAC Controls](#)
[Memo Schools ECCA HVAC Controls](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner French, seconded by Commissioner Giles, that the Resolution be adopted. Commissioner French made a motion that items F.1. a, b, c, and d be combined into one vote. Without objection, the Chairman declared that a single vote to adopt Res. 24-04-001, Res. 24-04-002, Res. 24-04-003, and Res. 24-04-004 would be taken. There was no objection. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 16 - Anderson, Bledsoe, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, King, Martin, Reagan, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 5 - Akard, Bennett, Bowers, McMahan, and Mikels

Abstain: 0

2. [Resolution No. 24-04-002. Budget Increase - School Capital - \\$303,076.00 \(Appropriate funds for Friendsville Elementary gymnasium roof replacement\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution School Friendsville Roof](#)
[Amendment School Friendsville Roof](#)
[Memo School Friendsville Roof](#)

This Resolution was adopted according to the action taken in F. 1.

3. [Resolution No. 24-04-003. Budget Increase - School Capital - \\$242,200.00 \(Appropriate funds for awning at Carpenters Middle School\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution School CMS Awning](#)
[Amendment School CMS Awning](#)
[Memo School CMS Awning](#)

This Resolution was adopted according to the action taken in F. 1.

4. [Resolution No. 24-04-004. Budget Increase - School Capital - \\$101,410.00 \(Appropriate funds for partial roof replacement on Walland Elementary gymnasium\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution School Walland Roof](#)
[Amendment School Walland Roof](#)
[Memo School Walland Roof](#)

This Resolution was adopted according to the action taken in F. 1.

5. [Resolution No. 24-04-005. Budget Increase - Recovery Court - \\$3,500.00 \(Accept and appropriate additional funds awarded to Blount County Recovery Court through the State Grant for FY23/24\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution Recovery Court Grant Increase](#)
[Amendment Recovery Court Grant Increase](#)
[Memo Recovery Court Grant Increase](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Carver, seconded by Commissioner Giles, that the Resolution be adopted. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 16 - Anderson, Bledsoe, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, King, Martin, Reagan, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 5 - Akard, Bennett, Bowers, McMahan, and Mikels

Abstain: 0

6. [Resolution No. 24-04-006. Purchasing requests a multi-year contract for five years with Internetwork Engineering for telephone service, with service from CISCO. The estimated savings is approximately \\$54,000.00 per year, and \\$270,000.00 over the course of the contract, and will give IT more control over the phone system. Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution Purchasing Cisco Phone System Multi Yr contract](#)
[Memo Purchasing Cisco Phone System Multi Yr contract](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chair Bright, seconded by Commissioner Reagan, that the Resolution be adopted. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 16 - Anderson, Bledsoe, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, King, Martin, Reagan, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 5 - Akard, Bennett, Bowers, McMahan, and Mikels

Abstain: 0

7. [Resolution No. 24-04-007. Purchasing requests a multi-year contract for three years with CINTAS for a new, County Wide, Automated External Defibrillator \(AED\) program. The new AED machines would be installed in all County Buildings, to include schools, and will be monitored and maintained by Cintas. The cost of the contract is \\$81,900.00 annually and includes 65 AEDs. If purchased separately, the AEDS would cost approximately \\$2,500.00 each. Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution Purchasing CINTAS AED multi-yr contract](#)
[Memo Purchasing CINTAS AED contract](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Hannah, seconded by Commissioner French, that the Resolution be adopted. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 16 - Anderson, Bledsoe, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, King, Martin, Reagan, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 5 - Akard, Bennett, Bowers, McMahan, and Mikels

Abstain: 0

8. [Resolution No. 24-04-008, BCSO Grant Application - \\$74,000.00, No matching funds required \(To apply for Litter Grant\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution BCSO FY24-25 Litter Grant](#)
[Memo BCSO FY24-25 Litter Grant](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chair Bright, seconded by Commissioner Wells, that the Resolution be adopted. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 16 - Anderson, Bledsoe, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, King, Martin, Reagan, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 5 - Akard, Bennett, Bowers, McMahan, and Mikels

Abstain: 0

9. [BCSO Tennessee Highway Safety Office \(THSO\) Grant Applications - \\$180,000.00, No matching funds required on these reoccurring grants.](#)

Attachments: [Memo regarding THSO grants](#)
[BCSO THSO Worksheet Distracted Driving](#)
[BCSO THSO Worksheet DUI](#)
[BCSO THSO Worksheet Motorcycle Safety The Dragon](#)
[BCSO THSO Worksheet Network Coordinator](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Carver, seconded by Vice Chair Bright, that the grant application request be approved. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 16 - Anderson, Bledsoe, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, King, Martin, Reagan, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 5 - Akard, Bennett, Bowers, McMahan, and Mikels

Abstain: 0

10. [Resolution No. 24-04-019, A Resolution to Advance Approximately \\$6 Million in Capital Funds From the Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Use Services and the Opioid Trust Fund to Establish a Transitional Campus; And to Request the Conveyance of 3.5 to 5.0 Acres of County Owned Property \(i.e. Old Russell Farm\) to the McNabb Center to Fulfill the Requirements of the State Grants. Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the CARES Committee \(8-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution CARES Committee Transitional Campus](#)
[Minutes of CARES Committee 2024-Apr-02](#)
[Letters of Support](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Hannah, seconded by Commissioner Carver, that the Resolution be adopted. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 16 - Anderson, Bledsoe, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, King, Martin, Reagan, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 5 - Akard, Bennett, Bowers, McMahan, and Mikels

Abstain: 0

11. [Resolution No. 24-04-020, A Resolution Naming the Bridge on Big Springs Road Over Gallagher Creek in Blount County, Tennessee, the Deputy Sheriff Greg A. McCowan Memorial Bridge.](#)

Attachments: [McCowan Memorial Dedication Resolution](#)
[McCowan Bio](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Hannah, seconded by Commissioner Carver, that the Resolution be adopted. Without objection, the Chairman declared that a "yes" vote would add the Commissioner's name as a sponsor on the resolution. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 16 - Anderson, Bledsoe, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, King, Martin, Reagan, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 5 - Akard, Bennett, Bowers, McMahan, and Mikels

Abstain: 0

G. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND STATEMENTS.

H. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA.

I. ADJOURNMENT.

A motion was made that the meeting be adjourned. With no objection, the Chairman declared the meeting to be adjourned. The Blount County Board of Commissioners having met in regular session on Thursday, April 18, 2024, adjourned at 7:16 p.m.