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Meeting Minutes - Final

Commission Workshop

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Tuesday, April 9, 2024

6:30 PM

Blount County Courthouse, Room 430

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

Zoom Meeting ID: 883 2448 2436

ROLL CALL

BE IT REMEMBERED, that a Blount County Commission Workshop meeting was held on Tuesday, April 9, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. in the Blount County Courthouse of Maryville, Tennessee. Blount County Commission Workshop Chairman Nick Bright called the meeting to order. An electronic roll call was taken by Blount County Clerk Gaye Hasty. There were 16 members present and 5 were absent. The Chairman declared that a quorum did exist. The following proceedings were held, to wit:

Present: 16 - Mike Akard, Jared Anderson, Robbie Bennett, Dyran Bledsoe, Brad Bowers, Nick Bright, Richard Carver, Mike Caylor, Misty Davis, John Giles, Jessica Hannah, Staci Martin, Earl McMahan, Dawn Reagan, Linda Webb and David Wells

Absent: 5 - Ron French, Jeff Jopling, Scott King, Steve Mikels and Tom Stinnett

A. SETTING OF AGENDA.

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

Yes: 16 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bledsoe, Vice Chair Bowers, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 5 - Commissioner French, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Mikels and Commissioner Stinnett

Abstain: 0

B. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

1. [Commission Workshop Meeting Minutes for March 12, 2024.](#)

Attachments: [1930_M_Commission_Workshop_24-03-12_Meeting_Minutes](#)

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

Yes: 16 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bledsoe, Vice Chair Bowers, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 5 - Commissioner French, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Mikels and Commissioner Stinnett

Abstain: 0

D. CONSENT CALENDAR.

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

Yes: 16 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bledsoe, Vice Chair Bowers, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 5 - Commissioner French, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Mikels and Commissioner Stinnett

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](#)

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](#)

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](#)

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](#)

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](#)

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

Attachments: [proclamationALCOAHSBASKETBALL Back2Back Champs](#)

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](#)

8. [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](#)

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

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

10. [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](#)

a. [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](#)

11. [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](#)
[Demotracic 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](#)

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

Attachments: [Fire Protection Appointment 2024](#)

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

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

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

F. NEW BUSINESS.

1. Budget Transfers, Increases and/or Decreases.

- a. [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 Akard, seconded by Vice Chair Bowers, that the Resolution be forwarded to full commission. Commissioner Giles made a motion that items F.1. a, b, c, and d be combined into one vote. Without objection, the Chairman declared that items F.1. a, b, c, and d be forwarded to full commission. There was no objection. An electronic vote was taken to forward items F.1. a, b, c, and d to full commission. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 16 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bledsoe, Vice Chair Bowers, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 5 - Commissioner French, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Mikels and Commissioner Stinnett

Abstain: 0

- b. [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 item was forwarded to full commission by the action taken above in item F.1.a.

- c. [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 item was forwarded to full commission by the action taken above in item F.1.a.

- d. [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 item was forwarded to full commission by the action taken above in item F.1.a.

- e. [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 Reagan, that the Resolution be forwarded to full commission. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 16 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bledsoe, Vice Chair Bowers, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 5 - Commissioner French, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Mikels and Commissioner Stinnett

Abstain: 0

2. Other Budget Items.

- a. [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 Commissioner Wells, seconded by Commissioner Carver, that the Resolution be forwarded to full commission. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 16 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bledsoe, Vice Chair Bowers, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 5 - Commissioner French, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Mikels and Commissioner Stinnett

Abstain: 0

- b. [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 Carver, seconded by Commissioner Reagan, that the Resolution be forwarded to full commission. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 16 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bledsoe, Vice Chair Bowers, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 5 - Commissioner French, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King,
Commissioner Mikels and Commissioner Stinnett

Abstain: 0

- c. [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 Commissioner Hannah, seconded by Vice Chair Bowers, that the Resolution be forwarded to full commission. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 16 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bledsoe, Vice Chair Bowers, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 5 - Commissioner French, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King,
Commissioner Mikels and Commissioner Stinnett

Abstain: 0

- d. [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 Akard, seconded by Commissioner Carver, that the Report be forwarded to full commission. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 16 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bledsoe, Vice Chair Bowers, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 5 - Commissioner French, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Mikels and Commissioner Stinnett

Abstain: 0

3. Appointments.

a. [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 Carver, seconded by Commissioner Reagan, that the appointment be forwarded to full commission. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 16 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bledsoe, Vice Chair Bowers, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 5 - Commissioner French, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Mikels and Commissioner Stinnett

Abstain: 0

4. [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 Carver, seconded by Commissioner Reagan, that the Resolution be forwarded to full commission. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 15 - Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bledsoe, Vice Chair Bowers, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 5 - Commissioner French, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Mikels and Commissioner Stinnett

Abstain: 1 - Commissioner Akard

5. [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 forwarded to full commission. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 16 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bledsoe, Vice Chair Bowers, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 5 - Commissioner French, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Mikels and Commissioner Stinnett

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. The Chairman declared the meeting to be adjourned. The Blount County Commission Workshop meeting adjourned on Tuesday, April 9, 2024, at 6:53 p.m.