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Meeting Minutes - Draft

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Thursday, March 21, 2024

6:30 PM

Blount County Courthouse, Room 430

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

Zoom Meeting ID: 818 5911 8734

ROLL CALL

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the Blount County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, March 21, 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 20 members present with the late arrival of Commissioner Caylor and 1 absent. The following proceedings were held, to wit:

Present: 20 - Commissioner Mike Akard, Chairperson Jared Anderson, Commissioner Robbie Bennett, Commissioner Dyran Bledsoe, Commissioner Brad Bowers, Vice Chair Nick Bright, Commissioner Richard Carver, Commissioner Mike Caylor, Commissioner Misty Davis, Commissioner Ron French, Commissioner John Giles, Commissioner Jeff Jopling, Commissioner Scott King, Commissioner Staci Martin, Commissioner Earl McMahan, Commissioner Steve Mikels, Commissioner Dawn Reagan, Commissioner Tom Stinnett, Commissioner Linda Webb, and Commissioner David Wells

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Jessica Hannah

A. SETTING OF AGENDA.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Bright, 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: 19 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Davis, French, Giles, Jopling, King, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Caylor, and Hannah

Abstain: 0

B. CONSENT CALENDAR.

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

Yes: 19 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Davis, French, Giles, Jopling, King, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Caylor, and Hannah

Abstain: 0

1. [Resolution No. 24-03-012, A Proclamation Honoring Deputy Fire Chief Mike Caylor.](#)

Attachments: [Proclamation Honoring Deputy Fire Chief MCaylor](#)

The Proclamation was read out loud by Commissioner Giles and presented to Deputy Fire Chief Mike Caylor.

2. [Minutes of Regular Commission Meeting on February 15, 2024.](#)

Attachments: [1915_M_Board_of_Commissioners_24-02-15_Meeting_Minutes](#)

The minutes were approved.

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

Attachments: [BONDS AND OATHS RESOLUTION 24-03-011](#)

[Oaths of Deputy Sheriff 2024-03-21](#)

[Notary Public Bonds Oaths 2024-03-21](#)

The Resolution was adopted.

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

Attachments: [Notaries to be Elected 2024-03-21](#)

The notaries were elected.

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

Attachments: [E-911 Budget FY2024-25](#)
[JailFacilityInspectionReport 2024-Feb-28](#)
[JailFacilityInspectionReport 2024-Mar-06](#)
[Minutes of Budget Comm 2024-Feb-6](#)
[Minutes of Education Comm 2023-Oct-30](#)
[Minutes of Planning Comm 2023-Dec-4](#)
[Minutes of Planning Comm 2024-Jan-25](#)
[Q2 FY24 Perishables Report](#)
[Trustee Report January 2024](#)
[Trustee Report February 2024](#)

The reports were received and filed.

6. [February 2024 Financial Reports \(Information Only\).](#)

Attachments: [ARPA Utility Project Update February 2024](#)
[ARPA Tracking 2.29.24](#)
[FY23.24 Capital Exhibit Master](#)
[February 2024 Expense Report](#)
[February 2024 Revenue Report](#)
[YTD Expense Report as of February 29 2024](#)
[YTD Revenue Report as of February 29 2024](#)
[US Bank Report February 2024](#)

The reports were received and filed.

C. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

D. ELECTIONS, APPOINTMENTS, AND CONFIRMATIONS.

1. [Planning Commission - Confirmation of Mayoral Appointment of Joshua Sullins to fill vacancy of Ed Stuckey, term to expire on October 31, 2025.](#)

Attachments: [Memo-2024 PC Recommendation \(Sullins\)](#)

[Josh Sullins Resume 2024](#)

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

Yes: 20 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Jopling, King, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Hannah

Abstain: 0

2. [Planning Commission - Confirmation of Mayoral Appointment of Steve Myers to fill vacancy of Roy Gamble, term to expire on February 15, 2026.](#)

Attachments: [Memo-2024 PC Recommendation \(Myers\)](#)

[Steve Myers Bio](#)

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

Yes: 20 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Jopling, King, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Hannah

Abstain: 0

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

F. NEW BUSINESS.

1. [Resolution No. 24-03-001. Budget Increase - Extended School Program - \\$505,895.00 \(Accept and appropriate Tennessee Department of Human Services Child Care Stabilization Grant; this is round three of the American Rescue Plan Act for Child Care Discretionary Supplemental funds\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution Extended School Fund Grant](#)
[Amendment Extended School Fund Grant](#)
[Memo Extended School Fund Grant](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chair Bright, 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: 19 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Jopling, King, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Hannah

Abstain: 1 - Reagan

2. [Resolution No. 24-03-002. Budget Increase – Library - \\$76,320.00 \(Reappropriate the first half of the funds from the foundation contributions for the automated materials handling system\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution Library Materials Handler](#)
[Amendment Library Materials Handler](#)
[Memo Library Materials Handler](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Bowers, 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: 20 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Jopling, King, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Hannah

Abstain: 0

3. [Resolution No. 24-03-003. Budget Increase – BCSO, Motor Vehicles - \\$70,725.00 \(Appropriate funds to purchase a replacement vehicle to preserve and memorialize the patrol vehicle assigned to the fallen deputy\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution BCSO replacement vehicle](#)
[Amendment BCSO replacement vehicle](#)
[Memo BCSO replacement vehicle](#)

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

Yes: 20 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Jopling, King, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Hannah

Abstain: 0

4. [Resolution No. 24-03-013, A Resolution to Approve an Amended and Restated Charter for Blount Memorial Hospital, Inc.](#)

Attachments: [Resolution 24-03-013 Approving Charter Amendment BMH](#)
[2024 charter](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Giles, seconded by Commissioner Akard, that the Resolution be adopted. Without objection the Chairman declared that the amended charter would be attached to correct typographical errors found in the original document attached. There was no objection. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 20 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Jopling, King, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Hannah

Abstain: 0

5. [Resolution No. 24-03-014, A Resolution Approving the Execution and Delivery of a Management Agreement With Blount Memorial Hospital, Incorporated, Related to the Operation and Management of Blount Memorial Hospital and Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of Documents Relating to the Settlement of Litigation With Blount Memorial Hospital, Incorporated.](#)

Attachments: [Resolution 24-03-014 Approving Execution of Management Agreement](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, seconded by Commissioner French, that the Resolution be adopted.

Commissioner Wells made a request for no objection to attach the following documents to the Resolution: 1) the letter dated March 21, 2024, addressed to Mayor Ed Mitchell and signed by BMH Interim Chief Executive Officer Jonathan Smith, and 2) the revised management agreement between BMH and Blount County. That was seconded by Commissioner Akard. Hearing no objection, the Chairman declared the Resolution to be amended to include the documents as attachments.

An electronic vote was taken to adopt the Resolution as amended to include the letter and revised management agreement as attachments. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 20 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Jopling, King, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Hannah

Abstain: 0

6. [Resolution No. 24-03-015, A Resolution Approving the Documents Related to the Sale of Substantially All of the Assets of Blount Memorial Transitional Care Center, a/k/a Transitional Care Center at Morningview Village and Morningview Village, a/k/a Morningview Village Senior Community and Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of Such Documents.](#)

Attachments: [Resolution 24-03-015 Approving Execution of APA and Addendum - Ocoee](#)
[Addendum to Asset Purchase Agreement with Ocoee\(37371151\)](#)
[Asset Purchase Agreement \(Partially Executed\)-36O0264](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, 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: 20 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Jopling, King, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Hannah

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, March 21, 2024, adjourned at 7:20 p.m.