



Blount County Government

359 Court Street
Maryville, TN 37804-5906

Meeting Minutes

Board of Commissioners

Thursday, June 20, 2019

7:00 PM

Blount County Courthouse, Room 430

ROLL CALL

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the Blount County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, June 20, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. in the Blount County Courthouse of Maryville, Tennessee. Blount County Commission Chairman Ron French called the meeting to order. An electronic roll call was taken by Blount County Clerk Gaye Hasty. There were 21 present and 0 absent. Commissioner Stinnett left early leaving 20 present and 1 absent. The Chairman declared a quorum to exist. The following proceedings were held, to wit:

Present: 21 - Commissioner Mike Akard, Commissioner Jared Anderson, Commissioner Robbie Bennett, Commissioner Brad Bowers, Commissioner Nick Bright, Vice Chair Richard Carver, Commissioner Mike Caylor, Commissioner Dodd Crowe, Chairperson Ron French, Commissioner James Hammontree, Commissioner Jackie Hill, Commissioner Tom Hood, Commissioner Jeff Jopling, Commissioner Scott King, Commissioner Staci Lawhorn, Commissioner Joe McCulley, Commissioner Steve Mikels, Commissioner Dawn Reagan, Commissioner Brian Robbins, Commissioner Tom Stinnett, and Commissioner Linda Webb

A. SETTING OF AGENDA.

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

Yes: 21 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Crowe, French, Hammontree, Hill, Hood, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, McCulley, Mikels, Reagan, Robbins, Stinnett, and Webb

No: 0

Abstain: 0

B. CONSENT CALENDAR.

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

Yes: 21 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Crowe, French, Hammontree, Hill, Hood, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, McCulley, Mikels, Reagan, Robbins, Stinnett, and Webb

No: 0

Abstain: 0

1. [Approval of the Board of Commissioners Called Meeting Minutes for May 16, 2019.](#)

Attachments: [Minutes 2019-May-16 Called BOC Meeting](#)

The minutes were approved.

2. [Approval of the Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Minutes for May 16, 2019.](#)

Attachments: [Minutes 2019-May-16 Regular BOC Meeting](#)

The minutes were approved.

3. [Request to Place Portrait of Former Commissioner Kenneth Melton in the County Commission Room.](#)

Attachments: [Resolution 14-04-004 Portraits of Deceased Commissioners](#)

The request was approved.

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

Attachments: [19-06-011 OATHS AND BONDS RESOLUTION](#)

[Oaths of Deputy Sheriffs](#)

[Notary Public Bonds Oaths](#)

The Resolution was adopted.

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

Attachments: [Notaries to be Elected 2019-Jun-20](#)

The notaries were elected.

6. [Receiving of Reports \(INFORMATION ONLY\).](#)

Attachments: [JailFacilityInspectionReport May 16, 2019](#)

[Minutes Animal Center Advisory Board 2019-Feb-28](#)

[Minutes Budget Com 2019-May-7](#)

[Minutes CARES Com 2019-Jan-15](#)

[Minutes CARES Com 2019-Mar-19](#)

[Minutes Education Com 2019-Apr-30](#)

[Minutes Planning Com 2019-Apr-25](#)

[Trustee Report May 2019](#)

The reports were received and filed.

7. [MAY FINANCIAL REPORTS](#)

Attachments: [E - Commerce Card Summary and Detail Reports - May 2019.pdf](#)

[YTD Expenses.pdf](#)

[YTD Revenues.pdf](#)

The reports were received and filed.

8. [FY 19-20 BUDGET & PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLICATION](#)

Attachments: [Mayors Letters-Budget Publication Affidavit.pdf](#)

[Publication 19-20.pdf](#)

The reports were received and filed.

9. [REVISED - Grant Application for PHASE 1 of Greenway Trail \\$90,551 \(an increase to the prior awarded application for the extension of the trail\) -suggested by TDOT; 80/20 split \\$72,441/\\$18,110](#)

Attachments: [Blount County Greenway Trail 2018 Phase 1 REVISED Grant Information Worksheet.pdf](#)

The request was received and filed.

C. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.**D. ELECTIONS, APPOINTMENTS, AND CONFIRMATIONS.****1. [Cable TV Authority \(3-Year Term\) Commissioner Tom Stinnett.](#)**

A motion was made by Commissioner McCulley, seconded by Commissioner Jopling, 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, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Crowe, French, Hammontree, Hill, Hood, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, McCulley, Mikels, Reagan, Robbins, and Webb

No: 0

Abstain: 1 - Stinnett

2. [IT Committee - Confirmation of Mayor Appointment - Jane Jenkins.](#)

Attachments: [Mayor IT Committee Memo](#)

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

Yes: 21 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Crowe, French, Hammontree, Hill, Hood, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, McCulley, Mikels, Reagan, Robbins, Stinnett, and Webb

No: 0

Abstain: 0

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

F. NEW BUSINESS.

1. [Resolution 19-06-001: FY 19-20 Tax Levy](#)

Attachments: [Resolution 19-06-001 19-20 Tax Levy ResolutionRECOMMENDED.docx](#)
[FY19-20 Recommended Revenues-FINAL](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Stinnett, seconded by Commissioner King, 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, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Crowe, French, Hill, Hood, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, Mikels, Reagan, Robbins, Stinnett, and Webb

No: 2 - Hammontree, and McCulley

Abstain: 0

2. [Resolution 19-06-002: FY 19-20 Appropriations](#)

Attachments: [Resolution 19-06-002 19-20 Appropriation ResolutionRECOMMENDEDv1.xlsx](#)
[Budget-Recommendation-FY19-20.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Vice Chair Carver, that the Resolution be adopted.

A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, seconded by Commissioner Mikels, that the Resolution be amended by reducing Education Capital Outlay fund 177 from \$5,465,740.00 to \$1,750,000.00.

Commissioner King called for question. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 15 - Anderson, Carver, Caylor, Hammontree, Hill, Hood, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, McCulley, Mikels, Reagan, Robbins, Stinnett, and Webb

No: 6 - Akard, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Crowe, and French

Abstain: 0

An electronic vote was taken on the motion to amend the Resolution by reducing Education Capital Outlay fund 177 from \$5,465,740.00 to \$1,750,000.00. The Chairman declared the motion to have failed by the following vote:

Yes: 10 - Akard, Anderson, Caylor, Hill, Hood, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, Mikels, and Robbins

No: 11 - Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Crowe, French, Hammontree, McCulley, Reagan, Stinnett, and Webb

Abstain: 0

A further motion to amend the Resolution was made by Commissioner Robbins, seconded by Commissioner Mikels, to reduce the Public Library fund 115 by \$179,445.00 and adjusting the total budget for FY 2019-20 to \$2,517,288.00. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have failed by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Bright, Caylor, Hood, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, Mikels, and Robbins

No: 13 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Carver, Crowe, French, Hammontree, Hill, McCulley, Reagan, Stinnett, and Webb

Abstain: 0

An electronic vote was taken on the original motion to adopt the Resolution. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 17 - Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Crowe, French, Hill, Hood, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, Reagan, Robbins, Stinnett, and Webb

No: 4 - Akard, Hammontree, McCulley, and Mikels

Abstain: 0

Meeting went into Recess

Meeting Reconvened

A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, seconded by Commissioner Mikels, that item F.1 Resolution 19-06-001 be reconsidered. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have failed by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Akard, Mikels, and Robbins

No: 17 - Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Crowe, French, Hammontree, Hill, Hood, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, Reagan, Stinnett, and Webb

Abstain: 1 - McCulley

As a result of the motion to reconsider failing, Commissioner Akard requested that his vote be changed on item F.1. Commission Parliamentarian Commissioner Anderson explained that unanimous consent would be required once the outcome of the vote was declared by the Chairman. The Chairman asked if there were any objections to the request. Commissioner Crowe objected to Commissioner Akard's request. The Chair ruled the motion to be out of order. Commissioner Akard challenged the ruling of the Chairman that was seconded by Commissioner Mikels. Parliamentarian Commissioner Anderson instructed the members of the Commission that a "no" vote would be in favor of the chair, while a "yes" vote would allow Commissioner Akard to change his vote on Resolution 19-06-001. An electronic vote was taken. The ruling of the Chair was declared to be upheld by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Akard, Hammontree, and Mikels

No: 18 - Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Crowe, French, Hill, Hood, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, McCulley, Reagan, Robbins, Stinnett, and Webb

Abstain: 0

3. [Resolution 19-06-003: FY 19-20 Capital Outlay Prioritization](#)

Attachments: [Resolution 19-06-003 Capital Outlay Prioritization Resolution.docx](#)
[Education Capital - Exhibit A.pdf](#)

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

Yes: 19 - Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Crowe, French, Hill, Hood, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, McCulley, Mikels, Reagan, Robbins, Stinnett, and Webb

No: 2 - Akard, and Hammontree

Abstain: 0

4. [Resolution 19-06-004 - Circuit Court Clerk/Central Services - \\$130,000 \(monies needed to cover indigent billing for the remainder of the year / pass-through account\)](#)

Attachments: [Resolution 19-06-004 CCC - indigent billing.docx](#)
[CCC-indigent increase.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, 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, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Crowe, French, Hammontree, Hill, Hood, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, McCulley, Mikels, Reagan, Robbins, and Webb

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Stinnett

Abstain: 0

5. [Resolution No. 19-06-012, Resolution of the Blount County Legislative Body Adopting the American Disabilities Act \(ADA\) Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan for Blount County, TN.](#)

Attachments: [19-06-012 Resolution to Adopt ADA Plan](#)
[Exhibit 1 SETP](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, seconded by Vice Chair Carver, 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, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Crowe, French, Hammontree, Hill, Hood, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, McCulley, Mikels, Reagan, Robbins, and Webb

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Stinnett

Abstain: 0

6. [Resolution No. 19-06-013, Resolution of the Blount County Legislative Body Establishing a Multi-Year Lease Agreement that Extends Beyond the End of the Current Fiscal Year for Chromebooks for Blount County Schools.](#)

Attachments: [19-06-013 Resolution BCS to Lease Chromebooks](#)
[STAPLES State and Local Government Master Lease Agreement](#)
[STAPLES Letter of Explanation](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Bowers, seconded by Commissioner Jopling, 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, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Crowe, French, Hammontree, Hill, Hood, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, McCulley, Mikels, Reagan, Robbins, and Webb

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Stinnett

Abstain: 0

G. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND STATEMENTS.

H. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA.

I. ADJOURNMENT.

At 9:07 p.m. on Thursday, June 20, 2019, the Chairman declared the Blount County Board of Commissioners meeting to be adjourned.