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Meeting Minutes - Draft

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Thursday, October 9, 2025

5:45 PM

Blount County Courthouse, Room 430

~SPECIAL CALLED~

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

Zoom Meeting ID: 882 8160 5285

ROLL CALL

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the Blount County Board of Commissioners met in special called session on Thursday, October 9, 2025, at 5:45 p.m. in the Blount County Courthouse of Maryville, Tennessee. Blount Chairman Jared Anderson called the meeting to order. Without objection, the Chair declared the meeting to be in recess. Hearing no objection, the meeting entered a short recess. At 5:56 p.m., the Chair declared the meeting to be reconvened. An electronic roll call was taken by Blount County Clerk Chief of Staff Brad Bryant. There were 11 members present, with the late arrival of Commissioner Robbie Bennett, and 10 absent. The Chairman declared that a quorum was present. The following proceedings were held, to wit:

Present: 11 - Commissioner Mike Akard, Commissioner Jared Anderson, Commissioner Robbie Bennett, Commissioner Brad Bowers, Commissioner Nick Bright, Commissioner Quentin Caldwell, Commissioner Mike Caylor, Commissioner Misty Davis, Commissioner John Giles, Commissioner Jessica Hannah, and Commissioner Jeff Jopling

Absent: 10 - Commissioner Dyrán Bledsoe, Commissioner Richard Carver, Commissioner Ron French, Commissioner Scott King, Commissioner Staci Martin, Commissioner Earl McMahan, Commissioner Steve Mikels, Commissioner Dawn Reagan, Commissioner Linda Webb, and Commissioner David Wells

- A.** [I, Mayor Ed Mitchell, pursuant to and in accordance with the authority vested in me by Tennessee Code Annotated § 5-5-105, hereby call a special meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Blount County, Tennessee \(the "County"\), for discussion and possible action on a Resolution authorizing the Blount County Mayor to execute an Interlocal Agreement and use of fund balance necessary to keep the Great Smoky Mountains National park open during the Federal Government shutdown.](#)

Attachments: [PUBLIC NOTICE Special Called Meeting 08.09.2025 re GSMNP](#)

The Chairman recognized the Clerk to read the call out loud.

- 1.** [Resolution No. 25-10-014, A Resolution to Approve a Contingency Plan to Enter Into an Interlocal Agreement to Keep the Great Smoky National Park Open and Fully Operational in the Event of a Federal Government Shut Down.](#)

Attachments: [Resolution re. Contingency Plan-Interlocal Agreement to keep GSMNP open during gov shutdown](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Jopling, 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: 11 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Caldwell, Caylor, Davis, Giles, Hannah, and Jopling

No: 0

Absent: 10 - Bledsoe, Carver, French, King, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Webb, and Wells

Abstain: 0

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business and hearing no objection, the Chairman declared the meeting to be adjourned. The Blount County Board of Commissioners having met in special called session adjourned on Thursday, October 9, 2025, at 5:59 p.m.