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Meeting Minutes - Draft

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Thursday, May 21, 2026

6:00 PM

Blount County Courthouse, Room 430

ROLL CALL

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the Blount County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, May 21, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the Blount County Courthouse of Maryville, Tennessee. The meeting was called to order by Blount County Commission Chairman Jared Anderson. An electronic roll call was taken by Blount County Clerk Gaye Hasty. There were 15 members present and 6 absent. The Chairman declared that a quorum was present. The following proceedings were held, to wit:

- Present:** 15 - Commissioner Mike Akard, Commissioner Jared Anderson, Commissioner Dyran Bledsoe, Commissioner Nick Bright, Commissioner Quentin Caldwell, Commissioner Richard Carver, Commissioner Misty Davis, Commissioner Ron French, Commissioner John Giles, Commissioner Jessica Hannah, Commissioner Jeff Jopling, Commissioner Staci Martin, Commissioner Earl McMahan, Commissioner Steve Mikels, and Commissioner David Wells
- Absent:** 6 - Commissioner Robbie Bennett, Commissioner Brad Bowers, Commissioner Mike Caylor, Commissioner Scott King, Commissioner Dawn Reagan, and Commissioner Linda Webb

A. SETTING OF AGENDA.

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

Yes: 15 - Akard, Anderson, Bledsoe, Bright, Caldwell, Carver, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 6 - Bennett, Bowers, Caylor, King, Reagan, and Webb

Abstain: 0

B. GENERAL CONSENT CALENDAR

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

Yes: 15 - Akard, Anderson, Bledsoe, Bright, Caldwell, Carver, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 6 - Bennett, Bowers, Caylor, King, Reagan, and Webb

Abstain: 0

1. [Minutes for Board of Commission in Regular Session on April 16, 2026.](#)

Attachments: [Minutes for Board of Commission in Regular Session on April 16, 2026.](#)

The Minutes were approved.

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

Attachments: [Bonds and Oath Resolution.](#)
[Deputy Sheriff Oaths 2026-May-21](#)
[Notary Public Bonds Oaths 2026-May-21](#)

The Resolution was adopted.

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

Attachments: [Notaries to be Elected 2026-May-21](#)

The notaries were elected.

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

Attachments: [Minutes of Budget Comm Meeting 2026-Mar-12](#)
[Minutes of BZA Meeting 2026-Jan-22](#)
[Minutes of Education Comm Meeting 2026-Mar-3](#)
[Minutes of Planning Comm Meeting 2026-Mar-26](#)
[Minutes of Public Services Comm Meeting 2026-Feb-3](#)
[Minutes of Public Services Comm Meeting 2026-Mar-3](#)
[Minutes of Technology Meeting 2025-Jul-17](#)
[MARCH 2026 Trustee Report](#)
[APRIL 2026 Monthly Report](#)

The reports were received and filed.

5. [March 2026 Financial Reports. \(INFORMATION ONLY\)](#)

Attachments: [ARPA Tracking 3.31.26](#)
[ARPA Utility Project Update March 2026](#)
[March 2026 Expense Report](#)
[March 2026 Revenue Report](#)
[YTD Expense Report as of March 31 2026](#)
[YTD Revenue Report as of March 31 2026](#)
[U S Bank Report March 2026](#)

The reports were received and filed.

6. [April 2026 Financial Reports \(INFORMATION ONLY\)](#)

Attachments: [ARPA Tracking 4.30.26](#)
[ARPA Utility Project Update April 2026](#)
[April 2026 Expense Report](#)
[April 2026 Revenue Report](#)
[April Expense Report as of April 30, 2026](#)
[April Revenue Report as of April 30, 2026](#)
[U S Bank Report April 2026](#)

The reports were received and filed.

7. [Blount County Fire Protection District Board of Commissioners \(4-Year\) Appointment of Jerry Phillips, Seat 3. \(INFORMATION ONLY\)](#)

Attachments: [Fire Protection District Appointment 2026 \(1\)](#)

The information was received and filed.

8. [FY 26-27 Tax Rate Resolution](#)

Attachments: [FY26.27 Tax Levy Resolution Recommended](#)
[FY26.27 Tax Levy Exhibit Revenue Report](#)
[FY26.27 Tax Levy Exhibit Revenue Capital Report](#)

The information was received and filed.

9. [FY26-27 Appropriation Resolution](#)

Attachments: [FY26.27 Appropriation Resolution Recommended](#)
[FY26.27 Appropriation Budget Exhibit Recommended](#)
[FY26.27 Appropriation Budget Exhibit Recommended Capital](#)

The information was received and filed.

10. [FY26-27 Capital Outlay Resolution](#)

Attachments: [FY26.27 Resolution Capital Outlay Resolution Recommended](#)
[Capital Plan FY26.27](#)

The information was received and filed.

C. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

D. BUDGET CONSENT CALENDAR.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bright, seconded by Commissioner McMahan, that the Budget Consent Calendar be adopted. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 15 - Akard, Anderson, Bledsoe, Bright, Caldwell, Carver, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 6 - Bennett, Bowers, Caylor, King, Reagan, and Webb

Abstain: 0

1. [Resolution No. 26-05-009, Budget Increase - Library - \\$362.00 \(Purchasing requests a multi-year contract for the Blount County Library for three years with Springshare for marketing automation to maximize the Library's ROI in its collection services.\) Referred to full Commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee. \(5-0\)](#)

Attachments: [Resolution - SPRINGSHARE Multiyear Contract](#)
[Amendment - SPRINGSHARE Multiyear Contract](#)
[Memo - SPRINGSHARE Multiyear Contract](#)
[Quote- SPRINGSHARE Multiyear Contract](#)

The Resolution was adopted as per the action taken above in D.

E. ELECTIONS, APPOINTMENTS, AND CONFIRMATIONS.

1. [Confirmation to Appoint Thomas Lloyd as Blount County Building Commissioner.](#)

Attachments: [Building Commissioner Recommendation - Thomas Lloyd](#)

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

Yes: 15 - Akard, Anderson, Bledsoe, Bright, Caldwell, Carver, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 6 - Bennett, Bowers, Caylor, King, Reagan, and Webb

Abstain: 0

F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

G. NEW BUSINESS.

1. [Resolution No. 26-05-002, Budget Increase – Education Capital - \\$1,803,400.00 \(Appropriate education capital funds to replace the roof and repair the brick at Friendsville Elementary School.\) Referred to full Commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee. \(5-0\)](#)

Attachments: [Resolution - Friendsville Roof & Brick Replacement](#)
[Amendment - Friendsville Roof & Brick Replacement](#)
[Memo - Friendsville Roof & Brick Replacement](#)
[Backup - Friendsville Roof & Brick Replacement](#)

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

Yes: 15 - Akard, Anderson, Bledsoe, Bright, Caldwell, Carver, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 6 - Bennett, Bowers, Caylor, King, Reagan, and Webb

Abstain: 0

2. [Resolution No. 26-05-003, Budget Increase – Education Capital - \\$1,768,100.00 \(Appropriate education capital funds to renovate the Tracks at Heritage High School and William Blount High School.\) Referred to full Commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee. \(5-0\)](#)

Attachments: [Resolution - WBHS & HHS Track Renovation](#)
[Amendment - WBHS & HHS Track Renovation](#)
[Memo - WBHS & HHS Track Renovation](#)
[Backup - WBHS & HHS Track Renovation](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Giles, 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: 15 - Akard, Anderson, Bledsoe, Bright, Caldwell, Carver, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 6 - Bennett, Bowers, Caylor, King, Reagan, and Webb

Abstain: 0

3. [Resolution No. 26-05-004, Budget Transfer – General Purpose School Fund - \\$725,000.00 \(Transfer funds to Contracts with Vehicle Owners to comply with the corrective action plan put in place by the auditors.\) Referred to full Commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee. \(5-0\)](#)

Attachments: [Resolution - Transportation Transfer](#)
[Amendment - Transportation Transfer](#)
[Memo - Transportation Transfer](#)
[Backup - Transportation Transfer](#)

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

Yes: 15 - Akard, Anderson, Bledsoe, Bright, Caldwell, Carver, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 6 - Bennett, Bowers, Caylor, King, Reagan, and Webb

Abstain: 0

4. [Resolution No. 26-05-005, Budget Increase - BCSO - \\$186,875.00 \(Appropriate general county funds to pay for prior year inmate medical claim bill.\) Referred to full Commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee. \(5-0\)](#)

Attachments: [Resolution - PY Prisma Inmate Medical Claims](#)
[Amendment - PY Prisma Inmate Medical Claims](#)
[Memo - PY Prisma Inmate Medical Claims](#)
[Backup - PY Prisma Inmate Medical Claims](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Hannah, 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: 15 - Akard, Anderson, Bledsoe, Bright, Caldwell, Carver, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 6 - Bennett, Bowers, Caylor, King, Reagan, and Webb

Abstain: 0

5. [Resolution No. 26-05-006, Budget Increase - General Admin Projects - \\$153,500.00 \(Appropriate general county funds for design fees for proposed addition and renovation of the Animal Center.\) Referred to full Commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee. \(5-0\)](#)

Attachments: [Resolution - Animal Center Design Fee](#)
[Amendment - Animal Center Design Fee](#)
[Memo - Animal Center Design Fee](#)
[Backup - Animal Center Design Fee](#)

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: 15 - Akard, Anderson, Bledsoe, Bright, Caldwell, Carver, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 6 - Bennett, Bowers, Caylor, King, Reagan, and Webb

Abstain: 0

6. [Resolution No. 26-05-007, Budget Transfer – General Purpose School Fund - \\$74,600.00 \(Transfer funds to Instructional Supplies to appropriate funding awarded through the TN Tutoring Innovation Grant.\) Referred to full Commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee. \(5-0\)](#)

Attachments: [Resolution - TN Tutoring Grant](#)
[Amendment - TN Tutoring Grant](#)
[Memo - TN Tutoring Grant](#)
[Backup - TN Tutoring Grant](#)

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

Yes: 15 - Akard, Anderson, Bledsoe, Bright, Caldwell, Carver, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 6 - Bennett, Bowers, Caylor, King, Reagan, and Webb

Abstain: 0

7. [Resolution No. 26-05-008, Budget Increase - Education Capital - \\$46,078.00 \(Appropriate education capital funds for Change Order 001 for the Heritage Middle School Roof Replacement.\) Referred to full Commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee. \(5-0\)](#)

Attachments: [Resolution - HMS Roof Change Order](#)
[Amendment - HMS Roof Change Order](#)
[Memo - HMS Roof Change Order](#)
[Backup - HMS Roof Change Order](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner McMahan, 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: 15 - Akard, Anderson, Bledsoe, Bright, Caldwell, Carver, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 6 - Bennett, Bowers, Caylor, King, Reagan, and Webb

Abstain: 0

8. [Resolution No. 26-05-012, A Resolution to Amend the Zoning Map of Blount County Tennessee, from R-1\(Rural District 1\) to RAC \(Rural Arterial Commercial District\) for a 3.758 Acre Portion of a 5.069 Acre Tract of Land Located 4750 E Lamar Alexander Pkwy, Blount County, TN \(Tax map 060, parcel 182.16\).](#)

Attachments: [Draft Resolution 4750 E Lamar \(1\)](#)
[Staff Memo Request for a Zoning Public Hearing to Amend Zoning Map](#)
[Draft Resolution to Amend Zoning Map R-1 to RAC 4750 ELAP](#)
[Report of Action 2026-Feb-26](#)
[Rezoning Request to amend Zoning Map R-1 to RAC 4750 ELAP](#)
[PN R1-RAC 3.758 acre 4750 ELAP tax map 060 parcel 128.16](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Carver, 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: 13 - Akard, Anderson, Bledsoe, Bright, Caldwell, Carver, Davis, Giles, Hannah, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, and Wells

No: 2 - French, and Jopling

Absent: 6 - Bennett, Bowers, Caylor, King, Reagan, and Webb

Abstain: 0

H. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND STATEMENTS.

I. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA.

J. ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business and hearing no objection, the Chairman declared the meeting to be adjourned. The Board of Commissioners, having convened in regular session on Thursday, May 21, 2026, adjourned at 6:55 p.m.