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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Commission Workshop

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Thursday, March 12, 2026

6:00 PM

Blount County Courthouse, Room 430

ROLL CALL

BE IT REMEMBERED, that a Blount County Commission Workshop meeting was held on Thursday, March 12, 2026 at 6:00 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, Dyran Bledsoe, Nick Bright, Quentin Caldwell, Richard Carver, Mike Caylor, Misty Davis, Ron French, John Giles, Jessica Hannah, Staci Martin, Earl McMahan, Dawn Reagan, Linda Webb, and David Wells
- Absent:** 5 - Robbie Bennett, Brad Bowers, Jeff Jopling, Scott King, and Steve Mikels

A. SETTING OF AGENDA.

A motion was made by Commissioner Giles, seconded by Vice Chair Anderson, that the agenda be set. A motion was made by the chairman that items G.4 revised (Resolution No. 26-03-013) and G.6 (Resolution No. 26-03-014) be added to the agenda. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

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

No: 0

Absent: 5 - Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, and Commissioner Mikels

Abstain: 0

B. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

A motion was made by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Caldwell, 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, Vice Chair Anderson, Commissioner Bledsoe, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Caldwell, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Webb, and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 5 - Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, and Commissioner Mikels

Abstain: 0

1. [Commission Workshop Minutes for February 12, 2026.](#)

Attachments: [2-12 Workshop Minutes](#)

D. GENERAL CONSENT CALENDAR.

A motion was made by Commissioner French, seconded by Commissioner Akard, that the General 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, Vice Chair Anderson, Commissioner Bledsoe, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Caldwell, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Webb, and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 5 - Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, and Commissioner Mikels

Abstain: 0

1. [Resolution No. 26-03-012, A Proclamation Honoring Blount County, Tennessee State 4-H Hippology & Horse Bowl Contest Award Recipients](#)

Attachments: [Proclamation 4-H Horse Program](#)

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

Attachments: [BONDS AND OATHS RESOLUTION](#)
[NOTARY PUBLIC BONDS AND OATHS](#)

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

Attachments: [Notaries to be Elected](#)

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

Attachments: [Jail Facility Inspection Report 2026-Feb-04](#)
[Minutes of Beer Board 2026-Jan-15](#)
[Minutes for Budget Committee Dec-11-2025](#)
[Minutes for Education Committee Nov-4-2025](#)
[Minutes for Planning Commission Jan-22-2026](#)
[Minutes for Public Service Committee Jan-6-2026](#)
[Trustee Report for January 2026](#)

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

Attachments: [ARPA Tracking 2.28.26](#)
[ARPA Utility Project Update February 2026](#)
[February 2026 Expense Report](#)
[February 2026 Revenue Report](#)
[YTD Expense Report as of February 28, 2026](#)
[YTD Revenue Report as of February 28, 2026](#)
[U S Bank Report February 2026](#)

E. BUDGET CONSENT CALENDAR.

A motion was made by Commissioner French, seconded by Commissioner Caldwell, that the Budget Consent Calendar be forwarded to full commission. Commissioner Akard requested that item E.1. Resolution No. 26-03-002 be considered separately. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

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

No: 0

Absent: 5 - Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, and Commissioner Mikels

Abstain: 0

1. [Resolution 26-03-002, Budget Increase – Schools - \\$86,525.46 \(Appropriate Education Capital funds to purchase twenty-one network devices to replace outdated equipment.\) Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the budget committee. \(4-0\)](#)

Attachments: [Amendment - Network Devices](#)

[Resolution - Network Devices](#)

[Memo - Network Devices](#)

[Backup - Network Devices](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, seconded by Commissioner French, 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, Vice Chair Anderson, Commissioner Bledsoe, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Caldwell, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Webb, and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 5 - Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, and Commissioner Mikels

Abstain: 0

2. [Resolution 26-03-003, Budget Increase - Library - \\$23,632.72 \(Purchasing requests a multi-year contract for the Blount County Library for two years with BIBLIOTHECA to cover all repairs and maintenance for the book sorter.\) Referred to full Commission with a favorable recommendation by the budget committee \(4-0\)](#)

Attachments: [Amendment - BIBLIOTHECA Multiyear Contract](#)

[Resolution - BIBLIOTHECA Multiyear Contract](#)

[Memo - BIBLIOTHECA Multiyear Contract](#)

[Backup - BIBLIOTHECA Multiyear Contract](#)

[Quote - BIBLIOTHECA Multiyear Contract](#)

Item forwarded to full commission per action taken above in index "E" Budget Consent Calendar.

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

No: 0

Absent: 5 - Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, and Commissioner Mikels

Abstain: 0

F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

G. NEW BUSINESS.

1. Budget Transfers, Increases and/or Decreases.

- a. [Resolution 26-03-001, Budget Increase – Schools - \\$261,456.96 \(Appropriate Education Capital funds to replace kitchen equipment at Heritage High School, William Blount 9th Grade Academy, Montvale Elementary and Walland Elementary.\) Referred to full Commission with a favorable recommendation by the budget committee \(4-0\)](#)

Attachments: [Amendment - Food Service Equipment](#)

[Resolution - Food Service Equipment](#)

[Memo - Food Service Equipment](#)

[Backup - Food Service Equipment](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner McMahan, seconded by Commissioner Akard, 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, Vice Chair Anderson, Commissioner Bledsoe, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Caldwell, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Webb, and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 5 - Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, and Commissioner Mikels

Abstain: 0

2. Other Budget Items.

- a. [Request approval for Tennessee State Government Opioid Abatement Council Community Grants Cycle 3 for the Helen Ross McNabb Center for up to \\$2,500,000.00 annually for three years. No matching funds are required. Referred to full Commission with a favorable recommendation by the budget committee. \(4-0\)](#)

Attachments: [Grant Worksheet - McNabb Center](#)

[Memo - McNabb Center](#)

[Backup - McNabb Center](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Carver, seconded by Commissioner Akard, that the grant request 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, Vice Chair Anderson, Commissioner Bledsoe, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Caldwell, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Webb, and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 5 - Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, and Commissioner Mikels

Abstain: 0

3. Appointments.

- a. [Blount Memorial Foundation, Inc. Board of Directors Mayoral Recommendation of Heather Martin to Fulfill the Term of the Vacancy by Kelly Love.](#)

Attachments: [Blount Memorial Foundation Inc. Board Appointment - Heather Martin](#)

[Heather Martin Resume](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Giles, seconded by Commissioner Caldwell, 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, Vice Chair Anderson, Commissioner Bledsoe, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Caldwell, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Webb, and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 5 - Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, and Commissioner Mikels

Abstain: 0

b. [Veterans Affairs Committee \(4-Year Term\) Appointment of Samuel Shore, Denise Weston, Cye Miles, and Lloyd Hansen.](#)

Attachments: [Veterans Committee Minutes 2026-Jan-7](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Carver, seconded by Commissioner McMahan, 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, Vice Chair Anderson, Commissioner Bledsoe, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Caldwell, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Webb, and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 5 - Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, and Commissioner Mikels

Abstain: 0

4. [Resolution No. 26-03-013, A Resolution Authorizing the Use of Cooperative Purchasing Agreements for the Benefit of All County Departments.](#)

Attachments: [Resolution for Cooperative Purchasing 03.24.26 \(1\)](#)

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

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

No: 0

Absent: 5 - Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, and Commissioner Mikels

Abstain: 0

- 5. [Setting of a Zoning Public Hearing with the suggested date for May 14, 2026 at 5:45PM 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 for 4750 E Lamar Alexander Pkwy](#)
[Request for a Zoning Public Hearing to amend Zoning Map](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Carver, seconded by Commissioner Akard, 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 Akard, Vice Chair Anderson, Commissioner Bledsoe, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Caldwell, 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 Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, and Commissioner Mikels

Abstain: 1 - Commissioner French

- 6. [Resolutions No. 26-03-014, A Resolution to Approve Interlocal Agreement Between the Town of Louisville, Blount County, Tennessee, the Sheriff of Blount County, Tennessee and Blount County General Sessions Court.](#)

Attachments: [26-03-014 Resolution Louisville Interlocal Agreement 2026](#)
[Interlocal Agreement with the County and Town of Louisville - 2026](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Carver, seconded by Commissioner French, 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, Vice Chair Anderson, Commissioner Bledsoe, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Caldwell, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Webb, and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 5 - Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, and Commissioner Mikels

Abstain: 0

H. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND STATEMENTS.

I. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA.

J. ADJOURNMENT.

A motion was made that the meeting be adjourned. Hearing no objection, the Chairman declared the meeting to be adjourned. The Blount County Commission Workshop meeting adjourned on Thursday, March 12, 2026, at 6:16 p.m