



Blount County Government

359 Court Street
Maryville, TN 37804-5906

Meeting Minutes

Commission Workshop

Tuesday, July 9, 2019

6:30 PM

Blount County Courthouse, Room 430

ROLL CALL

BE IT REMEMBERED, that a Commission Workshop meeting was held on Tuesday, July 9, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. in the Blount County Courthouse of Maryville, Tennessee. The Blount County Commission Workshop Chairman Tom Stinnett called the meeting to order. An electronic roll call was taken by Blount County Clerk Gaye Hasty. There were 17 present and 4 absent. The Chairman declared there to be a quorum. The following proceedings were held to wit:

- Present:** 17 - Mike Akard, Robbie Bennett, Brad Bowers, Nick Bright, Richard Carver, Mike Caylor, Dodd Crowe, Ron French, James Hammontree, Jackie Hill, Tom Hood, Staci Lawhorn, Joe McCulley, Steve Mikels, Brian Robbins, Tom Stinnett and Linda Webb
- Absent:** 4 - Jared Anderson, Jeff Jopling, Scott King and Dawn Reagan

A. SETTING OF AGENDA.

The Chairman declared item F.3.b be postponed to the August 6, 2019, Commission Workshop meeting. A motion was made by Commissioner French, seconded by Commissioner Webb, to set the agenda. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

- Yes:** 17 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Crowe, Commissioner French, Commissioner Hammontree, Commissioner Hill, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McCulley, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Robbins, Commissioner Stinnett and Commissioner Webb
- No:** 0
- Absent:** 4 - Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King and Commissioner Reagan
- Abstain:** 0

B. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

1. [Commission Workshop Meeting Minutes, June 11, 2019.](#)

Attachments: [WorkshopMeetingMinutes 2019-Jun-11](#)

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

Yes: 17 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Crowe, Commissioner French, Commissioner Hammontree, Commissioner Hill, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McCulley, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Robbins, Commissioner Stinnett and Commissioner Webb

No: 0

Absent: 4 - Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King and Commissioner Reagan

Abstain: 0

D. CONSENT CALENDAR.

A motion was made by Commissioner French, seconded by Commissioner Carver, that the 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: 17 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Crowe, Commissioner French, Commissioner Hammontree, Commissioner Hill, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McCulley, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Robbins, Commissioner Stinnett and Commissioner Webb

No: 0

Absent: 4 - Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King and Commissioner Reagan

Abstain: 0

1. [Resolution No. 19-07-012, A Proclamation Honoring Susan Spalding for Her Dedicated Service to the Foster Care System of Blount County, TN.](#)

Attachments: [19-07-012 Proclamation - Susan Spalding](#)

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

Attachments: [19-07-011 OATHS AND BONDS RESOLUTION](#)
[Oaths of Board of Equalization](#)
[Oaths of Deputy Sheriffs](#)
[Notary Public Bonds Oaths](#)

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

Attachments: [Notaires to be Elected July 2019](#)

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

Attachments: [Jail Facility Inspection Report June 20, 2019](#)
[Minutes Budget Committee 2019-Jun-10](#)
[Minutes CARES Committee 2019-Apr-16](#)
[Minutes Planning Commission 2019-May-23](#)
[Perishables Quarterly Report - July 2019](#)
[Trustee Report June 2019](#)

a. [JUNE FINANCIAL REPORTS \(INFORMATION ONLY\).](#)

Attachments: [June Expenses.pdf](#)
[June Revenues.pdf](#)
[E - Commerce Card Summary & Detail Reports - June 2019.pdf](#)

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

1. [Ocoee River Regional Library Board of Trustees \(3-Year Term\) Reappointment of P. Andrew \(Andy\) Sneed.](#)

Attachments: [ASneedBCPLBOTApptLetter_001](#)

[P.AndrewSneedResume_Redacted](#)

[Mayor Recommendation Letter](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Hammontree, seconded by Commissioner Hill, that the Appointment be forwarded to full commission. A roll call vote was taken:

To nominate Stephanie Thompson: 14 - Akard, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Crowe, French, Hood, Lawhorn, Mikels, Robbins, Stinnett, and Webb.

To nominate Andy Sneed: 2 - Hammontree, and Hill.

Absent: 4 - Anderson, Jopling, King, and Reagan

Abstain: 1 - McCulley

The Chairman declared that Stephanie Thompson's name would be forwarded to full commission for this Appointment.

F. NEW BUSINESS.

1. Budget Transfers, Increases and/or Decreases.

a. [Resolution No. 19-07-002, Budget Increase - Probation - \\$25,000 \(our portion for Local Govt. Participation in the Electronic Monitoring Indigency Fund\).](#)

Attachments: [EMIF memo.pdf](#)

[Resolution 19-07-002 EMIF.docx](#)

[EMIF increase for set up.pdf](#)

[Resolution EMIF.docx](#)

[MOU EMIF.DOCX](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Hammontree, seconded by Commissioner Hill, 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: 17 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Crowe, Commissioner French, Commissioner Hammontree, Commissioner Hill, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McCulley, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Robbins, Commissioner Stinnett and Commissioner Webb

No: 0

Absent: 4 - Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King and Commissioner Reagan

Abstain: 0

a-1. [Resolution No. 19-07-013, Resolution for Local Government Participation in the Electronic Monitoring Indigency Fund \(Ref. Resolution 19-07-002\).](#)

Attachments: [19-07-013 Resolution EMIF](#)
[19-07-013 MOU EMIF](#)
[19-07-013 EMIF CLGarrett memo](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Hammontree, seconded by Commissioner Mikels, 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: 17 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Crowe, Commissioner French, Commissioner Hammontree, Commissioner Hill, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McCulley, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Robbins, Commissioner Stinnett and Commissioner Webb

No: 0

Absent: 4 - Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King and Commissioner Reagan

Abstain: 0

b. [Resolution No. 19-07-003, Budget Increase - Reappraisal - \\$26,129.79 \(postage related to reappraisal assessment change notices\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution 19-07-003 Reappraisal.docx](#)
[Reappraisal postage increase & memo.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Bowers, seconded by Commissioner Carver, that the Resolution be forwarded to full commission.

A motion was made by Commissioner French, seconded by Commissioner Hill, to request that the Property Assessor attend the Board of Commissioners meeting on Thursday, July 18, 2019, to answer questions. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 17 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Crowe, Commissioner French, Commissioner Hammontree, Commissioner Hill, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McCulley, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Robbins, Commissioner Stinnett and Commissioner Webb

No: 0

Absent: 4 - Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King and Commissioner Reagan

Abstain: 0

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

Yes: 16 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Crowe, Commissioner French, Commissioner Hammontree, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McCulley, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Robbins, Commissioner Stinnett and Commissioner Webb

No: 1 - Commissioner Hill

Absent: 4 - Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King and Commissioner Reagan

Abstain: 0

c. [Resolution No. 19-07-005, Budget Increase - Contributions to Other Agencies - \\$96,800 \(amount over original estimate for Clydesdale utility extension - to Maryville City\)](#)

Attachments: [Resolution 19-07-005 Maryville -Clydesdale.docx](#)
[Maryville-Clydesdale.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Hammontree, seconded by Commissioner Hill, 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, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Crowe, Commissioner French, Commissioner Hammontree, Commissioner Hill, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McCulley, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Robbins, Commissioner Stinnett and Commissioner Webb

No: 0

Absent: 4 - Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King and Commissioner Reagan

Abstain: 1 - Commissioner Caylor

d. [Resolution No. 19-07-004, Budget Decrease - GPSF - \(\\$1,382,000\) \(reduction in BEP funding from the state\)](#)

Attachments: [Resolution 19-07-004 BEP reduction.docx](#)
[141 Decrease-BEP.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner French, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, 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: 17 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Crowe, Commissioner French, Commissioner Hammontree, Commissioner Hill, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McCulley, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Robbins, Commissioner Stinnett and Commissioner Webb

No: 0

Absent: 4 - Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King and Commissioner Reagan

Abstain: 0

2. Other Budget Items.

3. Appointments.

a. [Blount County Public Library Board of Trustees \(3-Year Term\) Appointment of Lauren Emert.](#)

Attachments: [Lauren Emert Recommendation Letter](#)
[Lauren Thibodeaux Emert Resume](#)
[Mayor Recommendation Letter](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Lawhorn, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, 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: 17 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Crowe, Commissioner French, Commissioner Hammontree, Commissioner Hill, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McCulley, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Robbins, Commissioner Stinnett and Commissioner Webb

No: 0

Absent: 4 - Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King and Commissioner Reagan

Abstain: 0

b. [Blount County Public Library Board of Trustees \(3-Year Term\) Appointment.](#)

Attachments: [Mayor Recommendation Letter - Jesus Ortega](#)
[Jesus Ortega-Bio](#)

This Appointment was postponed to the August 6, 2019 Commission Workshop meeting.

c. [Blount County Public Library Board of Trustees \(1-Year Term\) Appointment of Commissioner Tom Stinnett.](#)

Attachments: [Mayor Recommendation Letter](#)

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

No: 0

Absent: 4 - Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King and Commissioner Reagan

Abstain: 1 - Commissioner Stinnett

d. [Emergency Communications District "E-911" Board \(4-Year Term\) Reappointment of Judge William Brewer; Sheriff James Berrong; Commissioner Mike Caylor; and Commissioner Ron French.](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Robbins, seconded by Commissioner Lawhorn, that the Appointments be forwarded to full commission. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 17 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Crowe, Commissioner French, Commissioner Hammontree, Commissioner Hill, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McCulley, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Robbins, Commissioner Stinnett and Commissioner Webb

No: 0

Absent: 4 - Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King and Commissioner Reagan

Abstain: 0

G. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND STATEMENTS.

H. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA.

I. ADJOURNMENT.

At 7:10 p.m. on Tuesday, July 9, 2019, the Chairman declared the Commission Workshop meeting to be adjourned.