



Blount County Government

359 Court Street
Maryville, TN 37804-5906

Meeting Minutes - Final

Public Services Committee

Tuesday, August 12, 2025

4:30 PM

Blount County Courthouse, Room 433

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

Present 5 - Mike Akard, Ron French, Larry Garner, Richard Maples, and Tara Rasher

Absent 2 - Nick Bright, and Tom Stinnett

V. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Gaye Hasty introduced herself to the Committee and informed them should be conducting the Election of Officers for Chairman and Vice Chairman

A. Election of Officers - Chairman

A motion was made by Committee Member Rasher, seconded by Committee Member Maples, to nominate Committee Member Larry Garner as Chairman. A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, seconded by Commissioner French to cease nominations and nominate Larry Garner as Chairman by acclimation. A vote was taken. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Akard, French, Garner, Maples, and Rasher

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Bright, and Stinnett

Abstain: 0

B. Election of Officers - Vice Chairman

A motion was made by Chairman Garner, seconded by Committee Member Maples, to nominate Committee Member Tara Rasher as Vice Chairman. A motion was made by Chairman Garner to cease nominations and nominate Tara Rasher as Vice Chairman by acclimation. A vote was taken. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Akard, French, Garner, Maples, and Rasher

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Bright, and Stinnett

Abstain: 0

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: JANUARY 9, 2025

[Draft - Public Service Committee Minutes](#)

Attachments: [Draft PSC Minutes 2025-01-09](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner French, seconded by Committee Member Maples, to approve the minutes from the January 9, 2025 meeting. A vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Akard, French, Garner, Maples, and Rasher

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Bright, and Stinnett

Abstain: 0

IV. APPEALS: NONE

Committee Member Tom Stinnett arrived to the meeting

Commissioner Ron French asked to discuss a resolution for the Public Services Committee. The Committee Members and staff discussed the resolution.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commission French, seconded by Committee Member Stinnett to recess the meeting until 4:30 on Thursday, August 21, 2025. A vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote.

Yes: 6 - Akard, French, Garner, Maples, Rasher, and Stinnett

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Bright

Abstain: 0

Meeting Reconvened at 4:30 PM on August 21, 2025

The following members were present:

Commissioner Mike Akard, Commissioner Nick Bright, Commissioner Ron French, Chairperson Larry Garner, Committee Member Richard Maples, Vice Chairperson Tara Rasher, and Committee Member Tom Stinnett

Committee members continued discussion of the proposed resolution with County Staff and County Attorney Scott Stewart.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:24 PM