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Meeting Minutes - Final

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Thursday, September 19, 2024

6:30 PM

Blount County Courthouse, Room 430

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

Zoom Meeting ID: 846 0147 8443

ROLL CALL

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the Blount County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, September 19, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. in the Blount County Courthouse of Maryville, Tennessee. Blount County Commission Chairman Jared Anderson called the meeting to order. An electronic roll call was taken by Blount County Clerk Gaye Hasty. There were 19 members present and 2 were absent. The Chairman declared that a quorum was present. The following proceedings were held, to wit:

- Present:** 19 - Commissioner Mike Akard, Commissioner Jared Anderson, Commissioner Robbie Bennett, Commissioner Brad Bowers, Commissioner Nick Bright, Commissioner Richard Carver, Commissioner Mike Caylor, Commissioner Misty Davis, Commissioner Ron French, Commissioner John Giles, Commissioner Jessica Hannah, Commissioner Scott King, Commissioner Staci Martin, Commissioner Earl McMahan, Commissioner Steve Mikels, Commissioner Dawn Reagan, Commissioner Tom Stinnett, Commissioner Linda Webb, and Commissioner David Wells
- Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Dyran Bledsoe, and Commissioner Jeff Jopling

ELECTION OF COUNTY COMMISSION CHAIRPERSON

The Clerk opened the floor for nominations of County Commission Chairperson.

Commissioner Akard nominated Jared Anderson. That was seconded by Commissioner Bright.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mikels, seconded by Commissioner Bright, that nominations cease. There was no objection. The Clerk declared the floor closed for nominations.

An electronic vote was taken on the nomination. The Clerk declared Jared Anderson elected as Chairman of the Board of Commissioners by the following vote:

Yes: 18 - Akard, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, King, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Bledsoe, and Jopling

Abstain: 1 - Anderson

ELECTION OF COUNTY COMMISSION PRO TEMPORE

The Chairman opened the floor for nominations of County Commission Pro Tempore.

Commissioner Akard nominated Nick Bright. That was seconded by Commissioner Mikels.

A motion was made by Commissioner Akard that nominations cease. Hearing no objection, the Chairman declared the floor closed for nominations.

An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared Nick Bright elected as Pro Tempore of the Board of Commissioners by the following vote:

Yes: 18 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, King, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Bledsoe, and Jopling

Abstain: 1 - Bright

ELECTION OF COUNTY COMMISSION PARLIAMENTARIAN

The Chairman opened the floor for nominations of County Commission Parliamentarian.

Commissioner Bright nominated Mike Akard. That was seconded by Commissioner Hannah.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bright, seconded by Commissioner Davis, that nominations cease. Hearing no objection, the Chairman declared the floor closed for nominations.

An electronic vote was taken on the nomination. The Chairman declared Mike Akard elected as Parliamentarian of the Board of Commissioners by the following vote:

Yes: 18 - Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, King, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Bledsoe, and Jopling

Abstain: 1 - Akard

A. SETTING OF AGENDA.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Bright, seconded by Commissioner Martin, 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: 19 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, King, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Bledsoe, and Jopling

Abstain: 0

B. CONSENT CALENDAR.

A motion was made by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Giles, that the Consent Calendar be approved. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 19 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, King, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Bledsoe, and Jopling

Abstain: 0

1. [Minutes of Zoning Public Hearing on September 10, 2024.](#)

Attachments: [2023 M Board of Commissioners 24-09-10 Meeting Minutes](#)

The minutes were approved.

2. [Minutes of Regular Commission Meeting on August 15, 2024.](#)

Attachments: [Minutes 2024-Aug-15](#)

The minutes were approved.

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

Attachments: [BONDS AND OATHS RESOLUTION 24-09-011](#)
[Oaths of Deputy Sheriff 2024-Sep-19](#)
[Public Officials Oaths Bonds 2024-Sep-19](#)
[Notary Public Bonds and Oaths 2024-Sep-19](#)

The Resolution was adopted.

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

Attachments: [24-216 Notaries to be Elected 2024-Sep-19](#)

The Notaries were elected.

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

Attachments: [Jail Facility Inspection Report 2024-Aug-09](#)
[Minutes of Board of Zoning Appeals 2024-Jun-06](#)
[Minutes of Budget Committee 2024-Jul-09](#)
[Minutes of Education Committee 2024-May-03](#)
[Minutes of Planning Commission 2024-Jun-27](#)
[Minutes of Planning Commission 2024-Jul-25](#)
[Trustee Monthly Report July 2024](#)

The reports were received and filed.

6. [August 2024 Financial Reports. \(INFORMATION ONLY\)](#)

- Attachments:** [ARPA Utility Project Update August 2024](#)
[ARPA Tracking 8.31.24](#)
[FY24.25 Proposed Capital Plan](#)
[August 2024 Expense Report](#)
[August 2024 Revenue Report](#)
[YTD Expense Report as of August 31 2024](#)
[YTD Revenue Report as of August 31 2024](#)
[US Bank Report August 2024](#)

The reports were received and filed.

7. [Updated Forms - Budget Amendment and Budget Memo Templates have been modified to provide the Budget Committee better data presentation to make informed decisions. \(INFORMATION ONLY\)](#)

- Attachments:** [Blount County Budget Committee Memo](#)
[FY24-25 Budget Amendment Request](#)

The information was received and filed.

C. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

D. ELECTIONS, APPOINTMENTS, AND CONFIRMATIONS.

1. Confirmation of Mayoral Appointments.

a. [Animal Center Advisory Board \(1-Year Term\) 5 Commissioners: Mike Akard, Rick Carver, Jessica Hannah, Staci Martin and Linda Webb.](#)

- Attachments:** [Animal Center Advisory Board - 08.26.24](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chair Bright, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, that the appointments be confirmed. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 14 - Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, King, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Bledsoe, and Jopling

Abstain: 5 - Akard, Carver, Hannah, Martin, and Webb

b. [Human Resources Committee \(1-Year Term\) 1 Elected Official: Register of Deeds Phyllis Crisp.](#)

Attachments: [HR Committee - 08.22.24](#)

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

Yes: 19 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, King, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Bledsoe, and Jopling

Abstain: 0

c. [Technology Committee \(1-Year Term\): County Clerk Gaye Hasty, Trustee Scott Graves and Highway Rep. Jenny Montgomery.](#)

Attachments: [IT Committee - 08.26.24](#)

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

Yes: 19 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, King, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Bledsoe, and Jopling

Abstain: 0

2. Commission Appointments.

a. [Audit Committee \(2-Year Term\) 2 Commissioners: Jared Anderson and Ron French.](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Giles, seconded by Commissioner Akard, that the appointments be approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner French that items D.2.a., D.2.b., D.2.c., D.2.d., D.2.e., D.2.f., D.2.g., and D.2.h. be combined in a singular vote for approval. Commissioner Hannah objected to item D.2.h. With no further objection, the Chairman declared that items D.2.a thru D.2.g. would be considered.

An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared that the appointments in items D.2.a., D.2.b., D.2.c., D.2.d., D.2.e., D.2.f., and D.2.g. to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 19 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, King, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Bledsoe, and Jopling

Abstain: 0

- b. [Beer Board \(2-year Term\) 9 Commissioners: Robbie Bennett, Rick Carver, Misty Davis, Ron French, Scott King, Staci Martin, Earl McMahan, Steve Mikels and Dawn Reagan.](#)

The appointments were approved according to the action taken above in item D.2.a.

- c. [Cable TV Authority \(3-Year Term\) Mr. Gary Farmer and Commissioner Ron French.](#)

The appointments were approved according to the action taken above in item D.2.a.

- d. [Education Committee \(1-Year Term\) 5 - 9 Commissioners: Mike Akard, Robbie Bennett, Brad Bowers, Misty Davis, John Giles, Jessica Hannah, Earl McMahan, Steve Mikels, and Dawn Reagan.](#)

The appointments were approved according to the action taken above in item D.2.a.

- e. [Human Resources Committee \(1-Year Term\) 5 Commissioners*: Jared Anderson, Nick Bright, Rick Carver, Tom Stinnett, and David Wells. \(*Same commissioners that serve on Insurance Committee.\)](#)

The appointments were approved according to the action taken above in item D.2.a.

- f. [Insurance Committee \(1-Year Term\) 5 Commissioners*: Jared Anderson, Nick Bright, Rick Carver, Tom Stinnett, and David Wells. \(*Same commissioners that serve on H.R. Committee.\)](#)

The appointments were approved according to the action taken above in item D.2.a.

- g. [Technology Committee \(1-Year Term\) 3 Commissioners: Dyrn Bledsoe, Rick Carver, and Jeff Jopling.](#)

The appointments were approved according to the action taken above in item D.2.a.

h. [Library Board of Trustees \(3-Year Term\) Appointment of Megan King Womack.](#)

Attachments: [Megan King Womack Library Board Info Sheet Redacted](#)

[Megan King Womack Bio](#)

[Mayor Recommendation for Library Board July 2024](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Reagan, seconded by Commissioner Davis, that the appointment of Megan King Womack be approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hannah, seconded by Commissioner Mikels, that Richard Fogg be nominated.

The Chairman asked if there were any more nominations. A motion was made by Commissioner Hannah that nominations cease. The Chairman asked if there was an objection to closing nominations. Hearing no objection, the Chairman declared the floor closed for nominations.

The Chairman recognized Mr. Fogg who introduced himself and addressed the full commission.

The Chairman recognized Ms. Womack who introduced herself and addressed the full commission.

A roll call vote was taken on the nominations for Library Board of Trustees.

To appoint Megan Womack: 9 - Akard, Bennett, Bowers, Giles, Martin, Reagan, Stinnett, Webb and Wells.

To appoint Richard Fogg: 10 - Anderson, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Hannah, King, McMahan and Mikels.

Commissioner Akard requested that his vote be changed to Richard Fogg. There being no objection, the final votes were as follows:

To appoint Megan Womack: 8 - Bennett, Bowers, Giles, Martin, Reagan, Stinnett, Webb and Wells.

To appoint Richard Fogg: 11 - Akard, Anderson, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Hannah, King, McMahan and Mikels.

The Chairman declared Richard Fogg appointed to the Library Board of Trustees.

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

F. NEW BUSINESS.

1. [Resolution No. 24-09-001. Budget Increase – Central Services, Park and Recreation - \\$1,482,158.80 \(Re-Appropriate funds for previously approved site development at Everett Recreation Center and Athletic Complex, to include fully turfed football field with shock pad, goal posts, lighting and fencing\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution Central Svs Park & Rec Everett Re-appropriation](#)
[Amendment Central Svs Park & Rec Everett Re-appropriation](#)
[Memo Central Svs Park & Rec Everett Re-appropriation](#)

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: 19 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, King, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Bledsoe, and Jopling

Abstain: 0

2. [Resolution No. 24-09-002. Budget Increase – School Capital - \\$499,600.00 \(Appropriate funds for William Blount 9th Grade Academy HVAC units that are past their useful life\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution School Capital WBHS HVAC](#)
[Amendment School Capital WBHS HVAC](#)
[Memo School Capital WBHS HVAC](#)

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

Yes: 19 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, King, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Bledsoe, and Jopling

Abstain: 0

3. [Resolution No. 24-09-003. Budget Increase – Library Capital - \\$253,629.60 \(Appropriate capital funds for the construction of the Book Return Project; funded by the Foundation of the Blount County Library\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution Library Book Return Construction](#)
[Amendment Library Book Return Construction](#)
[Memo Library Book Return Construction](#)

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

Yes: 19 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, King, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Bledsoe, and Jopling

Abstain: 0

4. [Resolution No. 24-09-004. Budget Increase – Health Department - \\$131,975.02 \(Accept and appropriate FY25 State DGA Grant for increases Health Department personnel and operations; these funds are reimbursed by the State\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution Health Department FY25 DGA Grant](#)
[Amendment Health Department FY25 DGA Grant](#)
[Memo Health Department FY25 DGA Grant](#)

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: 19 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, King, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Bledsoe, and Jopling

Abstain: 0

5. [Resolution No. 24-09-005. Budget Increase – General County Capital - \\$93,492.00 \(Appropriate funds to support purchase of two maintenance vans past their life cycle\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution 189 Capital Maint Vehicles](#)
[Amendment 189 Capital Maint Vehicles](#)
[Memo 189 Capital Maint Vehicles](#)
[Back up for 189 Capital Maint Vehicles](#)

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

Yes: 19 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, King, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Bledsoe, and Jopling

Abstain: 0

6. [Resolution No. 24-09-006. Budget Increase – General County Capital - \\$49,362.00 \(Appropriate funds for the Animal Center roof replacement\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution 189 Capital Animal Center Roof](#)
[Amendment 189 Capital Animal Center Roof](#)
[Memo 189 Capital Animal Center Roof](#)
[Back up Animal Center Roof Quote](#)

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

Yes: 19 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, King, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Bledsoe, and Jopling

Abstain: 0

7. [Resolution No. 24-09-007. Budget Increase – Property Assessor - \\$19,375.00 \(Appropriate funds for a software company to assist in finding short term rentals in Blount County to be assessed at the commercial rate of forty percent per recent changes to TCA law\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution Property Assessor Deckard Tech ST Rentals](#)
[Amendment Property Assessor Deckard Tech for ST Rentals](#)
[Memo Property Assessor Deckard Tch for ST Rentals](#)
[Back up Property Assessor Bulletin No 2021-01 Short Term Rentals](#)

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

Yes: 18 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, King, Martin, McMahan, Reagan, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

No: 1 - Mikels

Absent: 2 - Bledsoe, and Jopling

Abstain: 0

8. [Resolution No. 24-09-008. Budget Increase – BCSO - \\$6,108.49 \(Appropriate Insurance recovery funds for a Sheriff's Office vehicle that was involved in an accident\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution BCSO Insurance Settlement](#)
[Amendment BCSO insurance settlement](#)
[Memo BCSO insurance settlement](#)
[Back Up BCSO settlement check for MVA](#)

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

Yes: 19 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, King, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Bledsoe, and Jopling

Abstain: 0

9. [Resolution No. 24-09-012, Resolution to Amend the Zoning Map of Blount County, Tennessee, from R-1 \(Rural District 1\) to RAC \(Rural Arterial Commercial\) for a 3.194 Acre Portion of a 5.014 Parcel Located at 5212 U.S. Highway 411S. The property is identified as part of tax map 100 parcel 009.02.](#)

Attachments: [24-09-012 Resolution Amend Zoning R-1 to RAC 3.194 Acres at 5212 US Hwy 411S](#)
[Notice of Public Hearing - TDT ad 5212 US Hwy 411S \(1\)](#)
[Memo to Request Zoning Public Haring R-1 to RAC 5212 US411S-6](#)
[Draft Resolution to Amend Zoning Map R-1 to RAC 5212 US411S](#)
[Report of Action for Request to Amend Zoning Map R-1 to RAC 5212 US411S-2](#)
[Staff Memo for Rezoning Request to Amend 5212 US411S-5](#)

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

Yes: 18 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, Giles, Hannah, King, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

No: 1 - French

Absent: 2 - Bledsoe, and Jopling

Abstain: 0

10. [Resolution No. 24-09-013, A Resolution of the Blount County Commission Requesting a Thorough Investigation into Personnel Records Dating 2004 to Present Involving All Existing Reports of Sexual Misconduct Within Blount County Schools to Help Determine if There Have Been Any Trends Similar to Those Concerning the Incidents Involving Joseph Michael Dalton.](#)

Attachments: [RESOLUTION 24-09-013 Sexual Misconduct in BCS by Joseph Michael Dalton](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Hannah, seconded by Commissioner Davis, that the Resolution be adopted.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mikels, seconded by Commissioner Akard, that the Resolution be amended to add "BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Blount County Board of Commissioners tasks our State Legislature to pass a law that if a teacher or public servant is found guilty or pleads guilty will lose their state certification or licensure."

A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, seconded by Commissioner Mikels, that the amendment be further amended to include "a plea of nolo contendere (no admission of guilt)", and "forfeiture of (lose) their TCRS retirement funds".

An electronic vote was taken on the amendment to the amendment that includes "a plea of nolo contendere (no admission of guilt)", and the "forfeiture of (lose) their TCRS retirement funds". The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 19 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, King, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Bledsoe, and Jopling

Abstain: 0

An electronic vote was taken on the primary amendment to add the following clause: "BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Blount County Board of Commissioners tasks our State Legislature to pass a law that if a teacher or public servant is found guilty, pleads guilty or "nolo contendere" (no admission of guilt) will lose their state certification or licensure, and forfeiture of (lose) their TCRS retirement funds." The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 19 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, King, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Bledsoe, and Jopling

Abstain: 0

An electronic vote was taken to adopt the Resolution as amended. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 19 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, King, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Bledsoe, and Jopling

Abstain: 0

G. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND STATEMENTS.

H. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA.

I. ADJOURNMENT.

With no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting to be adjourned. The Blount County Board of Commissioners having met in regular session on Thursday, September 19, 2024, adjourned at 9:31 p.m.