



# Blount County Government

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## Meeting Minutes - Final

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Thursday, November 16, 2023

6:30 PM

Blount County Courthouse, Room 430

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

Zoom Meeting ID: 854 5567 7046

## ROLL CALL

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the Blount County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, November 16, 2023, 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 with the late arrival of Commissioner Jessica Hannah, and 2 absent. The following proceedings were held, to wit:

**Present:** 19 - Commissioner Mike Akard, Chairperson Jared Anderson, Commissioner Robbie Bennett, Commissioner Dyran Bledsoe, Commissioner Brad Bowers, Vice Chair Nick Bright, Commissioner Richard Carver, Commissioner Mike Caylor, Commissioner Misty Davis, Commissioner Ron French, 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 John Giles, and Commissioner Jeff Jopling

**A. SETTING OF AGENDA.**

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

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

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 2 - Giles, and Jopling

**Abstain:** 0

**B. CONSENT CALENDAR.**

A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, 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, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Hannah, King, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 2 - Giles, and Jopling

**Abstain:** 0

1. [Update on the Blount County Schools Drug Education Program to be Presented During the Commission Meeting on November 16, 2023. \(Information Only\)](#)

Carpenters Middle School Teen Living & Life Skills Teacher Melissa Crabtree gave a presentation on the Blount County Schools Drug Education Program.

2. [Minutes of Regular Commission Meeting on October 19, 2023.](#)

**Attachments:** [Minutes 2023-Oct-19](#)

The minutes were approved.

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

**Attachments:** [BONDS AND OATHS RESOLUTION 23-11-011](#)

[Oaths of Deputy Sheriff 2023-Nov-16](#)

[Notary Public Bonds Oaths 2023-Nov-16](#)

The Resolution was adopted.

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

**Attachments:** [Notaries to be Elected 2023-Nov-16](#)

The notaries were elected.

**5. [Receiving of Reports. \(Information Only\)](#)**

**Attachments:** [Jail Facility Inspection Report for October 2023](#)  
[Minutes of Budget Committee 2023-Oct-10](#)  
[Minutes of Education Committee 2023-Sep-26](#)  
[Minutes of Planning Commission 2023-Aug-24](#)  
[Minutes of Technology Committee 2023-September-05](#)  
[Records Requests 2023 Jul-Sep](#)  
[Sheriff Office Annual Financial Report - year end June 2023](#)

The reports were received and filed.

**6. [October 2023 Financial Reports. \(Information Only\)](#)**

**Attachments:** [ARPA Utility Project Update October 2023](#)  
[ARPA Tracking 10.31.23](#)  
[FY23.24 Capital Exhibit Master](#)  
[OCTOBER 2023 EXPENSE REPORT](#)  
[OCTOBER 2023 REVENUE REPORT](#)  
[YTD EXPENSE REPORT AS OF OCTOBER 31 2023](#)  
[YTD REVENUE REPORT AS OF OCTOBER 31 2023](#)  
[US BANK REPORT OCTOBER 2023](#)

The reports were received and filed.

**C. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.****D. ELECTIONS, APPOINTMENTS, AND CONFIRMATIONS.****1. [Board of Zoning Appeals \(4-Year Term\) Reappointment of Stanley Headrick.](#)**

**Attachments:** [Recommendation to Reappoint Stan Headrick to BZA 2023-27](#)  
[Bio of Stan Headrick Redacted](#)

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

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

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 2 - Giles, and Jopling

**Abstain:** 0

**2. [Blount County Planning Commission \(4-Year Term\) Reappointment of Bruce McClellan.](#)**

**Attachments:** [Recommendation to Reappoint Bruce McClellan Planning 2023-27](#)  
[Bruce McClellan resume 2011](#)

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

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

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 2 - Giles, and Jopling

**Abstain:** 0

**3. [Blount County Sheriff's Merit Board \(Staggered Terms\) Reappointments of Gary Hall \(2024\), Richard Julian \(2024\), Art King \(2026\), Michael Rasher \(2026\), and Roger Robinson \(2026\).](#)**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Mikels, seconded by Commissioner Carver, that the appointments be approved. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:**

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

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 2 - Giles, and Jopling

**Abstain:** 0

**E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.**

**1. [Veterans Affairs Committee Appointment of Larry Grant, American Legion Post 13.](#)**

**Attachments:** [BCG Email - Fwd Veterans Affairs Committee](#)  
[AmericanLegion Minutes](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Mikels, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, that the appointment be approved. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:**

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

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 2 - Giles, and Jopling

**Abstain:** 0

**2.** [Blount County Highway Department Employee Handbook. \(Information Only\)](#)

**Attachments:** [RESOLUTION 23-11-013 Highway Dept Employee Handbook](#)

[Memo Re BCHD Handbook](#)

[BCHD Handbook](#)

[TCA 5-23-103 Adoption of base personnel policies](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Reagan, seconded by Commissioner Wells, that the Resolution be adopted.**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, seconded by Vice Chair Bright, that the Resolution be amended by striking the word "disapprove" and inserting the phrase "express dislike" in the "NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED" clause. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have failed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Akard, Anderson, Bright, Davis, King, and Wells

**No:** 11 - Bennett, Bledsoe, Bowers, Carver, Caylor, French, Hannah, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, and Reagan

**Absent:** 2 - Giles, and Jopling

**Abstain:** 2 - Stinnett, and Webb

**An electronic vote was taken on the original motion to adopt the Resolution. The Chairman declared the motion to have failed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 4 - Akard, Davis, King, and Wells

**No:** 11 - Bennett, Bowers, Carver, Caylor, French, Hannah, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, and Stinnett

**Absent:** 3 - Bledsoe, Giles, and Jopling

**Abstain:** 3 - Anderson, Bright, and Webb

**F. NEW BUSINESS.**

1. [Request approval for Circuit Court Courtroom Security Grant Application - \\$10,288.32, no match \(To apply for funds to install new cameras in entrance, 2nd and 3rd floor holding cells\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

**Attachments:** [Grant Application Circuit Court Cameras](#)  
[Memo Grant Application Circuit Court cameras](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner French, seconded by Commissioner Carver, that the request be approved. 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, Hannah, King, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 3 - Bledsoe, Giles, and Jopling

**Abstain:** 0

2. [Resolution No. 23-11-001. Budget Transfer - BCSO, Drug Task Force Building - \\$608,644.50 \(Transfer Justice and Treasury reserve funds to the correct accounts to realign funds for the Drug Task Force building construction project\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

**Attachments:** [Resolution DTF Building Project](#)  
[Amendment-BCSO DTF Asset Forfeiture funds for vehicles](#)  
[Amendment-BCSO Vehicle Budget to Replenish DTF Project](#)  
[Memo-BCSO DTF building project](#)

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

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 3 - Bledsoe, Giles, and Jopling

**Abstain:** 0

3. [Resolution No. 23-11-002. Budget Increase - BCSO, Drug Task Force Building - \\$279,706.67 \(Re-appropriate funds from prior year to support the ongoing Drug Task Force Building Project\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

**Attachments:** [Resolution-DTF Re-appropriation of funds from YE22-23](#)  
[Amendment-DTF Re-appropriation of funds from YE22-23](#)  
[Memo-DTF Re-appropriation of Funds from YE22-23](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, 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:** 18 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Hannah, King, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 3 - Bledsoe, Giles, and Jopling

**Abstain:** 0

4. [Resolution No. 23-11-003. Budget Increase - BCSO, Smartphones for Deputies - \\$52,500.00 \(Appropriate funds approved during FY24 budget process to purchase Smart Phones for BCSO deputies\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

**Attachments:** [Resolution BCSO Smartphones](#)  
[Amendment BCSO Smartphones](#)  
[Memo BCSO Smartphones](#)  
[Backup Capital resolution - FY23-24](#)  
[Smart Phone cost overview](#)

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Bright, 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:** 18 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Hannah, King, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 3 - Bledsoe, Giles, and Jopling

**Abstain:** 0

5. [Resolution No. 23-11-004. Budget Increase - General County Capital -\\$20,755,210.00 \(Appropriate funds for the Eagleton Ball Park Renovation Project\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

**Attachments:** [Resolution Eagleton Capital Outlay](#)  
[Amendment Eagleton Capital Outlay](#)  
[Memo Eagleton Capital Outlay](#)

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

**Yes:** 16 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Hannah, King, Martin, McMahan, Reagan, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

**No:** 1 - Mikels

**Absent:** 3 - Bledsoe, Giles, and Jopling

**Abstain:** 1 - Bowers

6. [Resolution No. 23-11-005. Purchasing requests a multi-year contract with Advizex for the IT Department to replace server and storage equipment for the County's two data centers \(at end of life\) to enhance cyber protection and disaster recovery; contract will run through FY28. Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

**Attachments:** [Resolution-Purchasing Advizex multi year contract](#)  
[Memo-Purchasing Advizex MultiYear Contract](#)  
[Backup-Purchasing Advizex MultiYear Contract](#)

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

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 3 - Bledsoe, Giles, and Jopling

**Abstain:** 0



7. [Resolution No. 23-11-012, A Resolution Naming the Eastbound Bridge Toward Townsend on U.S. Highway 321 in Blount County, Tennessee, PFC Clayton E. Narveson Memorial Bridge.](#)

**Attachments:** [Resolution for PFC Clayton Edward Narveson Memorial Bridge](#)  
[Clayton Edward Narveson Obituary 2023 - Cremation By Grandview](#)  
[IMG\\_0909](#)  
[IMG\\_0915](#)  
[RES 23-03-012 The Clayton Narveson WWII Iwo Jima Survivor Memorial Bridge](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Carver, seconded by Commissioner Mikels, that the Resolution be adopted. A voice vote was taken with all voting aye, and none were opposed. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed.

8. [Setting a Zoning Public Hearing for Tuesday, December 5, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. to Amend the Zoning Resolution of Blount County, Tennessee, by Modifying Article 13 to Revise the Definition of Daycare Center.](#)

**Attachments:** [Memo Day Care Draft to CC 102423](#)  
[Draft Resolution Daycare](#)  
[Report of Action 2023-Sep-28](#)  
[Alcoa Reg Plan Com Resolution 2023-Oct-19](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chair Bright, seconded by Commissioner Akard, that the Zoning Public Hearing be set. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the Zoning Public Hearing to be set for Tuesday, December 5, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. by the following vote:

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

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 3 - Bledsoe, Giles, and Jopling

**Abstain:** 0

## G. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND STATEMENTS.

## H. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA.

## I. ADJOURNMENT.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mikels, seconded by Commissioner McMahan, that the meeting be adjourned. The Chairman declared the meeting to be adjourned. The Blount County Board of Commissioners having met in regular session on Thursday, November 16, 2023, adjourned at 8:17 p.m.