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Meeting Minutes - Draft

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Thursday, July 17, 2025

6:00 PM

Blount County Courthouse, Room 430

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

Zoom Meeting ID: 827 5535 5094

ROLL CALL

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the Blount County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, July 17, 2025, at 6:00 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 16 members present, and 5 were absent. The Chairman declared that a quorum was present. The following proceedings were held, to wit:

- Present:** 16 - Chairperson Jared Anderson, Commissioner Dyran Bledsoe, Commissioner Brad Bowers, Vice Chair Nick Bright, Commissioner Richard Carver, Commissioner Misty Davis, Commissioner Ron French, Commissioner John Giles, Commissioner Jessica Hannah, Commissioner Jeff Jopling, Commissioner Scott King, Commissioner Staci Martin, Commissioner Earl McMahan, Commissioner Steve Mikels, Commissioner Linda Webb, and Commissioner David Wells
- Absent:** 5 - Commissioner Mike Akard, Commissioner Robbie Bennett, Commissioner Quentin Caldwell, Commissioner Mike Caylor, and Commissioner Dawn Reagan

A. SETTING OF AGENDA.

A motion was made by Commissioner McMahan, seconded by Vice Chair Bright, that the minutes be approved.. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 16 - Anderson, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, King, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 5 - Akard, Bennett, Caldwell, Caylor, and Reagan

Abstain: 0

B. GENERAL CONSENT CALENDAR.

A motion was made by Commissioner McMahan, seconded by Commissioner Giles, that the consent calendar be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 16 - Anderson, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, King, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 5 - Akard, Bennett, Caldwell, Caylor, and Reagan

Abstain: 0

1. [Minutes of Commission on June 19, 2025.](#)

Attachments: [Minutes of Commission 2025-June-19](#)

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

Attachments: [BONDS AND OATHS RESOLUTION 25-07-011](#)

[Oaths of Board of Equalization 2025-Jul-17](#)

[Oaths of Deputy Sheriff 2025-Jul-17](#)

[Notary Public Bonds Oaths 2025-Jul-17](#)

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

Attachments: [Notaries to be Elected 2025-Jul-17](#)

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

Attachments: [JailFacilityInspectionReport 2025-May-7](#)
[JailFacilityInspectionReport 2025-Jun-4](#)
[Minutes of Animal Center Advisory Board 2025-Feb-25](#)
[Minutes of Beer Board 2025-May-15](#)
[Minutes of Budget Committee 2025-Apr-10](#)
[Minutes of Budget Committee 2025-May-8](#)
[Minutes of Planning Commission 2025-Apr-24](#)
[Records Requests Quarterly Report OCT-DEC 2024](#)
[Trustee Monthly Report May 2025](#)

5. [June 2025 Financial Reports \(INFORMATION ONLY\)](#)

Attachments: [ARPA Utility Project Update June 2025](#)
[ARPA Tracking 6.30.25](#)
[FY24.25 Capital Plan Exhibit](#)
[June 2025 Expense Report](#)
[June 2025 Revenue Report](#)
[YTD Expense Report as of June 30, 2025](#)
[YTD Revenue Report as of June 30, 2025](#)
[US Bank Report June 2025](#)

C. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.**D. BUDGET CONSENT CALENDAR.**

A motion was made by Vice Chair Bright, seconded by Commissioner Davis, that the budget consent calendar be approved. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 16 - Anderson, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, King, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 5 - Akard, Bennett, Caldwell, Caylor, and Reagan

Abstain: 0

1. [BCSO Grant Application – 20,000.00 – \(To apply for FY26 Mental Health Transport Grant; no matching funds are required.\) Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Grant Worksheet - Mental Health Transport](#)
[FY26 Mental Health Transport](#)

2. [Resolution No. 25-07-003, Budget Increase – Heritage Center - \\$25,000.00 \(Appropriate one-time general county funds for already supported increase in contribution to the Heritage Center.\) Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution - Heritage Center](#)
[Amendment - Heritage Center](#)
[Memo - Heritage Center](#)
[Backup - Additional Request Memo](#)

E. ELECTIONS, APPOINTMENTS, AND CONFIRMATIONS.

F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

G. NEW BUSINESS.

1. [BCSO Grant Application – \\$1,575,000.00 – \(To apply for FY26 School Security Officer Grant for 21 SROs at \\$75,000.00 each; no matching funds are required.\) Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Memo - BCSO SRO Grant](#)
[Grant Worksheet - BCSO SRO Grant](#)

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

Yes: 16 - Anderson, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, King, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 5 - Akard, Bennett, Caldwell, Caylor, and Reagan

Abstain: 0

2. [BCSO Grant Application – \\$74,000.00 – \(To apply for FY26 Litter Grant; no matching funds are required.\) Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Memo - BCSO Litter Grant](#)
[Backup - BCSO Litter Grant Budget](#)
[Backup - BCSO Litter Grant Work Plan](#)
[Backup - BCSO Litter Grant Education Plan](#)

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

Yes: 16 - Anderson, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, King, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 5 - Akard, Bennett, Caldwell, Caylor, and Reagan

Abstain: 0

3. [Resolution No. 25-07-001, Budget Increase - BCSO -\\$230,000.00 \(Appropriate one-time general county funds for already supported items including K-9s, AEDs, Drones and Battery Backup for the Jail.\) Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution - BCSO Capital Items for FY25-26 Budget](#)
[Amendment - BCSO Capital Items for FY25-26 Budget](#)
[Memo - BCSO Capital Items for FY25-26 Budget](#)
[Backup - BCSO Capital Items for FY25-26 Budget](#)
[Backup - Additional Request Memo](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Mikels, 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: 16 - Anderson, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, King, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 5 - Akard, Bennett, Caldwell, Caylor, and Reagan

Abstain: 0

4. [Resolution No. 25-07-002, Budget Adjustment – BCSO -\\$72,453.00 \(Appropriate general county funds to recognize the total expense incurred for the Real Time Crime position approved in this year’s budget. This increase is currently offset by reimbursements from Maryville, Alcoa and 911 Operations.\) Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution - Real Time Crime Position](#)
[Amendment - Real Time Crime Position](#)
[Memo - Real Time Crime Position](#)
[Backup - Additional Request Memo](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Mikels, 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: 16 - Anderson, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, King, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 5 - Akard, Bennett, Caldwell, Caylor, and Reagan

Abstain: 0

5. [Resolution No. 25-07-012, To Amend the Zoning Resolution of Blount County, Tennessee, by Modifying Section 7.20.C to Revise the Open Space Requirement of Cluster Developments.](#)

Attachments: [25-07-012 Resolution 7.20.C Open Space Requirements](#)
[Memo Re Amendment to Zoning Regs - Sec7.20.C Open Space Requirement of Cluster Developments](#)
[Resolution Draft open space](#)
[Minutes of Planning Commission 2025-Mar-27](#)
[Alcoa Regional Planning Commission Resolution](#)
[Public hearing notice cluster devt open space](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Commissioner French to adopt the resolution.

A motion was made by Commissioner Giles, seconded by Commissioner Carver, that the Resolution be amended to change the percentage of gross project area from 30% to 35%. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to amend failed by the following vote:

Yes: 10 - Anderson, Bledsoe, Bowers, Carver, French, Giles, Jopling, King, McMahan, and Wells

No: 6 - Bright, Davis, Hannah, Martin, Mikels, and Webb

Absent: 5 - Akard, Bennett, Caldwell, Caylor, and Reagan

Abstain: 0

A motion was made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Commissioner French that the resolution be amended to 33.3% gross project area.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bowers, seconded by Commissioner Bright, that the motion to amend be amended to 35% of the gross project area in the Suburbanizing zone and 40% in the R1 and the R2 zones. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to amend the amendment passed by the following vote:

Yes: 15 - Anderson, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Carver, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, King, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Webb, and Wells

No: 1 - Davis

Absent: 5 - Akard, Bennett, Caldwell, Caylor, and Reagan

Abstain: 0

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

Yes: 15 - Anderson, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Carver, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, King, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Webb, and Wells

No: 1 - Davis

Absent: 5 - Akard, Bennett, Caldwell, Caylor, and Reagan

Abstain: 0

The Chairman asked unanimous consent to amend the original motion to adopt be a motion to forward the amended resolution to the Blount County, Alcoa, and Maryville Regional Planning boards for review and approval. There was no objection. An electronic vote was taken. The motion to forward the resolution as amended to the planning bodies was approved by the following vote:

Yes: 15 - Anderson, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Carver, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, King, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Webb, and Wells

No: 1 - Davis

Absent: 5 - Akard, Bennett, Caldwell, Caylor, and Reagan

Abstain: 0

H. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND STATEMENTS.

I. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA.

J. ADJOURNMENT.

The Chairman declared that, with no further business or objection, the meeting would be adjourned. Hearing none, the Blount County Board of Commissioners, having met in regular session on Thursday, July 17, 2025, adjourned at 7:38 p.m.