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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Commission Workshop

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Tuesday, June 11, 2024

6:30 PM

Blount County Courthouse, Room 430

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

Zoom Meeting ID: 839 3080 3478

ROLL CALL

BE IT REMEMBERED, that a Blount County Commission Workshop meeting was held on Tuesday, June 11, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. in the Blount County Courthouse of Maryville, Tennessee. Blount County Commission Workshop Chairman Nick Bright called the meeting to order. An electronic roll call was taken by Blount County Clerk Gaye Hasty. There were 14 members present and 7 were absent. The Chairman declared that a quorum did exist. The following proceedings were held, to wit:

- Present:** 14 - Mike Akard, Jared Anderson, Robbie Bennett, Brad Bowers, Nick Bright, Richard Carver, Ron French, John Giles, Jessica Hannah, Staci Martin, Earl McMahan, Dawn Reagan, Linda Webb and David Wells
- Absent:** 7 - Dyran Bledsoe, Mike Caylor, Misty Davis, Jeff Jopling, Scott King, Steve Mikels and Tom Stinnett

A. SETTING OF AGENDA.

The Chairman declared that item F.4. "Resolution No. 24-06-012, A Resolution to Authorize the Blount County Mayor to Sign and Execute a Lot Line Adjustment Plat for Tracts of Land Associated with the Alcoa/Maryville/Blount County Landfill" be withdrawn from the agenda. A motion was made by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, that the agenda be set. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 14 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Vice Chair Bowers, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 7 - Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Mikels and Commissioner Stinnett

Abstain: 0

B. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

1. [Commission Workshop Meeting Minutes for May 7, 2024.](#)

Attachments: [1932 M Commission Workshop 24-05-07 Meeting Minutes](#)

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

Yes: 14 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Vice Chair Bowers, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 7 - Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Mikels and Commissioner Stinnett

Abstain: 0

D. CONSENT CALENDAR.

A motion was made by Commissioner Reagan, seconded by Commissioner Giles, 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: 14 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Vice Chair Bowers, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 7 - Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Mikels and Commissioner Stinnett

Abstain: 0

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

Attachments: [BONDS AND OATHS RESOLUTION 24-06-011](#)
[Oaths of Deputy Sheriff 2024-Jun-20](#)
[Notary Public Bonds Oaths 2024-Jun-20](#)

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

Attachments: [Notaries to be Elected 2024-Jun-20](#)

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

Attachments: [Jail Facility Inspection Report 2024-May-01](#)
[Minutes of Budget Committee 2024-May-07](#)
[Minutes of Education Committee 2024-Apr-02](#)
[Minutes of Education Committee 2024-Feb-16](#)
[Records Requests 2024 Q1Report](#)
[Trustee Report April 2024](#)
[Trustee Report May 2024](#)

4. [May 2024 Financial Reports. \(INFORMATION ONLY\)](#)

Attachments: [ARPA Utility Project Update May 2024](#)
[ARPA Tracking 5.31.24](#)
[FY23.24 Capital Exhibit Master](#)
[May 2024 Expense Report](#)
[May 2024 Revenue Report](#)
[YTD Expense Report as of May 31 2024](#)
[YTD Revenue Report as of May 31 2024](#)
[US Bank Report May 2024](#)

5. [Refunds for Occupancy Tax.](#)

Attachments: [Little River Campground RV Resort](#)
[The Lily Barn](#)

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

F. NEW BUSINESS.

1. Budget Transfers, Increases and/or Decreases.

- a. [Resolution No. 24-06-004. Budget Increase – Schools Capital - \\$1,515,400.00 \(Appropriate funds for the roof repair/replacement at William Blount High School\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, seconded by Commissioner French, 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: 14 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Vice Chair Bowers, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 7 - Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Mikels and Commissioner Stinnett

Abstain: 0

- b. [Resolution No. 24-06-005. Budget Increase – Schools General Purpose Fund -\\$256,393.93 \(Appropriate funds for the Tennessee State Grant Summer School Program\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution Schools Summer School Grant](#)
[Amendment School Summer School Grant](#)
[Memo Schools Summer School Grant](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chair Bowers, seconded by Commissioner Wells, 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: 13 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Vice Chair Bowers, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 7 - Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Mikels and Commissioner Stinnett

Abstain: 1 - Commissioner Reagan

- c. [Resolution No. 24-06-006. Budget Increase – BCSO – \\$10,900.00 \(Appropriate funds for the Sheriff's Office Drug Fund to recognize donations received to purchase a K-9 \(Pilot Company - \\$10,000\), and a K-9 protective vest \(private citizen - \\$900\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution BCSO Donations K9 and K9 Vest](#)
[Amendment BCSO Donations K9 and K9 Vest](#)
[Memo BCSO Donations K9 and K9 vest](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, seconded by Commissioner Giles, 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: 14 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Vice Chair Bowers, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 7 - Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Mikels and Commissioner Stinnett

Abstain: 0

- d. [Resolution No. 24-06-007. Budget Increase – Central Services Capital - \\$265,320.00 \(Appropriate capital funds for the modernization of the two public elevators at the Justice Center\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution Central Svs Capital Justice Ctr Elevators](#)
[Amendment Central Svs Capital Justice Ctr Elevators](#)
[Memo Central Svs Capital Justice Ctr Elevators](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner French, seconded by Commissioner Carver, 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: 14 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Vice Chair Bowers, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 7 - Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Mikels and Commissioner Stinnett

Abstain: 0

- e. [Resolution No. 24-06-008. Budget Increase – Juvenile Court - \\$660,000.00 \(Accept and Appropriate the Opioid Abatement Council Grant, a three-year, non-matching grant award \(\\$220,000.00 per year from FY25-FY27\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution Juvenile Court Journey Ct w Helen Ross McNabb](#)
[Amendment Juvenile Court Journey Ct w Helen Ross McNabb](#)
[Memo Juvenile Court Journey Ct w Helen Ross McNabb](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Carver, seconded by Commissioner McMahan, 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: 14 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Vice Chair Bowers, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 7 - Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Mikels and Commissioner Stinnett

Abstain: 0

2. Other Budget Items.

- a. [Resolution No. 24-06-009. Purchasing request for a multi-year contract for three years with Helen Ross McNabb Center for Juvenile Court for services focused on prevention, treatment and support for justice-involved at-risk adolescents or those already affected by addiction. Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution Purchasing Multi yr contract w Helen Ross McNabb](#)
[Memo Purchasing Multi yr contract w Helen Ross McNabb](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Carver, seconded by Commissioner Reagan, 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: 14 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Vice Chair Bowers, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 7 - Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Mikels and Commissioner Stinnett

Abstain: 0

- b. [Resolution No. 24-06-010. Purchasing request for a multi-year contract with Axon for five years with Blount County Sherriff's Office for Body Cameras, In-Car \(Fleet\) Cameras and Tasers. The current program has Tasers a la cart, and the updated contract includes all three Axon items on one contract. The financial impact is net neutral due to realignment of funds and savings identified from the current a la carte Taser program. Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution Purchasing Multi Yr Axon Contract for BCSO](#)
[Memo Purchasing Mult Yr Axon Contract for BCSO](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner McMahan, seconded by Commissioner Carver, 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: 14 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Vice Chair Bowers, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 7 - Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Mikels and Commissioner Stinnett

Abstain: 0

c. [Resolution No. 24-06-001. FY 24-25 Tax Rate Resolution. Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [FY24.25 Tax Levy Resolution Recommended](#)

[FY24.25 Tax Levy Exhibit Revenue Report](#)

[FY24.25 Tax Levy Exhibit Revenue Report Capital](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Wells, 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: 14 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Vice Chair Bowers, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 7 - Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Mikels and Commissioner Stinnett

Abstain: 0

d. [Resolution No. 24-06-002. FY 24-25 Appropriation Resolution. Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [FY24.25 Appropriation Resolution Recommended](#)

[FY24.25 Appropriation Budget Exhibit](#)

[FY24.25 Appropriation Budget Exhibit Capital](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner French, seconded by Commissioner Giles, 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: 14 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Vice Chair Bowers, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 7 - Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Mikels and Commissioner Stinnett

Abstain: 0

- e. [Resolution No. 24-06-003. FY 24-25 A Resolution Establishing Capital Outlay Priorities. Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [FY24.25 Resolution Capital Outlay Prioritization](#)
[FY24.25 Capital Outlay Exhibit](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Giles, seconded by Commissioner Carver, 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: 14 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Vice Chair Bowers, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 7 - Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Mikels and Commissioner Stinnett

Abstain: 0

3. Appointments.

4. [Resolution No. 24-06-012, A Resolution to Authorize the Blount County Mayor to Sign and Execute a Lot Line Adjustment Plat for Tracts of Land Associated with the Alcoa/Maryville/Blount County Landfill.](#)

Attachments: [RESOLUTION FOR ALCOA MARYVILLE BLOUNT COUNTY LANDFILL LOT LINE ADJUSTMENT LandFill](#)

This Resolution was withdrawn prior to setting of the agenda.

5. [Setting of a Zoning Public Hearing to Amend the Zoning Map of Blount County, Tennessee, from R-1 \(Rural District 1\) to RAC \(Rural Arterial Commercial\) for a 3.333 Acre Tract of Land Located at 4422 U.S. Highway 411S. \(The Property to be Known as Tax Map 089 Parcel 119.01, and is Currently Identified as Part of Tax Map 089 Parcel 119.00.\)](#)

Attachments: [Memo Request for Zoning Public Hearing R-1 to RAC 4422 Hwy 411S 2024-May-30](#)
[Draft Resolution Amend Zoning Map R-1 to RAC 4422 Hwy 411S](#)
[Report of Action for Request to Amend Zoning Map R-1 to RAC 4422 Hwy 411S](#)
[Memo for Rezoning Request to Amend 4422 Hwy 411S from R-1 to RAC](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Giles, seconded by Commissioner Carver, 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: 14 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Vice Chair Bowers, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 7 - Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Mikels and Commissioner Stinnett

Abstain: 0

G. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND STATEMENTS.

H. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA.

I. ADJOURNMENT.

A motion was made that the meeting be adjourned. The Chairman declared the meeting to be adjourned. The Blount County Commission Workshop meeting adjourned on Tuesday, June 11, 2024, at 6:49 p.m.