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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Commission Workshop

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Tuesday, April 6, 2021

6:00 PM

Blount County Courthouse, Room 430

<https://zoom.us/join>
Meeting ID: 991 1475 1235

ROLL CALL

BE IT REMEMBERED, that a Blount County Commission Workshop meeting was held on Tuesday, April 6, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. electronically via Zoom Meetings. Blount County Commission Workshop Chairman Tom Stinnett called the meeting to order. The roll call was taken by Blount County Clerk Gaye Hasty. There were 19 present and 2 absent. The Chairman declared that a quorum did exist. The following proceedings were held, to wit:

- Present:** 19 - Mike Akard, Jared Anderson, Nick Bright, Richard Carver, Mike Caylor, Dodd Crowe, Ron French, James Hammontree, Jackie Hill, Tom Hood, Jeff Jopling, Scott King, Staci Lawhorn, Joe McCulley, Steve Mikels, Dawn Reagan, Brian Robbins, Tom Stinnett and Linda Webb
- Absent:** 2 - Robbie Bennett and Brad Bowers

A. SETTING OF AGENDA.

With unanimous consent, the Chairman declared items F.7 "Resolution No. 21-04-018, Resolution to Reestablish Public Services Committee and Provide for Hearing Required by T.C.A. § 5-1-115 Dealing with Removal of Vegetation and Debris from Certain Lots", and F.8 "Confirmation of the Highway Superintendent's Appointment Nominations for the Public Service Committee (2-Year Term)" would be added to the agenda. There was no objection.

A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, seconded by Commissioner French, to set the agenda. A roll call vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 18 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Crowe, Commissioner French, Commissioner Hammontree, Commissioner Hill, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McCulley, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Stinnett and Commissioner Webb

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Bennett and Commissioner Bowers

Abstain: 0

Did Not Vote: 1 - Commissioner Robbins

B. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.****1. [Commission Workshop Meeting Minutes for March 9, 2021.](#)**

Attachments: [Minutes of Workshop Meeting 2021-Mar-9](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, seconded by Commissioner Hammontree, that the Minutes be approved. A roll call vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 18 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Crowe, Commissioner French, Commissioner Hammontree, Commissioner Hill, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McCulley, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Robbins, Commissioner Stinnett and Commissioner Webb

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Bennett and Commissioner Bowers

Abstain: 0

Did Not Vote: 1 - Commissioner King

D. CONSENT CALENDAR.

A motion was made by Commissioner French, seconded by Commissioner Carver, that the Consent Calendar be forwarded to full commission. A roll call vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 19 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Crowe, Commissioner French, Commissioner Hammontree, Commissioner Hill, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McCulley, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Robbins, Commissioner Stinnett and Commissioner Webb

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Bennett and Commissioner Bowers

Abstain: 0

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

Attachments: [21-04-011 OATHS AND BONDS RESOLUTION](#)
[Oaths of Deputy Sheriff 2021-Apr-15](#)
[Notary Public Bonds Oaths 2021-Apr-15](#)

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

Attachments: [Notaries 2021-Apr-15](#)

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

Attachments: [Minutes of Audit Committee 2021-Feb-18](#)
[Minutes of Board of Zoning Appeals 2021-Jan-7](#)
[Minutes of Budget Committee 2021-Mar-9](#)
[Minutes of Education Committee 2021-Mar-2](#)
[Minutes of Planning Commission 2021-Feb-25](#)
[Perishables Report -Q3 FY21](#)
[Trustee Report March 2021](#)

4. [March 2021 Financial Reports \(Information Only\).](#)

Attachments: [March 2021 Expenses](#)
[March 2021 Revenues](#)
[US Bank Report - March 2021](#)

5. [Sales Tax Revenue Update \(Information Only\).](#)

Attachments: [Sales Tax Update - March 2021](#)

6. [Property Tax Update \(Information Only\).](#)

Attachments: [Property Tax Update- March 2021](#)

7. [BCSO THSO Grants - Recurring/No Match \(Information Only\).](#)

Attachments: [Grant Information Worksheet THSO 2021-2022 BCSO Alcohol Saturation Patrols](#)
[Grant Information Worksheet THSO 2021-2022 BCSO Distracted Driving](#)
[Grant Information Worksheet THSO 2021-2022 BCSO Network Coordinator](#)
[Grant Information Worksheet THSO 2021-2022 Police Traffic Services Motorcycle](#)

8. [Juvenile Court TN Department of Children's Services Prevention Grant - Recurring/No Match \(Information Only\).](#)

Attachments: [Juvenile Grant Information Worksheet](#)

9. [BCSO - TDOT Litter Grant - Recurring/No Match \(Information Only\).](#)

Attachments: [2021 Litter Grant Education Plan](#)
[Proposed Litter Grant Budget 2021-2022](#)
[WorkProgram 2021- 2022](#)

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

F. NEW BUSINESS.

1. Budget Transfers, Increases and/or Decreases.

- a. [Budget Transfer - Veterans Services to County Buildings - \\$3,000 \(Transfer Veterans funds to the County Buildings budget to assist in funding for Veterans Services new flooring\). Referred to full commission by Budget Committee with a favorable recommendation \(5:0\).](#)

Attachments: [Veterans Flooring Budget Amendment Request - Signed](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, seconded by Commissioner Reagan, that the budget transfer be forwarded to full commission. A roll call vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 19 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Crowe, Commissioner French, Commissioner Hammontree, Commissioner Hill, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McCulley, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Robbins, Commissioner Stinnett and Commissioner Webb

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Bennett and Commissioner Bowers

Abstain: 0

- b. [Budget Transfer - Debt Service Fund - \\$78,000 \(To cover QSCB 7/1/2020 payment that should have been recorded in FY2020\). Referred to full commission by Budget Committee with a favorable recommendation \(5:0\).](#)

Attachments: [Debt Service Transfer Budget Amendment Request & Backup](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Hammontree, seconded by Commissioner Reagan, that the budget transfer be forwarded to full commission. A roll call vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 19 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Crowe, Commissioner French, Commissioner Hammontree, Commissioner Hill, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McCulley, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Robbins, Commissioner Stinnett and Commissioner Webb

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Bennett and Commissioner Bowers

Abstain: 0

- c. [Budget Transfer - General County - \\$392,532.25 \(To transfer funds to appropriate departments for employees who elected to opt in to the Voluntary Retirement Incentive Program\). Referred to full commission by Budget Committee with a favorable recommendation \(5:0\).](#)

Attachments: [VRIP Transfer Budget Amendment Request - 101 - Signed](#)
[Final VRIP Election Memo](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner French, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, that items F.1.c, d and e be forwarded to full commission. A roll call vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 19 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Crowe, Commissioner French, Commissioner Hammontree, Commissioner Hill, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McCulley, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Robbins, Commissioner Stinnett and Commissioner Webb

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Bennett and Commissioner Bowers

Abstain: 0

- d. [Resolution No. 21-04-001, Budget Increase - Library - \\$95,710.55 \(To appropriate funds for the Voluntary Retirement Incentive Program for those employees who have elected to retiree within the Library department\). Referred to full commission by Budget Committee with a favorable recommendation \(5:0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution 21-04-001 Library VRIP](#)

[VRIP Increase Budget Amendment Request - 115 - Signed](#)

[Final VRIP Election Memo](#)

This item forwarded to full commission by the action taken in item F.1.c. above.

- e. [Resolution No. 21-04-002, Budget Increase - Highway - \\$68,388.37 \(To appropriate funds for the Voluntary Retirement Incentive Program for those employees who have elected to retiree within the Highway department\). Referred to full commission by Budget Committee with a favorable recommendation \(5:0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution 21-04-002 Highway VRIP](#)

[VRIP Transfer Budget Amendment Request - 131 - Signed](#)

[Final VRIP Election Memo](#)

This item forwarded to full commission by the action taken in item F.1.c. above.

- f. [Resolution No. 21-04-007, Budget Increase - General County - \\$318,170.00 \(To appropriate funds for a one-time supplement for all General County employees - FT at \\$550, PT at \\$275\). Referred to full commission by Budget Committee with a favorable recommendation \(5:0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution 21-04-007 - General County Supplements](#)

[GC Supplement Accounts](#)

[GC Supplements Budget Amendment Request - Signed](#)

[Mayor Memo to Commissioners 3.31.21 re One-Time Employee Supplement](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Reagan, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, that items F.1.f and g be forwarded to full commission. A roll call vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 18 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Crowe, Commissioner French, Commissioner Hammontree, Commissioner Hill, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McCulley, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Robbins and Commissioner Stinnett

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Bennett and Commissioner Bowers

Abstain: 1 - Commissioner Webb

- g. [Resolution No. 21-04-008, Budget Increase - Highway - \\$32,132.00 \(To appropriate funds for a one-time supplement for all Highway employees - FT at \\$550, PT at \\$275\). Referred to full commission by Budget Committee with a favorable recommendation \(5:0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution 21-04-008 - Highway Supplements](#)

[HWY Supplement Accounts](#)

[HWY Supplements Budget Amendment Request - Signed](#)

[Mayor Memo to Commissioners 3.31.21 re One-Time Employee Supplement](#)

This item forwarded to full commission by the action taken in item F.1.f. above.

- h. [Resolution No. 21-04-003, Budget Increase - General County - \\$34,340.01 \(To appropriate funds for remaining project amounts not reimbursed through the Corona Virus Relief Fund\). Referred to full commission by Budget Committee with a favorable recommendation \(5:0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution 21-04-003 CRF Projects Not Reimbursed](#)
[CRF Remaining Amt's Not Reimbursed - Budget Amendment Request - Signed](#)
[CRF Memo Payroll Decrease & Other CRF Spending](#)
[CRF Budget Committee Presentation April 2021](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner French, seconded by Commissioner Carver, that the Resolution be forwarded to full commission. A roll call vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 19 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Crowe, Commissioner French, Commissioner Hammontree, Commissioner Hill, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McCulley, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Robbins, Commissioner Stinnett and Commissioner Webb

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Bennett and Commissioner Bowers

Abstain: 0

- i. [Resolution No. 21-04-004, Budget Decrease - General County - \(\\$229,801.75\) \(To decrease department payroll budgets originally budgeted within the FY20-21 budget but reimbursed by the Corona Virus Relief Fund\). Referred to full commission by Budget Committee with a favorable recommendation \(5:0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution 21-04-004 Payroll decrease for CRF Reimbursements](#)
[CRF Payroll Decrease Budget Amendment Request - Signed](#)
[CRF Memo Payroll Decrease & Other CRF Spending](#)
[CRF Budget Committee Presentation April 2021](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Carver, seconded by Commissioner Bright, that the Resolution be forwarded to full commission. A roll call vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 18 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Crowe, Commissioner French, Commissioner Hammontree, Commissioner Hill, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McCulley, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Stinnett and Commissioner Webb

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Bennett and Commissioner Bowers

Abstain: 0

Did Not Vote: 1 - Commissioner Robbins

2. Other Budget Items.

- a. [Grant Application Request - BCSO - CESF Video Arraignment Grant \(Up to \\$100,000, no match\). Referred to full commission by Budget Committee with a favorable recommendation \(5:0\).](#)

Attachments: [Grant-Information-Worksheet-CESF](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner French, seconded by Commissioner Carver, that the request be forwarded to full commission. A roll call vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 19 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Crowe, Commissioner French, Commissioner Hammontree, Commissioner Hill, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McCulley, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Robbins, Commissioner Stinnett and Commissioner Webb

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Bennett and Commissioner Bowers

Abstain: 0

- b. [Resolution No. 21-04-005 - To reconcile a reserve to recognize first offender fees for Officer Training purposes that were approved by Commission action on Sept. 20, 2007 but that have not been "Committed" for such purposes. Referred to full commission by Budget Committee with a favorable recommendation \(5:0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution 21-04-005 Officer Training Reserve correction](#)
[Memo to Committ \(true-up\) Officer training \(Res 21-04-005\)](#)
[Blount County Government Mail - Sheriff Training Reserve](#)
[Training Reserve backup](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Robbins, seconded by Commissioner Bright, that the Resolution be forwarded to full commission. A roll call vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 18 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Crowe, Commissioner French, Commissioner Hammontree, Commissioner Hill, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McCulley, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Robbins and Commissioner Stinnett

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Bennett and Commissioner Bowers

Abstain: 0

Did Not Vote: 1 - Commissioner Webb

- c. [Resolution No. 21-04-006 - To recognize training tuition revenue as an additional component to the reserve and corresponding "Committed" fund balance for Officer Training purposes retroactively back to FY2017 and forward. Referred to full commission by Budget Committee with a favorable recommendation \(5:0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution 21-04-006 Officer Training Reserve - add trng tuition](#)
[Memo to Committ Office training \(Res 21-04-006\)](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Mikels, seconded by Commissioner French, that the Resolution be forwarded to full commission.

A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, seconded by Commissioner Mikels, that the Resolution be amended by striking the phrase "retroactively back to FY2017". A roll call vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have failed by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Hill, Commissioner McCulley and Commissioner Reagan

No: 14 - Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Crowe, Commissioner French, Commissioner Hammontree, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner Robbins, Commissioner Stinnett and Commissioner Webb

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Bennett and Commissioner Bowers

Abstain: 1 - Commissioner Mikels

A roll call vote was taken on the motion that the Resolution be forwarded to full commission as presented. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 16 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Crowe, Commissioner French, Commissioner Hammontree, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Robbins, Commissioner Stinnett and Commissioner Webb

No: 3 - Commissioner Hill, Commissioner McCulley and Commissioner Reagan

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Bennett and Commissioner Bowers

Abstain: 0

- d. [Resolution No. 21-04-009 - To approve a multi-year contract with DebtBook to assist the County in analyzing and reporting on all Debt and Contractual obligations for compliance with GASB 87 reporting. Referred to full commission by Budget Committee with a favorable recommendation \(5:0\).](#)

Attachments: [DebtBook Resolution_multi year_4.21](#)
[Memo- Debtbook software 3.31.2021](#)
[DebtBook Quote_Blount County, TN 3 year Contract](#)
[DebtBook Quote_Blount County, TN_May 1, 2021 - July 1, 2021](#)
[DebtBook Sole Source](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner French, seconded by Commissioner Carver, that the Resolution be forwarded to full commission. A roll call vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 19 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Crowe, Commissioner French, Commissioner Hammontree, Commissioner Hill, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McCulley, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Robbins, Commissioner Stinnett and Commissioner Webb

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Bennett and Commissioner Bowers

Abstain: 0

3. [Resolution No. 21-04-012, A Resolution that Approves an Agreement Which Extends Beyond the End of the Current Fiscal Year for Online Subscription Services with LexisNexis.](#)

Attachments: [21-04-012 LexisNexis 2021 Agreement Resolution](#)
[LexisNexis Amendment - 2021-2024 signed by Garrett](#)
[Note for LexisNexis Amendment 2021-2024](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Carver, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, that the Resolution be forwarded to full commission. A roll call vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 19 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Crowe, Commissioner French, Commissioner Hammontree, Commissioner Hill, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McCulley, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Robbins, Commissioner Stinnett and Commissioner Webb

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Bennett and Commissioner Bowers

Abstain: 0

4. [Resolution No. 21-04-013, A Resolution that Approves Agreement with Cadient, LLC Which Extends Beyond the End of the Fiscal Year Term.](#)

Attachments: [Resolution for Cadient Agmt extending beyond FY Draft Agreement - Cadient 2021-2023](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Webb, that the Resolution be forwarded to full commission. A roll call vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 19 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Crowe, Commissioner French, Commissioner Hammontree, Commissioner Hill, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McCulley, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Robbins, Commissioner Stinnett and Commissioner Webb

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Bennett and Commissioner Bowers

Abstain: 0

5. [Resolution No. 21-04-014, Resolution to Establish a Redistricting Committee.](#)

Attachments: [AMENDED Resolution Est Redistricting Comm 2021 TCA 5-1-111](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner French, seconded by Commissioner Carver, that the Resolution be forwarded to full commission.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mikels to amend the resolution by adding the full commission as ex-officio members to the committee. The motion failed for the lack of a second.

With unanimous consent, Blount County GIS Coordinator Adam Trent was added as a committee member to the resolution. A roll call vote was taken on the original motion to forward to full commission. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 14 - Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner French, Commissioner Hammontree, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McCulley, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Robbins and Commissioner Webb

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Bennett and Commissioner Bowers

Abstain: 5 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Crowe, Commissioner Hill and Commissioner Stinnett

6. [Resolution No. 21-04-017, A Resolution to Urge the Tennessee General Assembly to Pass SB0187.](#)

Attachments: [AMENDED Resolution Supporting SB0187](#)
[Tennessee-2021-SB0187-Draft](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Hammontree, seconded by Commissioner Bright, that the Resolution be forwarded to full commission.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bright, seconded by Commissioner Akard, that the Resolution be amended by striking the second WHEREAS clause; inserting a third WHEREAS clause that states, "the COVID-19 vaccine being still in its infancy, and with no knowledge of long-term effects should not be mandated."; revising the NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED clause to state, "by the Legislative Body of Blount County, Tennessee, representing the citizens, recognizing their rights to seek whatever path they may choose to protect themselves and their family as they deem best, without any legal penalty or adverse consequence."; and striking the words "God-fearing" from the BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED clause. A roll call vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to amend the Resolution to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 18 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Crowe, Commissioner French, Commissioner Hammontree, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McCulley, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Robbins, Commissioner Stinnett and Commissioner Webb

No: 1 - Commissioner Hill

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Bennett and Commissioner Bowers

Abstain: 0

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Akard, that the Resolution be amended by striking the words "WITHOUT AMENDMENT" from the BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED clause. A roll call vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to amend the Resolution to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 17 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Crowe, Commissioner French, Commissioner Hammontree, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McCulley, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Robbins, Commissioner Stinnett and Commissioner Webb

No: 1 - Commissioner Hill

Absent: 3 - Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers and Commissioner King

Abstain: 0

A roll call vote was taken to forward the Resolution as amended to the full commission. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 17 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Crowe, Commissioner French, Commissioner Hammontree, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McCulley, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Robbins, Commissioner Stinnett and Commissioner Webb

No: 1 - Commissioner Hill

Absent: 3 - Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers and Commissioner King

Abstain: 0

7. [Resolution No. 21-04-018, Resolution to Reestablish Public Services Committee and Provide for Hearing Required by T.C.A. § 5-1-115 Dealing with Removal of Vegetation and Debris from Certain Lots.](#)

Attachments: [21-04-018 Resolution to reestablish Public Services Committee](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Carver, seconded by Commissioner Webb, that the Resolution be forwarded to full commission. A roll call vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 18 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Crowe, Commissioner French, Commissioner Hammontree, Commissioner Hill, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McCulley, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Robbins, Commissioner Stinnett and Commissioner Webb

No: 0

Absent: 3 - Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers and Commissioner King

Abstain: 0

8. [Confirmation of the Highway Superintendent's Appointment Nominations for the Public Service Committee \(2-Year Term\) Mike Akard, Nick Bright, Ron French, Larry Garner, Richard Maples, Tara Rasher and Tom Stinnett.](#)

Attachments: [Public Services Committee](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Reagan, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, that the appointments be forwarded to full commission. A roll call vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 14 - Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Crowe, Commissioner Hammontree, Commissioner Hill, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McCulley, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Robbins and Commissioner Webb

No: 0

Absent: 3 - Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers and Commissioner King

Abstain: 4 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner French and Commissioner Stinnett

G. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND STATEMENTS.

H. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA.

I. ADJOURNMENT.

A motion was made by Commissioner French to adjourn. The Chairman declared the meeting to be adjourned. The Blount County Commission Workshop meeting adjourned on Tuesday, April 6, 2021, at 8:27 p.m.