



# Blount County Government

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## Meeting Minutes

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Thursday, October 20, 2022

6:30 PM

Blount County Courthouse, Room 430

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

Zoom Meeting ID: 844 5852 5649

### ROLL CALL

**BE IT REMEMBERED**, that the Blount County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, October 20, 2022, 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 20 members present and 1 absent. The Chairman declared that a quorum did exist. The following proceedings were held, to wit:

- Present:** 20 - Commissioner Mike Akard, Chairperson Jared Anderson, Commissioner Robbie Bennett, Commissioner Dyran Bledsoe, Commissioner Nick Bright, Commissioner Richard Carver, Commissioner Mike Caylor, Commissioner Misty Davis, Vice Chair Ron French, Commissioner John Giles, Commissioner Jessica Hannah, Commissioner Jeff Jopling, Commissioner Scott King, Commissioner Staci Lawhorn, Commissioner Earl McMahan, Commissioner Steve Mikels, Commissioner Dawn Reagan, Commissioner Tom Stinnett, Commissioner Linda Webb, and Commissioner David Wells
- Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Brad Bowers

**A. SETTING OF AGENDA.**

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

**Yes:** 20 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bledsoe, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Bowers

**Abstain:** 0

**B. CONSENT CALENDAR.**

A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, seconded by Commissioner Bright, 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, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, and Wells

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Bowers

**Abstain:** 0

**Did Not Vote:** 1 - Webb

1. [Minutes of Commission Meeting on September 15, 2022.](#)

**Attachments:** [Minutes Regular Meeting 2022-Sep-15](#)

The minutes were approved.

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

**Attachments:** [BONDS AND OATHS RESOLUTION](#)  
[Oaths of Deputy Sheriff 2022-Oct-20](#)  
[Notary Public Bonds Oaths 2022-Oct-20](#)

The Resolution was adopted.

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

**Attachments:** [Notaries to be Elected 2022-Oct-20](#)

The notaries were elected.

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

- Attachments:** [Minutes of Beer Board Meeting 2022-Aug-25](#)  
[Minutes of Beer Board Meeting 2022-Sep-06](#)  
[Minutes of Budget Committee Meeting 2022-Sep-06](#)  
[Minutes of Education Committee 2022-Aug-30](#)  
[Minutes of Planning Commission Meeting 2022-Aug-25](#)  
[Perishables Report -Q1 FY23](#)  
[Records Archives 2022 Q3Report](#)  
[Trustee Report for August 2022](#)  
[Trustee Report for September 2022](#)

The reports were received and filed.

5. [September 2022 Financial Reports \(Information Only\).](#)

- Attachments:** [FY22.23 Capital Exhibit REVISED 10.7.22](#)  
[ARPA Tracking 10.7.22](#)  
[ARPA Monthly Update](#)  
[US Bank Report September 2022](#)  
[September 2022 Expenses](#)  
[September 2022 Revenue](#)  
[YTD Budget Report - Expenses - Sept 2022](#)  
[YTD Budget Report - Revenue - Sept 2022](#)

The reports were received and filed.

**C. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.**

**D. ELECTIONS, APPOINTMENTS, AND CONFIRMATIONS.**

1. [Purchasing Commission Confirmation of Mayoral Appointment of Commissioner Mike Caylor, Laura Floyd, Mike Lewis and Glen Longhurst.](#)

- Attachments:** [Purchasing Commission 2022](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Lawhorn, seconded by Vice Chair French, 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, Bright, Carver, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Bowers

Abstain: 1 - Caylor

## E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

## F. NEW BUSINESS.

1. [Resolution No. 22-10-013, A Resolution to Amend the Zoning Regulations for Suburbanizing and R1 Zoning Districts of Blount County, Tennessee.](#)

**Attachments:** [RESOLUTION No 22-10-013 - Zoning Reg for Sub R1](#)  
[202306\\_PCResolution\\_BLOUNT CO ZON AMEND](#)  
[NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - Amend to Zoning Reg 9-13-22 \(1\)](#)  
[BCPC Minutes 8-25-22-Report of Action - Resolutions \(1\)](#)  
[Staff Memo -Draft Co Comm Resolution amending lot sizes 8-25-22 \(1\)](#)  
[RESOLUTION - Zoning Reg for Suburbanizing and R1 AMENDED](#)  
[Hasty, Akard & Bright 08-02-22](#)  
[Hasty, Akard & Bright 08-01-22](#)  
[RESOLUTION - Amending Zoning Ordinance 8-1-2022](#)

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

**Yes:** 10 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bright, Davis, Hannah, Jopling, Lawhorn, Mikels, and Reagan

**No:** 10 - Bledsoe, Carver, Caylor, French, Giles, King, McMahan, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

**Absent:** 1 - Bowers

**Abstain:** 0

2. [Resolution No. 22-10-001 Budget Increase - Education Capital Fund 177 \\$4,173,000.00 \(To appropriate funds for renovations to the Heritage High School, Career Technical Education Building.\) Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(3-0\).](#)

**Attachments:** [Resolution Heritage CTE Renovations](#)  
[Memo Heritage CTE renovations](#)  
[Amendment Heritage CTE renovations](#)  
[Bids Heritage CTE renovations](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Reagan, 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:** 20 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bledsoe, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Bowers

Abstain: 0

- 3. [Resolution No. 22-10-002 Budget Increase - General Purpose School Fund 141 \\$192,000.00 \(To appropriate funds for new lights for the Heritage High School soccer field.\) Referred to full commission without recommendation by the Budget Committee \(2-1\).](#)

**Attachments:** [Resolution Heritage HS soccer fields lights](#)  
[Memo Heritage HS soccer field lights](#)  
[Amendment Heritage HS soccer field lights](#)  
[Quote Heritage HS soccer field lights](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Jopling, seconded by Vice Chair French, that the Resolution be adopted. The Chairman declared that a 2/3 vote would be required for the motion to pass. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 20 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bledsoe, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Bowers

Abstain: 0

The meeting went into recess at 8:57 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 9:05 p.m.

- 4. [Resolution No. 22-10-003 Budget Increase - Education Capital Fund 177 \\$173,500.00 \(To appropriate funds for roof repairs to the Heritage Middle School.\) Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(3-0\).](#)

**Attachments:** [Resolution Heritage Middle School Roof](#)  
[Memo Heritage Middle School Roof](#)  
[Amendment Heritage Middle School Roof](#)  
[Bids Heritage Middle School Roof](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, 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:** 18 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bledsoe, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, Lawhorn, McMahan, Reagan, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

**Absent:** 3 - Bowers, King, and Mikels

**Abstain:** 0

5. [Resolution No. 22-10-004 Budget Increase - BCSO \\$110,293.00 \(To appropriate awarded mental health transport grant funds for the transport of non-inmate mental health patients.\) Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(3-0\).](#)

**Attachments:** [Resolution BCSO MHT grant](#)  
[Amendment BCSO MHT grant](#)  
[MHT Grant Information Worksheet 22-23](#)  
[MHT award and transport requirements](#)  
[MHT Grant presentation](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Stinnett, seconded by Commissioner Akard, that the Resolutions in items F.5, 7, 9, 16, 17, and 18 be adopted. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 19 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bledsoe, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, Lawhorn, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 2 - Bowers, and King

**Abstain:** 0

6. [Resolution No. 22-10-005 Budget Increase - Officer Training Reserve \\$71,100.00 \(To appropriate funds for the purpose of needed maintenance at the Training Center.\) Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(3-0\).](#)

**Attachments:** [Resolution Officer Training reserve](#)  
[Memo BCSO Officer Training Reserve](#)  
[Amendment BCSO Officer Training Reserve](#)  
[Proposed Repairs and Improvements for BCSO Training Center](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, 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, Bledsoe, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, Lawhorn, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 2 - Bowers, and King

**Abstain:** 0

7. [Resolution No. 22-10-006 Budget Increase - BCSO \\$23,971.00 \(To appropriate funds received from Justice Assistance Grant for Motorola inoperable radios. Application approved in previous meeting.\) Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(3-0\).](#)

**Attachments:** [Resolution BCSO JAG grant](#)  
[Amendment BCSO JAG grant appropriation](#)  
[email BCSO JAG award](#)  
[Grant Information Worksheet BCSO 2022-23 JAG Local Solicitation](#)  
[Motorola quote BCSO JAG Grant](#)  
[BCSO JAG Grant proposal](#)

**The Resolution was adopted per the action taken in item F.5 above.**

8. [Resolution No. 22-10-007 Budget Increase - General County \\$5,700.00 \(To appropriate Sex Offender Registry Reserve funds for the installation of Flock LPR cameras at each high school to monitor the presence of those on the sex offender registry in the area.\) Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(3-0\).](#)

**Attachments:** [Resolution Sex Offender reserve](#)  
[Memo Sex Offender Reserve](#)  
[Amendment Sex Offender Reserve](#)  
[Reserve reconciliation balance](#)  
[Flock camera quote](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, seconded by Commissioner Jopling, 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, Bledsoe, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, Lawhorn, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 2 - Bowers, and King

**Abstain:** 0

- 9. [Resolution No. 22-10-008 Budget Increase - Recovery Court \\$27,000.00 \(To appropriate funds received from the State Grant awarded by the Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services.\) Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(3-0\).](#)

**Attachments:** [Resolution Recovery Court Increase](#)  
[Memo Recovery Court Increase](#)  
[Amendment Recovery Court Increase](#)  
[Email from Jill Barrett State Recovery court Administrator](#)  
[Governmental State Grant FY 22-23 contract #74393](#)  
[Grant Budget Summary submitted to State](#)  
[Blount County Recovery Court Grant Amendment Proposal](#)

**The Resolution was adopted per the action taken in item F.5 above.**

- 10. [Resolution No. 22-10-009 Budget Increase - Highway Capital Signal Modernization Phase-1 \\$27,000.00 \(To appropriate additional local option sales tax funds and Highway capital funds for a traffic impact study for signal modernization. Original funding appropriated with Resolution No. 22-06-007.\) Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(4-0\).](#)

**Attachments:** [Resolution Highway Capital Traffic Impact Study Increase](#)  
[Memo Highway Capital Traffic Study Increase](#)  
[Amendment Highway Capital Traffic Study Increase](#)  
[email Proposal & Scope of Services - Eagleton Middle School Area](#)  
[Traffic Impact Study](#)  
[Adopted Resolution No. 22-06-007](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Carver, seconded by Commissioner Giles, that the Resolution be adopted.**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Stinnett that the Resolutions in items F.10, 13, and 15 be adopted together as part of the same main motion. There was no objection. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 19 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bledsoe, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, Lawhorn, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 2 - Bowers, and King

**Abstain:** 0

11. [Resolution No. 22-10-010 Budget Increase - Development \\$30,000.00 \(Use of fund balance to appropriate additional funds for a Comprehensive Plan for Growth and Development. An additional \\$30,000 is requested to fully fund the study to include multiple committee meetings and school impact. Original funding appropriated with Resolution No. 22-09-002.\) Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(4-0\).](#)

**Attachments:** [Resolution Planning & Development Growth Study Increase](#)  
[Memo Planning & Development Growth Study Increase](#)  
[Amendment Planning & Development Growth Study Increase](#)  
[updated SM&E proposal](#)  
[Adopted Resolution 22-09-002](#)

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Stinnett that the Resolutions in items F.11 and 12 be adopted together as part of the same main motion. There was no objection. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

**Yes:** 19 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bledsoe, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, Lawhorn, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 2 - Bowers, and King

**Abstain:** 0

12. [Resolution No. 22-10-014 S&ME Agreement \(To extend consulting services beyond the end of the fiscal year.\) Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(4-0\).](#)

**Attachments:** [Agreement Resolution for S&ME Inc. extending beyond FY - 10.20.22](#)  
[Memo Resolution for S&ME Inc. extending beyond FY](#)  
[updated SM&E proposal](#)  
[SM&E Comp.Growth Consult 10.2022\\_Executed](#)

The Resolution was adopted per the action taken in item F.11 above.

13. [Resolution No. 22-10-015 Budget Increase - Highway \\$7,012.45 \(To appropriate funds received from the insurance company to cover damages to highway vehicle involved in an accident.\) Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(4-0\).](#)

**Attachments:** [Resolution Hwy Vehicle Insurance](#)  
[Memo Hwy Vehicle Insurance](#)  
[Amendment Hwy Vehicle Insurance](#)

The Resolution was adopted per the action taken in item F.10 above.

14. [Resolution No. 22-10-016 Budget Increase - General Capital Fund \(To re-appropriate funds from FY21-22 to FY22-23 for previously approved General Capital Projects - ADA Improvements, IT Modernization, Robert C Jackson Extension Right-of-Way, and Courthouse ADA Elevator.\) Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(4-0\).](#)

**Attachments:** [Resolution Capital Projects Re-Appropriation](#)  
[Memo FY22-23 189 Re-Appropriation](#)  
[Amendment FY22-23 189 Re-appropriations](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chair French, seconded by Commissioner Jopling, 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, Bledsoe, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, Lawhorn, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 2 - Bowers, and King

**Abstain:** 0

15. [Resolution No. 22-10-017 Budget Increase - Highway \\$719,950.00 \(To appropriate additional revenues to reflect current trends. No expense appropriation is tied to this revenue.\) Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(4-0\).](#)

**Attachments:** [Resolution Highway Certification Increase](#)  
[Memo Highway Certification Increase](#)  
[Amendment Highway Certification Increase](#)  
[Certification Increase Calculations](#)

The Resolution was adopted per the action taken in item F.10 above.

16. [Blount County Sheriff's Office TCI Grant Application \\$10,000.00 \(To apply for Corrections training equipment.\) Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(4-0\).](#)

**Attachments:** [BCSO Corrections Grant worksheet](#)  
[BCSO Corrections TCI Grant backup](#)

The request was approved per the action taken in item F.5 above.

17. [Blount County EMA Hazardous Material Grant Application \\$10,729.00 \(To apply for a TEMA Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant to increase effectiveness in handling hazardous materials accidents & incidents.\) Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(3-0-1 Abstain\).](#)

**Attachments:** [Grant Information Worksheet HMEP 2023](#)  
[HMEP Grant Application](#)  
[HMEP Grant Equipment Supplies list](#)

The request was approved per the action taken in item F.5 above.

18. [Blount County EMA Homeland Security Grant Application \\$51,250.00 \(To apply for security equipment for Blount County Sheriff's Office, Maryville PD, Alcoa PD, Townsend PD, Seymour Volunteer FD.\) Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(4-0\).](#)

**Attachments:** [EMA Homeland Security Grant Worksheet](#)  
[EMA Homeland Security Grant Application](#)

The request was approved per the action taken in item F.5 above.

19. [Resolution No. 22-10-012, A Resolution Regarding Appointments to the Ad Hoc Committee for a Drug Prevention Program and Implementation.](#)

**Attachments:** [Resolution 22-10-012 Reappointing to Ad Hoc Committee](#)  
[Resolution to Establish Ad Hoc Committee for Drug Prevention Education](#)

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:** 18 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bledsoe, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, Lawhorn, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 2 - Bowers, and King

**Abstain:** 1 - French

20. [Setting of a Zoning Public Hearing for Tuesday, November 8, 2022 at 5:45 PM to Amend the Zoning Map of Blount County, Tennessee, from R-1 \(Rural District 1\) to RAC \(Rural Arterial Commercial\) for a 14.429 Acre Portion of a 17.276 Acre Parcel Located at 5624 U.S. Highway 411S. The Property is Identified as Part of Tax Map 100 Parcel 005.00.](#)

**Attachments:** [5624 US411S to CC](#)  
[Draft Resolution 5624 US Hwy 411S](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Bright, seconded by Commissioner Reagan, that the Zoning Public Hearing be set for Tuesday, November 8, 2022 at 5:45 p.m. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 19 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bledsoe, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, Lawhorn, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 2 - Bowers, and King

**Abstain:** 0

**G. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND STATEMENTS.**

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

**I. ADJOURNMENT.**

The Chairman declared the meeting to be adjourned. The Blount County Board of Commissioners meeting in regular session adjourned on Thursday, October 20, 2022, at 9:34 p.m.