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Meeting Minutes - Draft

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Thursday, August 18, 2022

6:30 PM

Blount County Courthouse, Room 430

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

Zoom Meeting ID: 815 3564 9141

ROLL CALL

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the Blount County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, August 18, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. in the Blount County Courthouse of Maryville, Tennessee. Blount County Commission Chairman Ron French called the meeting to order. An electronic roll call was taken by Blount County Clerk Gaye Hasty. There were 19 members present and 2 absent with the late arrival of Commissioner Mike Akard. The Chairman declared that a quorum did exist. The following proceedings were held, to wit:

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

A. SETTING OF AGENDA.

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

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

No: 0

Absent: 3 - Akard, Crowe, and Robbins

Abstain: 0

B. CONSENT CALENDAR.

A motion was made by Commissioner McCulley, seconded by Commissioner Jopling, that the Consent Calendar be approved. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

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

No: 0

Absent: 3 - Akard, Crowe, and Robbins

Abstain: 0

1. [Minutes of Regular Commission Meeting on July 21, 2022.](#)

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

The minutes were approved.

2. [Proclamations Honoring County Commissioners for Their Dedicated Service to the Citizens of Blount County, Tennessee.](#)

Attachments: [Proclamation for Commissioner Jackie Hill 1-A](#)
[Proclamation for Commissioner Joe McCulley 1-B](#)
[Proclamation for Commissioner Jim Hammontree 2-B](#)
[Proclamation for Commissioner Brian Robbins 4-C](#)
[Proclamation for Commissioner Dodd Crowe 6-B](#)
[Proclamation for Commissioner Tom Hood 10-B](#)

The Resolutions were adopted. Clerk Hasty read the proclamations out loud while the Chairman presented each commissioner with their proclamation.

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

Attachments: [OATHS AND BONDS RESOLUTION 22-08-011](#)
[Deputy Sheriff Oaths 2022-Aug-18](#)
[Notary Public Bonds Oaths 2022-Aug-18](#)
[Public Officials Bonds 2022-Aug-18](#)

The Resolution was adopted.

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

Attachments: [Notaries to be Elected 2022-Aug-18](#)

The notaries were elected.

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

Attachments: [Annual Trustee Report FY2021-22](#)
[Minutes of Ad Hoc Committee for a Drug Prevention Education Program 2022-Jun-28](#)
[Minutes of Budget Committee Meeting 2022-Jul-12](#)
[Minutes of Human Resources Committee 2022-Apr-19](#)
[Minutes of Information Technology Committee 2022-Apr-21](#)
[Minutes of Insurance Committee 2022-Apr-19](#)
[Trustee Report for July 2022](#)

The reports were received and filed.

6. [July 2022 Financial Reports \(Information Only\).](#)

Attachments: [FY22.23 Capital Exhibit REVISED 8.3.22](#)
[US Bank Report July 2022](#)
[July 2022 Expenses](#)
[July 2022 Revenues](#)
[YTD Budget Report - Expenses - July 2022](#)
[YTD Budget Report - Revenues - July 2022](#)

The reports were received and filed.

7. [TN Comptroller Budget Approval Letter \(Information Only\).](#)

Attachments: [Comptroller budget approval letter](#)

The information was received and filed.

8. [South Blount Utility District Board \(4-Year Term\) Mayoral Reappointment of Lee Gowan \(Information Only\).](#)

Attachments: [South Blount Utility Appointment](#)

The appointment was received and filed.

C. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

D. ELECTIONS, APPOINTMENTS, AND CONFIRMATIONS.

1. [Board of Zoning Appeals \(5-Year Term\) Reappointment of Brian King.](#)

Attachments: [Brian King - 2022 Reappointment Request](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Reagan, seconded by Commissioner Akard, that the appointment 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, French, Hill, Hood, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, McCulley, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, and Webb

No: 1 - Hammontree

Absent: 2 - Crowe, and Robbins

Abstain: 0

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

F. NEW BUSINESS.

1. [Resolution No. 22-08-001 Budget Increase Education Capital \\$3,864,270. \(To appropriate funds for synthetic turf athletic fields at both Heritage High School and William Blount High School.\) Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(4-1\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution Schools Turf Athletic Fields](#)
[Amendment Schools Turf Athletic Fields](#)
[Memo Schools Turf Athletic Fields](#)
[Proposal Schools Turf Athletic Fields](#)

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, seconded by Commissioner Mikels, that the Resolution be postponed indefinitely.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mikels, seconded by Commissioner King, that called for the question. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have failed by the following vote:

Yes: 12 - Bowers, Bright, Caylor, French, Hammontree, Hood, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, Mikels, Stinnett, and Webb

No: 7 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Carver, Hill, McCulley, and Reagan

Absent: 2 - Crowe, and Robbins

Abstain: 0

An electronic vote was taken on the motion that the Resolution be postponed indefinitely. The Chairman declared the motion to have failed by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Akard, Hood, Jopling, and Mikels

No: 15 - Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, French, Hammontree, Hill, King, Lawhorn, McCulley, Reagan, Stinnett, and Webb

Absent: 2 - Crowe, and Robbins

Abstain: 0

A motion was made by Commissioner King, seconded by Vice Chair Stinnett, that called for the question. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have failed by the following vote:

Yes: 12 - Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Caylor, Hammontree, Hill, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, Reagan, Stinnett, and Webb

No: 7 - Akard, Anderson, Carver, French, Hood, McCulley, and Mikels

Absent: 2 - Crowe, and Robbins

Abstain: 0

An electronic vote was taken on the motion that the Resolution be adopted. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 16 - Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, French, Hammontree, Hill, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, McCulley, Reagan, Stinnett, and Webb

No: 3 - Akard, Hood, and Mikels

Absent: 2 - Crowe, and Robbins

Abstain: 0

2. [Resolution No. 22-08-003 Budget Increase Highway Brookdale Project - \\$700,000. \(To appropriate funds for the completion of the Brookdale Road Project.\) Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution Highway Brookdale Project](#)
[Amendment Highway Brookdale Project](#)
[Memo Highway Brookdale Project](#)

Meeting went into Recess

Meeting Reconvened

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

- Yes:** 15 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bright, Carver, Caylor, French, Hood, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, McCulley, Reagan, Stinnett, and Webb
- No:** 2 - Hammontree, and Mikels
- Absent:** 4 - Bowers, Crowe, Hill, and Robbins
- Abstain:** 0

3. [Resolution No. 22-08-004 Budget Transfer Parks & Rec \\$300,000. \(To transfer previously approved funding to align the accounts to appropriate funding accounts.\) Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution Everett Senior Center transfer](#)
[Amendment Everett Senior Center transfer](#)
[Memo Everett Senior Center transfer](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Reagan, 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:** 17 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bright, Carver, Caylor, French, Hammontree, Hood, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, McCulley, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, and Webb
- No:** 0
- Absent:** 4 - Bowers, Crowe, Hill, and Robbins
- Abstain:** 0

4. [Resolution No. 22-08-012, A Resolution to Adopt the Medical Premium Rate Structure for Blount County, TN Effective January 1, 2023.](#)

Attachments: [RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE MEDICAL PREMIUM RATE STRUCTURE FOR 2023](#)
[Minutes of HR Committee 2022-Jul-19](#)
[Minutes of Insurance Committee 2022-Jul-19](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, that the Resolutions in items F.4 - F.7 be adopted. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 14 - Akard, Anderson, Bright, Carver, Caylor, French, Hammontree, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, McCulley, Mikels, Stinnett, and Webb

No: 0

Absent: 4 - Bowers, Crowe, Hill, and Robbins

Abstain: 3 - Bennett, Hood, and Reagan

5. [Resolution No. 22-08-013, A Resolution to Adopt the Dental Premium Rate Structure for Blount County, TN Effective January 1, 2023.](#)

Attachments: [RESOLUTION APPROVING THE DENTAL PREMIUM RATE STRUCTURE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2023](#)
[Minutes of HR Committee 2022-Jul-19](#)
[Minutes of Insurance Committee 2022-Jul-19](#)

The Resolution was adopted as per the action taken in item F.4 above.

6. [Resolution No. 22-08-014, A Resolution Approving Amendments to the Blount County Handbook.](#)

Attachments: [RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE BLOUNT COUNTY HANDBOOK 07.19.2022](#)
[Summary of Handbook Changes 7.2022](#)
[Attachment A - Amended BCG Employee Handbook](#)
[Attachment B - Highway Dept Handbook](#)
[Attachment C - BCSO Handbook](#)
[Minutes of HR Committee 2022-Jul-19](#)

The Resolution was adopted as per the action taken in item F.4 above.

7. [Resolution No. 22-08-015, A Resolution that Confirms and Approves the Extension of Health Benefits for Post-Certified Personnel who Attain the Minimum Age of 55 Years with 25 Years of Creditable Service.](#)

Attachments: [Resolution for Health Benefits for Post-Certified Personnel](#)
[Resolution for Retiree Health Benefits for Post Cert Personnel - Memo](#)
[Minutes of HR Committee 2022-Jul-19](#)
[Minutes of Insurance Committee 2022-Jul-19](#)

The Resolution was adopted as per the action taken in item F.4 above.

8. [Resolution No. 22-08-016, Resolution to Approve the Amended and Restated Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement Regarding Pellissippi Place Industrial Park.](#)

Attachments: [Resolution to approve amended and restated agreement industrial parks \(including Knox-Pellissippi Place\)](#)
[Amended and Restated Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement- Blount IDB \(and Knox Co\) 2006 - Pellissippi Place](#)
[Redline - Amended and Restated Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement- Blount IDB \(and Knox Co-Pellissippi Place\) \(1\)](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chair Stinnett, 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: 15 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bright, Carver, Caylor, French, Hood, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, and Webb

No: 2 - Hammontree, and McCulley

Absent: 4 - Bowers, Crowe, Hill, and Robbins

Abstain: 0

9. [Resolution No. 22-08-017, Resolution to Approve the Amended and Restated Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement Regarding Partnership Park North and Partnership Park South Industrial Parks.](#)

Attachments: [Resolution to approve amended and restated agreement industrial parks \(Parks North & South\)](#)
[Amended and Restated Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement-IDB of Blount County \(from 1997 agreement\) \(Parks North & South\) \(1\)](#)
[Redline - Amended and Restated Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement-IDB of Blount County \(from 1997 agreement - Parks North & South\) \(1\)](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chair Stinnett, 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: 15 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bright, Carver, Caylor, French, Hood, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, and Webb

No: 2 - Hammontree, and McCulley

Absent: 4 - Bowers, Crowe, Hill, and Robbins

Abstain: 0

10. [Setting of a Zoning Public Hearing to Amend the Zoning Regulation for Suburbanizing and R1 Zoning Districts of Blount County, Tennessee.](#)

Attachments: [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 Akard, seconded by Commissioner Mikels, that the Zoning Public Hearing be set for Tuesday, September 13, 2022, at 6:00 PM. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

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

No: 0

Absent: 4 - Bowers, Crowe, Hill, and Robbins

Abstain: 0

11. [Discussion / Possible Action Regarding Rescheduling of November 8, 2022 \(Election Day\) Workshop Meeting.](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Carver, that the Workshop meeting be rescheduled to Thursday, November 10, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 12 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bright, Carver, Caylor, French, Hood, King, Lawhorn, Reagan, and Webb

No: 3 - Hammontree, Mikels, and Stinnett

Absent: 4 - Bowers, Crowe, Hill, and Robbins

Abstain: 1 - Jopling

Did Not Vote: 1 - McCulley

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, August 18, 2022, at 9:08 p.m.