



Blount County Government

359 Court Street
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Meeting Minutes

Budget Committee

Mayor Ed Mitchell, Chairperson
Commissioner Jared Anderson
Commissioner Nick Bright
Commissioner Mike Caylor
Committee Member Sharon Hannum

Tuesday, August 12, 2025

5:00 PM

Blount County Courthouse, Room 430

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

Zoom Meeting ID: 811 0479 3721

A. ROLL CALL

This was approved.

Present 5 - Commissioner Jared Anderson, Commissioner Nick Bright, Commissioner Mike Caylor, Committee Member Sharon Hannum, and Chairperson Ed Mitchell

B. EMERGENCY ANNOUNCEMENTS

C. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS ON AGENDA

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. [July 10, 2025 Budget Committee Minutes](#)

Attachments: [July 10, 2025 Budget Committee Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Bright seconded by Commissioner Anderson, that the minutes were approved. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Anderson, Bright, Caylor, Hannum, and Mitchell

No: 0

Abstain: 0

E. FINANCE - TRANSFERS, INCREASES, DECREASES

1. [Resolution No. 25-08-001, Interfund Loan – Debt Service - \\$15,529,489.00 \(Enter into an Interfund loan from Debt Service Fund to ARPA Fund to allow time for reimbursement from the State of Tennessee.\) Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution - General County Budget Transfer 151-127](#)

[Memo - General County Budget Transfer 151-127](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Caylor, that the Resolution be forwarded to the full Commission with a favorable recommendation. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Anderson, Bright, Caylor, Hannum, and Mitchell

No: 0

Abstain: 0

2. [Resolution No. 25-08-002, Budget Increase – Various Departments - \\$11,683,214.83 \(Re-appropriate funds from prior year to support the ongoing Capital projects.\) Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Amendment - Reappropriations](#)

[Resolution - Reappropriations](#)

[Memo - Reappropriations](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Bright, that the Resolution be forwarded to the full Commission with a favorable recommendation. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Anderson, Bright, Caylor, Hannum, and Mitchell

No: 0

Abstain: 0

3. [Resolution No. 25-08-003, Budget Increase – BCS -\\$1,818,407.60 \(Appropriate state grant funds to pay one-time teacher bonus pay, No matching funds required.\) Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Amendment - Teacher Bonus](#)

[Resolution - Teacher Bonus](#)

[Memo - Teacher Bonus](#)

[Backup - Teacher Bonus](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Bright, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, that the Resolution be forwarded to the full Commission with a favorable recommendation. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Anderson, Bright, Caylor, Hannum, and Mitchell

No: 0

Abstain: 0

4. [Resolution No. 25-08-004, Budget Increase - Central Services - \\$1,073,567.00 \(Appropriate General County funds and enter into a five-year contract with Sports Facilities Company, LLC to manage Eagleton Ballpark.\) Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Amendment - Eagleton Management Project](#)
[Resolution - Eagleton Management Contract](#)
[Memo - Eagleton Management Project](#)
[Backup - Eagleton Management Contract](#)
[Backup - Eagleton Feasibility Study June 2025](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Caylor, seconded by Committee Member Hannum, that the Resolution be forwarded to the full Commission with a favorable recommendation. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Anderson, Bright, Caylor, Hannum, and Mitchell

No: 0

Abstain: 0

5. [Resolution No. 25-08-005, Budget Increase – BCS -\\$709,078.00 \(Appropriate education capital funds to replace outdated HVAC controls at both Carpenters Middle School and William Blount 9th Grade Academy.\) Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(4-1\).](#)

Attachments: [Amendment - BCS HVAC Controls CMS WB9th](#)
[Resolution - BCS HVAC Controls CMS WB9th](#)
[Memo - BCS HVAC Controls CMS WB9th](#)
[Backup - BCS HVAC Controls CMS WB9th](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Bright, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, that the Resolution be forwarded to the full Commission with a favorable recommendation. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Anderson, Bright, Caylor, and Mitchell

No: 1 - Hannum

Abstain: 0

6. [Resolution No. 25-08-006, Budget Increase – BCS -\\$600,000.00 \(Appropriate general purpose school funds to purchase 1,937 Chromebooks for grades 1st, 5th and 9th. These Chromebooks are replaced every 4 years and follow the students.\) Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Amendment - BCS Chromebooks](#)

[Resolution - BCS Chromebooks](#)

[Memo - BCS Chromebooks](#)

[Backup - BCS Chromebooks](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Bright, that the Resolution be forwarded to the full Commission with a favorable recommendation. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Anderson, Bright, Caylor, Hannum, and Mitchell

No: 0

Abstain: 0

7. [Resolution No. 25-08-007, Budget Increase – BCS -\\$550,000.00 \(Appropriate education capital funds to set aside funds for unplanned HVAC replacement costs for FY25-26.\) Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(4-1\).](#)

Attachments: [Amendment - HVAC replacements](#)

[Resolution - HVAC replacements](#)

[Memo - HVAC replacements](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Bright, that the Resolution be forwarded to the full Commission with a favorable recommendation. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Anderson, Bright, Caylor, and Mitchell

No: 1 - Hannum

Abstain: 0

8. [Resolution No. 25-08-008, Budget Increase – Highway - \\$544,490.91 \(Appropriate Highway Capital funds to purchase new Paver.\) Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Amendment - Highway Paver](#)
[Resolution - Highway Paver](#)
[Memo - Highway Paver](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Bright, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, that the Resolution be forwarded to the full Commission with a favorable recommendation. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Anderson, Bright, Caylor, Hannum, and Mitchell

No: 0

Abstain: 0

9. [Resolution No. 25-08-009, Budget Increase – BCS -\\$437,992.00 \(Appropriate education capital funds to replace gym floors at both Fairview Elementary and Friendsville Elementary.\) Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Amendment - BCS Gym Floors](#)
[Resolution - BCS Gym Floors](#)
[Memo - BCS Gym Floors](#)
[Backup - BCS Gym Floors](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Bright, that the Resolution be forwarded to the full Commission with a favorable recommendation. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Anderson, Bright, Caylor, Hannum, and Mitchell

No: 0

Abstain: 0

10. [Resolution No. 25-08-010, Budget Increase – BCS -\\$419,979.63 \(Appropriate education capital funds to replace fire alarm system at ECCA.\) Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Amendment - ECCA Fire Alarm Replacement.docx](#)
[Resolution - ECCA Fire Alarm Replacement](#)
[Memo - ECCA Fire Alarm Replacement.docx](#)
[Backup - ECCA Fire Alarm Replacement.docx](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Caylor, that the Resolution be forwarded to the full Commission with a favorable recommendation. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Anderson, Bright, Caylor, Hannum, and Mitchell

No: 0

Abstain: 0

11. [Resolution No. 25-08-012, Budget Increase – BCS -\\$300,000.00 \(Appropriate education capital funds to set aside funds for Architect fees for multiple planned projects for FY25-26.\) Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Amendment - BCS Architect Fees](#)
[Resolution - BCS Architect Fees](#)
[Memo - BCS Architect Fees](#)
[Backup - BCS Architect Fees](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Bright, that the Resolution be forwarded to the full Commission with a favorable recommendation. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Anderson, Bright, Caylor, Hannum, and Mitchell

No: 0

Abstain: 0

12. [Resolution No. 25-08-013, Budget Increase – BCS -\\$125,000.00 \(Appropriate education capital funds to set aside funds for Contingencies for multiple planned projects for FY25-26.\) Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Amendment - BCS Contingency Fees](#)

[Resolution - BCS Contingency Fees](#)

[Memo - BCS Contingency Fees](#)

[Backup - BCS Contingency Fees](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Bright, that the Resolution be forwarded to the full Commission with a favorable recommendation. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Anderson, Bright, Caylor, Hannum, and Mitchell

No: 0

Abstain: 0

13. [Resolution No. 25-08-014, Budget Increase – BCS -\\$200,000.00 \(Appropriate education capital funds to purchase culinary equipment for the newly built culinary building at William Blount High School.\) Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Amendment - WB Culinary Equipment](#)

[Resolution - WB Culinary Equipment](#)

[Memo - WB Culinary Equipment](#)

[Backup - WB Culinary Equipment](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Bright, that the Resolution be forwarded to the full Commission with a favorable recommendation. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Anderson, Bright, Caylor, Hannum, and Mitchell

No: 0

Abstain: 0

14. [Resolution No. 25-08-015, Budget Increase – BCS -\\$45,264.00 \(Appropriate education capital funds to purchase new fuel truck for school maintenance department.\) Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Amendment - BCS Fuel Truck purchase](#)
[Resolution - BCS Fuel Truck purchase](#)
[Memo - BCS Fuel Truck purchase](#)
[Backup - BCS Fuel Truck purchase](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Bright, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, that the Resolution be forwarded to the full Commission with a favorable recommendation. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Anderson, Bright, Caylor, Hannum, and Mitchell

No: 0

Abstain: 0

15. [Resolution No. 25-08-016, Budget Increase – Elections -\\$35,000.00 \(Appropriate one-time general county funds for already supported Voting machine maintenance.\) Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Amendment - Voting Machine Maintenance](#)
[Resolution - Voting Machine Maintenance](#)
[Memo - Voting Machine Maintenance](#)
[Backup - Voting Machine Maintenance](#)

A motion was made by Committee Member Hannum, seconded by Commissioner Bright, that the Resolution be forwarded to the full Commission with a favorable recommendation. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Anderson, Bright, Caylor, Hannum, and Mitchell

No: 0

Abstain: 0

16. [Resolution No. 25-08-017, Budget Increase – Health Department -\\$9,065.02 \(Accept and appropriate FY26 State DGA Grant for Health Department personnel and operations; these funds are reimbursed by the State.\) Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Amendment - DGA Grant True Up](#)
[Resolution - DGA Grant True up](#)
[Memo - DGA Grant True Up](#)
[Backup - DGA Grant True Up](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Bright, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, that the Resolution be forwarded to the full Commission with a favorable recommendation. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Anderson, Bright, Caylor, Hannum, and Mitchell

No: 0

Abstain: 0

17. [Resolution No. 25-08-018, Budget Increase – Highway - \\$7,785.72 \(Appropriate Highway Capital funds to purchase a tractor mounted blower.\) Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Amendment - Tractor Mounted Blower](#)
[Resolution - Tractor Mounted Blower](#)
[Memo - Tractor Mounted Blower](#)
[Backup - Tractor Mounted Blower](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Bright, that the Resolution be forwarded to the full Commission with a favorable recommendation. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Anderson, Bright, Caylor, Hannum, and Mitchell

No: 0

Abstain: 0

F. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

1. [Resolution 25-08-019, Library - \(Request approval for a three-year contract with AtoZ Database. This contract will secure pricing over the life of the contract and provide a savings of 10% over the three-year contract.\) Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution - Library - AtoZ Contract](#)

[Memo - Library - AtoZ Contract](#)

[Backup - Library - AtoZ Contract](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Bright, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, that the Resolution be forwarded to the full Commission with a favorable recommendation. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Anderson, Bright, Caylor, Hannum, and Mitchell

No: 0

Abstain: 0

2. [Resolution 25-08-020, Emergency Management - \(To apply for FY26 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant.\) Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Grant Application - 2026 HMEP Grant](#)

[Grant Worksheet - 2026 HMEP Grant](#)

[Grant Narrative - 2026 HMEP Grant](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Caylor, seconded by Committee Member Hannum that the Resolution be forwarded to the full Commission with a favorable recommendation. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Anderson, Bright, Caylor, Hannum, and Mitchell

No: 0

Abstain: 0

G. FINANCIAL REPORTS

1. [July 2025 Financial Reports \(INFORMATION ONLY\)](#)

Attachments: [ARPA Utility Project Update July 2025](#)
[ARPA Tracking 7.31.25](#)
[FY25.26 Proposed Capital Plan](#)
[July 2025 Expense Report](#)
[July 2025 Revenue Report](#)
[YTD Expense Report as of July 31, 2025](#)
[YTD Revenue Report as of July 31, 2025](#)
[US Bank Report July 2025](#)

H. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 5:28 PM