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Meeting Minutes - Final

Commission Workshop

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Thursday, May 14, 2026

6:00 PM

Blount County Courthouse, Room 430

ROLL CALL

BE IT REMEMBERED, that a Blount County Commission Workshop meeting was held on Thursday, May 14, 2026 at 6:00 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 13 members present, with the late arrival of Commissioner Hannah, and 8 were absent. The Chairman declared that a quorum did exist. The following proceedings were held, to wit:

- Present:** 13 - Mike Akard, Jared Anderson, Dyran Bledsoe, Nick Bright, Quentin Caldwell, Richard Carver, Mike Caylor, Misty Davis, Ron French, Jeff Jopling, Staci Martin, Steve Mikels, and David Wells
- Absent:** 8 - Robbie Bennett, Brad Bowers, John Giles, Jessica Hannah, Scott King, Earl McMahan, Dawn Reagan, and Linda Webb

A. SETTING OF AGENDA.

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

Yes: 13 - Commissioner Akard, Vice Chair Anderson, Commissioner Bledsoe, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Caldwell, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner French, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner Mikels, and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 8 - Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner King, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Reagan, and Commissioner Webb

Abstain: 0

B. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

1. [Commission Workshop Minutes for April 19, 2026.](#)

Attachments: [Minutes for 4-19 Workshop](#)

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

Yes: 13 - Commissioner Akard, Vice Chair Anderson, Commissioner Bledsoe, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Caldwell, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner French, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner Mikels, and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 8 - Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner King, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Reagan, and Commissioner Webb

Abstain: 0

D. GENERAL CONSENT CALENDAR.

A motion was made by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Wells, that the General 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: 13 - Commissioner Akard, Vice Chair Anderson, Commissioner Bledsoe, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Caldwell, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner French, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner Mikels, and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 8 - Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner King, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Reagan, and Commissioner Webb

Abstain: 0

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

Attachments: [Bonds and Oath Resolution.](#)
[Deputy Sheriff Oaths 2026-May-21](#)
[Notary Public Bonds Oaths 2026-May-21](#)

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

Attachments: [Notaries to be Elected 2026-May-21](#)

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

Attachments: [Minutes of Budget Comm Meeting 2026-Mar-12](#)
[Minutes of BZA Meeting 2026-Jan-22](#)
[Minutes of Education Comm Meeting 2026-Mar-3](#)
[Minutes of Planning Comm Meeting 2026-Mar-26](#)
[Minutes of Public Services Comm Meeting 2026-Feb-3](#)
[Minutes of Public Services Comm Meeting 2026-Mar-3](#)
[Minutes of Technology Meeting 2025-Jul-17](#)
[MARCH 2026 Trustee Report](#)
[APRIL 2026 Monthly Report](#)

4. [March 2026 Financial Reports. \(INFORMATION ONLY\)](#)

Attachments: [ARPA Tracking 3.31.26](#)
[ARPA Utility Project Update March 2026](#)
[March 2026 Expense Report](#)
[March 2026 Revenue Report](#)
[YTD Expense Report as of March 31 2026](#)
[YTD Revenue Report as of March 31 2026](#)
[U S Bank Report March 2026](#)

5. [April 2026 Financial Reports \(INFORMATION ONLY\)](#)

Attachments: [ARPA Tracking 4.30.26](#)
[ARPA Utility Project Update April 2026](#)
[April 2026 Expense Report](#)
[April 2026 Revenue Report](#)
[April Expense Report as of April 30, 2026](#)
[April Revenue Report as of April 30, 2026](#)
[U S Bank Report April 2026](#)

6. [Blount County Fire Protection District Board of Commissioners \(4-Year\) Appointment of Jerry Phillips, Seat 3. \(INFORMATION ONLY\)](#)

Attachments: [Fire Protection District Appointment 2026 \(1\)](#)

7. [FY 26-27 Tax Rate Resolution](#)

Attachments: [FY26.27 Tax Levy Resolution Recommended](#)
[FY26.27 Tax Levy Exhibit Revenue Report](#)
[FY26.27 Tax Levy Exhibit Revenue Capital Report](#)

8. [FY26-27 Appropriation Resolution](#)

Attachments: [FY26.27 Appropriation Resolution Recommended](#)
[FY26.27 Appropriation Budget Exhibit Recommended](#)
[FY26.27 Appropriation Budget Exhibit Recommended Capital](#)

9. [FY26-27 Capital Outlay Resolution](#)

Attachments: [FY26.27 Resolution Capital Outlay Resolution Recommended](#)
[Capital Plan FY26.27](#)

E. BUDGET CONSENT CALENDAR.

A motion was made by Commissioner French, seconded by Vice Chair Anderson, that the Budget Consent Calendar be forwarded to full commission.

Commissioner Akard requested that the following Budget Consent Calendar items be considered separately:

E.1. (Resolution No. 26-05-005)

E.2. (Resolution No. 26-05-006)

E.3. (Resolution No. 26-05-007)

E.4. (Resolution No. 26-05-008)

The Chairman declared those items to be removed from the Budget Consent Calendar in order to be considered individually.

An electronic vote was taken on the motion to forward to full commission index "E" the Budget Consent Calendar. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 13 - Commissioner Akard, Vice Chair Anderson, Commissioner Bledsoe, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Caldwell, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner French, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner Mikels, and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 8 - Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner King, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Reagan, and Commissioner Webb

Abstain: 0

1. [Resolution No. 26-05-005, Budget Increase - BCSO - \\$186,875.00 \(Appropriate general county funds to pay for prior year inmate medical claim bill.\) Referred to full Commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee. \(5-0\)](#)

Attachments: [Resolution - PY Prisma Inmate Medical Claims](#)
[Amendment - PY Prisma Inmate Medical Claims](#)
[Memo - PY Prisma Inmate Medical Claims](#)
[Backup - PY Prisma Inmate Medical Claims](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Carver, 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: 13 - Commissioner Akard, Vice Chair Anderson, Commissioner Bledsoe, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Caldwell, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner French, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner Mikels, and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 8 - Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner King, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Reagan, and Commissioner Webb

Abstain: 0

2. [Resolution No. 26-05-006, Budget Increase - General Admin Projects - \\$153,500.00 \(Appropriate general county funds for design fees for proposed addition and renovation of the Animal Center.\) Referred to full Commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee. \(5-0\)](#)

Attachments: [Resolution - Animal Center Design Fee](#)
[Amendment - Animal Center Design Fee](#)
[Memo - Animal Center Design Fee](#)
[Backup - Animal Center Design Fee](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, seconded by Commissioner Davis, 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, Vice Chair Anderson, Commissioner Bledsoe, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Caldwell, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner French, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner Mikels, and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 8 - Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner King, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Reagan, and Commissioner Webb

Abstain: 0

3. [Resolution No. 26-05-007, Budget Transfer – General Purpose School Fund - \\$74,600.00 \(Transfer funds to Instructional Supplies to appropriate funding awarded through the TN Tutoring Innovation Grant.\) Referred to full Commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee. \(5-0\)](#)

Attachments: [Resolution - TN Tutoring Grant](#)
[Amendment - TN Tutoring Grant](#)
[Memo - TN Tutoring Grant](#)
[Backup - TN Tutoring Grant](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, 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: 13 - Commissioner Akard, Vice Chair Anderson, Commissioner Bledsoe, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Caldwell, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner French, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner Mikels, and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 8 - Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner King, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Reagan, and Commissioner Webb

Abstain: 0

4. [Resolution No. 26-05-008, Budget Increase - Education Capital - \\$46,078.00 \(Appropriate education capital funds for Change Order 001 for the Heritage Middle School Roof Replacement.\) Referred to full Commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee. \(5-0\)](#)

Attachments: [Resolution - HMS Roof Change Order](#)
[Amendment - HMS Roof Change Order](#)
[Memo - HMS Roof Change Order](#)
[Backup - HMS Roof Change Order](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Carver, seconded by Commissioner Davis, 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, Vice Chair Anderson, Commissioner Bledsoe, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Caldwell, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner French, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner Mikels, and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 8 - Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner King, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Reagan, and Commissioner Webb

Abstain: 0

5. [Resolution No. 26-05-009, Budget Increase - Library - \\$362.00 \(Purchasing requests a multi-year contract for the Blount County Library for three years with Springshare for marketing automation to maximize the Library's ROI in its collection services.\) Referred to full Commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee. \(5-0\)](#)

Attachments: [Resolution - SPRINGSHARE Multiyear Contract](#)
[Amendment - SPRINGSHARE Multiyear Contract](#)
[Memo - SPRINGSHARE Multiyear Contract](#)
[Quote- SPRINGSHARE Multiyear Contract](#)

Item forwarded to full commission per action taken above in index "E" Budget Consent Calendar.

F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

G. NEW BUSINESS.

1. Budget Transfers, Increases and/or Decreases.

- a. [Resolution No. 26-05-002, Budget Increase – Education Capital - \\$1,803,400.00 \(Appropriate education capital funds to replace the roof and repair the brick at Friendsville Elementary School.\) Referred to full Commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee. \(5-0\)](#)

Attachments: [Resolution - Friendsville Roof & Brick Replacement](#)
[Amendment - Friendsville Roof & Brick Replacement](#)
[Memo - Friendsville Roof & Brick Replacement](#)
[Backup - Friendsville Roof & Brick Replacement](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Carver, seconded by Commissioner Martin, 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, Vice Chair Anderson, Commissioner Bledsoe, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Caldwell, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner French, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner Mikels, and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 8 - Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner King, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Reagan, and Commissioner Webb

Abstain: 0

- b. [Resolution No. 26-05-003, Budget Increase – Education Capital - \\$1,768,100.00 \(Appropriate education capital funds to renovate the Tracks at Heritage High School and William Blount High School.\) Referred to full Commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee. \(5-0\)](#)

Attachments: [Resolution - WBHS & HHS Track Renovation](#)
[Amendment - WBHS & HHS Track Renovation](#)
[Memo - WBHS & HHS Track Renovation](#)
[Backup - WBHS & HHS Track Renovation](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, seconded by Commissioner Davis, 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, Vice Chair Anderson, Commissioner Bledsoe, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Caldwell, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner French, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner Mikels, and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 8 - Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner King, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Reagan, and Commissioner Webb

Abstain: 0

- c. [Resolution No. 26-05-004, Budget Transfer – General Purpose School Fund - \\$725,000.00 \(Transfer funds to Contracts with Vehicle Owners to comply with the corrective action plan put in place by the auditors.\) Referred to full Commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee. \(5-0\)](#)

Attachments: [Resolution - Transportation Transfer](#)
[Amendment - Transportation Transfer](#)
[Memo - Transportation Transfer](#)
[Backup - Transportation Transfer](#)

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: 13 - Commissioner Akard, Vice Chair Anderson, Commissioner Bledsoe, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Caldwell, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner French, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner Mikels, and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 8 - Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner King, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Reagan, and Commissioner Webb

Abstain: 0

3. Appointments.

2. Other Budget Items.

a. [Confirmation to Appoint Thomas Lloyd as Blount County Building Commissioner.](#)

Attachments: [Building Commissioner Recommendation - Thomas Lloyd](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner French, seconded by Commissioner Wells, that the confirmation 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, Vice Chair Anderson, Commissioner Bledsoe, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Caldwell, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner French, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner Mikels, and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 8 - Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner King, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Reagan, and Commissioner Webb

Abstain: 0

4. [Resolution No. 26-05-012, A Resolution to Amend the Zoning Map of Blount County Tennessee, from R-1\(Rural District 1\) to RAC \(Rural Arterial Commercial District\) for a 3.758 Acre Portion of a 5.069 Acre Tract of Land Located 4750 E Lamar Alexander Pkwy, Blount County, TN \(Tax map 060, parcel 182.16\).](#)

Attachments: [Draft Resolution 4750 E Lamar \(1\)](#)

[Staff Memo Request for a Zoning Public Hearing to Amend Zoning Map](#)

[Draft Resolution to Amend Zoning Map R-1 to RAC 4750 ELAP](#)

[Report of Action 2026-Feb-26](#)

[Rezoning Request to amend Zoning Map R-1 to RAC 4750 ELAP](#)

[PN R1-RAC 3.758 acre 4750 ELAP tax map 060 parcel 128.16](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Carver, seconded by Commissioner Akard, 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, Vice Chair Anderson, Commissioner Bledsoe, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Caldwell, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner French, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner Mikels, and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 8 - Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner King, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Reagan, and Commissioner Webb

Abstain: 0

H. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND STATEMENTS.

I. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA.

J. ADJOURNMENT.

A motion was made that the meeting be adjourned. Hearing no objection, the Chairman declared the meeting to be adjourned. The Blount County Commission Workshop meeting adjourned on Thursday, May 14, 2026, at 6:15 p.m.