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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Commission Workshop

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Thursday, December 11, 2025

6:00 PM

Blount County Courthouse, Room 430

ROLL CALL

BE IT REMEMBERED, that a Blount County Commission Workshop meeting was held on Thursday, December 11, 2025, 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 Chief of Staff Brad Bryant. There were 16 members present, with the late arrival of Commissioner Misty Davis, and 5 were absent. The Chairman declared that a quorum did exist. The following proceedings were held, to wit:

- Present:** 16 - Jared Anderson, Robbie Bennett, Dyran Bledsoe, Brad Bowers, Nick Bright, Quentin Caldwell, Richard Carver, Mike Caylor, Misty Davis, John Giles, Jessica Hannah, Jeff Jopling, Staci Martin, Earl McMahan, Dawn Reagan, and David Wells
- Absent:** 5 - Mike Akard, Ron French, Scott King, Steve Mikels, and Linda Webb

A. SETTING OF AGENDA.

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

Yes: 15 - Vice Chair Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Bowers, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Caldwell, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Reagan, and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 6 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner French, Commissioner King, Commissioner Mikels, and Commissioner Webb

Abstain: 0

B. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

1. [Commission Workshop Meeting Minutes for November 13, 2025.](#)

Attachments: [2069_M_Commission_Workshop_25-11-13_Meeting_Minutes](#)

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

Yes: 16 - Vice Chair Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Bowers, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Caldwell, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Reagan, and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 5 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner French, Commissioner King, Commissioner Mikels, and Commissioner Webb

Abstain: 0

D. GENERAL CONSENT CALENDAR.

A motion was made by Commissioner Carver, seconded by Commissioner Giles, 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: 16 - Vice Chair Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Bowers, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Caldwell, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Reagan, and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 5 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner French, Commissioner King, Commissioner Mikels, and Commissioner Webb

Abstain: 0

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

Attachments: [25-12-011 BONDS AND OATHS RESOLUTION](#)

[Sheriff Deputies Oath 2025-Dec-18](#)

[Notary Public Bonds Oaths 2025-Dec-18](#)

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

Attachments: [Notaries to be Elected 2025-Dec-18](#)

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

Attachments: [Jail Inspection Report 2025-Sep-18](#)

[Jail Inspection Report 2025-Oct-8](#)

[Jail Inspection Report 2025-Nov-5](#)

[Minutes of Board of Zoning Appeals 2025-Sep-4](#)

[Minutes of Budget Committee 2025-Oct-9](#)

[Minutes of Education Committee 2025-Sep-30](#)

[Minutes Planning Commission 2025-Oct-23](#)

4. [November 2025 Financial Reports \(INFORMATION ONLY\)](#)

Attachments: [ARPA Utility Project Update November 2025](#)

[ARPA Tracking 11.30.25](#)

[FY25.26 Proposed Capital Plan](#)

[November 2025 Expense Report](#)

[November 2025 Revenue Report](#)

[YTD Expense Report as of November 30, 2025](#)

[YTD Revenue Report as of November 30, 2025](#)

[U S Bank Report November 2025](#)

[Active Contracts Report](#)

5. [2026 Schedule of Blount County Commission Committee Meetings.](#)

Attachments: [Public Notice - 2026 Committee Meetings](#)

6. [FY25-26 Budget Calendar](#)

Attachments: [FY25-26 Budget Calendar](#)

7. [Blount County Fire Protection District Board of Commissioners Interim Appointment of Quentin Caldwell, Seat 2. \(INFORMATION ONLY\)](#)

Attachments: [Quentin Caldwell Seat 2](#)

8. [Blount County Fire Protection District Board of Commissioners Interim Appointment of Nick Bright, Seat 3. \(INFORMATION ONLY\)](#)

Attachments: [Nick Bright Seat 3](#)

E. BUDGET CONSENT CALENDAR.

A motion was made by Commissioner McMahan, seconded by Commissioner Caldwell, that the Budget 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: 16 - Vice Chair Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Bowers, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Caldwell, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Reagan, and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 5 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner French, Commissioner King, Commissioner Mikels, and Commissioner Webb

Abstain: 0

1. [Resolution No, 25-12-002, Budget Increase – Education Capital - \\$131,550.00 \(Appropriate education capital funds to purchase multiple HVAC units to be installed at Heritage Middle School.\) Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution - HMS HVAC Units](#)
[Amendment - HMS HVAC Units](#)
[Memo - HMS HVAC Units](#)
[Backup - HMS HVAC Units](#)

2. [Resolution No, 25-12-003, Budget Increase – BCSO - \\$48,730.00 \(Appropriate revenues from auctioning surplus vehicles to increase motor vehicle line.\) Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution - Auto Auction](#)
[Amendment -Auto Auction](#)
[Backup - Auto Auction](#)

3. [Resolution No, 25-12-004, Budget Increase – Education Capital - \\$31,240.00 \(Appropriate education capital funds to be used for the complete replacement of the concession stand roof at Union Grove Middle School and the portable classroom roof at Porter Elementary School.\) Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution - UGM Concession & PES Portable Roof Replacement](#)
[Amendment - UGM Concession & PES Portable Roof Replacement](#)
[Memo - UGM Concession & PES Portable Roof Replacement](#)
[Backup - UGM Concession & PES Portable Roof Replacement](#)

4. [Resolution No, 25-12-005, Multi-year Contract – BCSO & Highway - \(Purchasing requests an 18-month contract with Fleetio for the Blount County Sheriff's Department and Highway Department to track vehicles, maintain service records, monitor mileage, and streamline service scheduling.\) Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution - Multiyear Contract for Fleet Software](#)
[Memo - BCSO Multiyear Contract for Fleet Software](#)
[Backup - BCSO Multiyear Contract for Fleet Software](#)
[Backup - Highway Multiyear Contract for Fleet Software](#)

F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

G. NEW BUSINESS.

1. Budget Transfers, Increases and/or Decreases.

- a. [Resolution No, 25-12-001, Budget Increase – Education Capital - \\$559,000.00 \(Appropriate education capital funds to replace the baseball and softball field lights at Heritage High School.\) Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution - HHS Baseball & Softball Field Lighting](#)
[Amendment - HHS Baseball & Softball Field Lighting](#)
[Memo - HHS Baseball & Softball Field Lighting](#)
[Backup - HHS Baseball & Softball Field Lighting](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Giles, 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: 16 - Vice Chair Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Bowers, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Caldwell, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Reagan, and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 5 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner French, Commissioner King, Commissioner Mikels, and Commissioner Webb

Abstain: 0

2. Other Budget Items.

3. Appointments.

- a. [Industrial Development Board and Health & Educational Facilities Board Member \(6-Year Term\). Reappointment of Gary Hensley, former City Manager, City of Maryville.](#)

Attachments: [Blount County - Board Member Appointment - November 2025](#)
[Gary Hensly bio](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Carver, seconded by Commissioner Davis, that the reappointment be forwarded to full commission. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 16 - Vice Chair Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Bowers, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Caldwell, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Reagan, and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 5 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner French, Commissioner King, Commissioner Mikels, and Commissioner Webb

Abstain: 0

b. Industrial Development Board and Health & Educational Facilities Board Member (6-Year Term) to Fill Vacancy of Joe Dawson.

Choose to either:

A) Accept the proposed ranking of the following Community Leaders:

1. Jewell Overton, Director of Support Services and Radiation Effects, ProNova Solutions

2. Tracy Queen, General Manager, ICC International

3. David Shanks, President, Shanks and Associates

B) Reorder the candidates; or

C) Select a recommended candidate.

Attachments: Blount County - Board Member Appointment - November 2025

Jewell Overton bio

Tracy Queen bio

David Shanks bio

A motion was made by Commissioner Hannah, seconded by Commissioner Giles, that the appointment be forwarded to full commission. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 16 - Vice Chair Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Bowers, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Caldwell, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Reagan, and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 5 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner French, Commissioner King, Commissioner Mikels, and Commissioner Webb

Abstain: 0

c. Public Service Appellate Board (2-Year Term) Appointments: Steve Garner; Denver Hunt; Susan Mills; Stanley Best; and Arthur King.

Attachments: Public Service Appellate Board

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

Yes: 16 - Vice Chair Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Bowers, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Caldwell, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Reagan, and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 5 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner French, Commissioner King, Commissioner Mikels, and Commissioner Webb

Abstain: 0

d. [Solid Waste Authority \(4-Year Term\) Appointments: Brittney Whipple; Carl Walker; Sam Correll; and Brian Baldwin.](#)

Attachments: [Solid Waste 2025](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Davis, that the appointments be forwarded to full commission. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 16 - Vice Chair Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Bowers, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Caldwell, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Reagan, and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 5 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner French, Commissioner King, Commissioner Mikels, and Commissioner Webb

Abstain: 0

4. [Resolution No. 25-12-012, A Resolution to Allow Safe Passage in Blount County, Tennessee, for a Certain Visitor From the North Pole. \(This Resolution is Introduced in Memory of the Late Commissioner Richard Williams, Jr.\)](#)

Attachments: [Santa Resolution](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Giles, seconded by Commissioner McMahan, 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: 16 - Vice Chair Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Bowers, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Caldwell, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Reagan, and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 5 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner French, Commissioner King, Commissioner Mikels, 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, December 11, 2025, at 6:15 p.m.