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December 21, 2022

The Honorable Ed Mitchell  
Mayor of Blount County  
341 Court Street  
Maryville, TN 37804

Commissioner Jared Anderson  
Chairman, Blount County  
359 Court Street  
Maryville, TN 37804

Dear Mayor Mitchell and Commissioner Anderson:

The Blount Memorial Hospital Nominating Committee has unanimously agreed to nominate Koki Best to a three-year term on the Blount Memorial Hospital Board of Directors. This term would be for the calendar years of 2023, 2024, and 2025.

A resume for Ms. Best is attached. She is very well acquainted with the medical field, having spent forty years in numerous hospital departments. She is very interested in serving on the hospital board and is willing to spend the necessary time to become a knowledgeable board member. Ms. Best is a lifelong Blount County resident and currently lives with her family in Friendsville.

The nominating committee would appreciate your taking Ms. Best's nomination through the Commission's process as soon as practical. I would also appreciate a written confirmation of your decision.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,  
  
Robert P. Redwine, Chairman  
Blount Memorial Hospital Board Nominating Committee

RPR: lc  
Enclosures  
Cc: Amy Cowden, Lori Bell

**Robert Redwine**  
President of the Board

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Chief Executive Officer

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Vice Chief of Staff

Koki Landers Best  
592 Island View Drive  
Friendsville, Tennessee 37737

September 4, 2022

Nominating Committee, Blount Memorial Board of Directors

Dear Sirs/Madams,

I would like to request consideration to represent our community on the Blount Memorial Board of Directors.

My personal information includes:

- Blount County native
- Married for 40 years to Mark Best, retired civil engineer, Tennessee Department of Transportation
- Two children, Jordan Best – Employed by Farm Credit Services – loan department, Blount County location and Emma Best Hughes – Employed by Blount Memorial Hospital, Doctor of Nursing Practice, BMPG Cardiology.
- One grandchild, Grady Hughes.
- Community involvement includes Second Harvest Food Bank, supporter of Isaiah 117 House and Operation Christmas Child and Outreach Director for Salem Baptist Church

Employment and Qualification:

Began a lifetime commitment to Blount Memorial Hospital and our patients in July of 1980 as a student in Radiologic Technology. Retired in February 2021 as the Director of Radiology Services. As you can imagine I cannot list all the opportunities I had during a 40 year career, but I would like to highlight those that I feel would make me a contributing member of the Board of Directors.

- Provided direct bedside care, seeing and responding to the needs of our patients.
- Interacted with ED, nursing, surgery, floor supervisors, information systems, and facility management and communicated with our providers daily.
- Managed the Breast Health Center, CT (both on and off campus), MRI (both on and off campus) for more than 10 years. This experience cultivated communication, fairness and staff awareness. Met or exceeded all administrative requirements for decreasing overtime and staff turnover. Participated in all Joint Commission inspections. Worked directly with lead radiologist to develop the MRI safety program.
- Participated as a member of initial Stroke Steering Committee. Set goals for turnaround times and achieved those in the radiology department. Provided initial education for staff.
- Designed and oversaw construction for The Diagnostic Center at Springbrook. This included submitting budget proposals for purchasing new CT scanner, Bone Density and moving the outdoor MRI scanner from hospital campus to Springbrook. Worked directly with contractors, equipment vendors, local fire departments, facilities management, information systems, physicians and hospital administration. This project (which was my first) was completed on time and on budget.
- Designed and oversaw current Breast Health Center, located on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of the POB. This included all of the tasks above and also the accreditation of the Breast Health Center and the FDA inspection.

- Purchased and installed the existing MRI scanner at ETMG. Met all federal requirements for installation and safety.
- Submitted budget request to purchase multi-million dollar equipment over three year span, which included 3-D breast imaging, digital radiography, C-arm purchases for outpatient surgery center and urology office. This included pre-planning with construction/facilities management to include any additional costs.
- Purchased CT for radiation oncology patient treatment planning and new radiation accelerator equipment to provide stereotactic radiation treatments and limit patient exposure during treatment.

I am familiar with and adhered to the policies and procedures of Blount Memorial Hospital including inspection processes, submission and review of multi-section budgets. I possess positive communication skills, accept leadership roles, and can work as a team member to position the hospital for success in the future.

By serving as a board member, I will make a commitment to financial stewardship as well as help restore excellent patient outcomes and service. This can be achieved with honesty and transparency to our staff and community, without personal interest or gain. Blount Memorial has provided my health care and allowed me to provide for my own family. I would consider it an honor to give back to Blount Memorial and help provide the leadership it desperately needs.

Thank you for your consideration,

Koki Landers Best