



Blount County Government

359 Court Street
Maryville, TN 37804-5906

Meeting Minutes - Draft

Commission Workshop

Tuesday, September 6, 2022

6:30 PM

Blount County Courthouse, Room 430

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

Zoom Meeting ID: 833 5130 6665

ROLL CALL

BE IT REMEMBERED, that a Blount County Commission Workshop meeting was held on Tuesday, September 6, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. in the Blount County Courthouse of Maryville, Tennessee. Blount County Commission Chairman Jared Anderson called the meeting to order. An electronic roll call was taken by Blount County Clerk Gaye Hasty. There were 17 present and 4 absent. The Chairman declared that a quorum did exist. The following proceedings were held, to wit:

- Present:** 17 - Mike Akard, Jared Anderson, Robbie Bennett, Brad Bowers, Richard Carver, Ron French, Jeff Jopling, Steve Mikels, Dawn Reagan, Tom Stinnett, Linda Webb, Jessica Hannah, Earl McMahan, Dyran Bledsoe, John Giles, Misty Davis and David Wells
- Absent:** 4 - Nick Bright, Mike Caylor, Scott King and Staci Lawhorn

ELECTION OF WORKSHOP COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON

The Commission Chairman opened the floor for nominations of Workshop Committee Chairperson. Commissioner Carver nominated Ron French. That was seconded by Commissioner Jopling. The Commission Chairman asked if there were any more nominations. A motion was made by Commissioner Bowers that nominations cease. The Commission Chairman asked if there were any objections. There was none. The Commission Chairman declared nominations closed.

An electronic vote was taken on the nomination to elect Ron French as Workshop Committee Chairperson. The Commission Chairman declared Ron French to be the Chairman of the Workshop Committee by the following vote:

- Yes:** 16 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Stinnett, Commissioner Webb, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Davis and Commissioner Wells
- No:** 0
- Absent:** 4 - Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner King and Commissioner Lawhorn

Abstain: 1 - Commissioner French

ELECTION OF WORKSHOP COMMITTEE VICE CHAIRPERSON

The Commission Chairman opened the floor for nominations of Workshop Committee Vice Chair. Commissioner Reagan nominated Tom Stinnett. That was seconded by Commissioner Webb. The Commission Chairman asked if there were any more nominations. The Commission Chairman asked if there were any objections to cease nominations. There was none. The Commission Chairman declared nominations closed.

An electronic vote was taken on the nomination to elect Tom Stinnett as the Workshop Committee Vice Chair. The Commission Chairman declared Tom Stinnett to be Vice Chair of the Workshop Committee by the following vote:

Yes: 16 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner French, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Webb, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Davis and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 4 - Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner King and Commissioner Lawhorn

Abstain: 1 - Commissioner Stinnett

A. SETTING OF AGENDA.

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

Yes: 17 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner French, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Stinnett, Commissioner Webb, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Davis and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 4 - Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner King and Commissioner Lawhorn

Abstain: 0

B. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

1. [Commission Workshop Meeting Minutes for August 9, 2022.](#)

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

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

Yes: 16 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner French, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Stinnett, Commissioner Webb, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Giles and Commissioner Davis

No: 0

Absent: 4 - Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner King and Commissioner Lawhorn

Abstain: 1 - Commissioner Wells

D. CONSENT CALENDAR.

A motion was made by Commissioner Carver, seconded by Commissioner Akard, that the 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: 17 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner French, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Stinnett, Commissioner Webb, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Davis and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 4 - Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner King and Commissioner Lawhorn

Abstain: 0

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

Attachments: [BONDS AND OATHS RESOLUTION 22-09-011](#)
[Oaths of Deputy Assessors](#)
[Oaths of Deputy Clerks](#)
[Oaths of Deputy Sheriff](#)
[Oaths of Deputy Trustees](#)
[Public Officials Oaths and Bonds 2022](#)
[Notary Public Bonds and Oaths 2022-Sep-15](#)

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

Attachments: [Notaries to be Elected 2022-Sep-15](#)

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

Attachments: [JailFacilityInspectionReport 2022-Jul-21](#)
[JailFacilityInspectionReport 2022-Aug-18](#)
[Minutes of Animal Center Advisory Board Meeting 2022-May-31](#)
[Minutes of Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting 2022-Apr-07](#)
[Minutes of Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting 2022-Aug-4](#)
[Minutes of Budget Committee Meeting 2022-Aug-09](#)
[Minutes of Education Committee Meeting 2022-May-31](#)
[Minutes of Planning Commission Meeting 2022-Jul-28](#)
[Records Requests2022_Q2Report](#)

a. [August 2022 Financial Reports \(Information Only\).](#)

Attachments: [FY22.23 Capital Exhibit_REVISED 9.1.22](#)
[ARPA Tracking 9.1.22](#)
[US Bank Report August 2022](#)
[August 2022 Expenses](#)
[August 2022 Revenue](#)
[YTD Budget Report - Expenses - August 2022](#)
[YTD Budget Report - Revenue - August 2022](#)

4. [Certified Election Results \(Information Only\).](#)

Attachments: [Receipt of Election Results for 2022-Aug-04 Election](#)
[Republican Primary Election 2022-Aug-04](#)
[Democratic Primary Election 2022-Aug-04](#)
[State Judicial Retention Election 2022-Aug-04](#)
[Blount County General Election 2022-Aug-04](#)
[State General Election 2022-Aug-04](#)
[Alcoa City Primary School District Election 2022-Aug-04](#)
[Municipal Election - City of Friendsville 2022-Aug-04](#)
[Maryville City Special School District Election 2022-Aug-04](#)
[Municipal Election - City of Townsend 2022-Aug-4](#)

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

F. NEW BUSINESS.

1. Budget Transfers, Increases and/or Decreases.

- a. [Resolution No. 22-09-001, Budget Increase, Library Building Improvements \\$946,980.00 \(To appropriate funds for the Library re-roofing project. The County will be reimbursed \\$378,792.00 from Maryville and Alcoa making Blount County's portion \\$568,188.00\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(4-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution Library Roof Replacement Increase](#)
[Amendment Library Roof](#)
[Memo Library roof replacement increase](#)
[Bid Response - Eskola, LLC](#)
[Grant memo](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Reagan, 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: 17 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner French, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Stinnett, Commissioner Webb, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Davis and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 4 - Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner King and Commissioner Lawhorn

Abstain: 0

- b. [Resolution No. 22-09-002, Budget Increase, General Services \\$95,000.00 \(To appropriate funds for a Comprehensive Plan for Growth and Development for Blount County to aid in planning future growth.\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(4-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution Planning & Development Growth Study Increase](#)
[Amendment Planning & Development Study Increase](#)
[Memo Planning & Development Growth Study Increase](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, seconded by Commissioner Wells, 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: 17 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner French, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Stinnett, Commissioner Webb, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Davis and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 4 - Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner King and Commissioner Lawhorn

Abstain: 0

- c. [Resolution No. 22-09-003, Budget Increase, Emergency Management \\$51,635.00 \(To appropriate funds for purchase of a new vehicle for Emergency Management. Grant funds will pay for \\$20,000.00 of the vehicle cost.\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(4-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution Emergency Management Vehicle](#)
[Amendment Emergency Management Vehicle](#)
[Memo Emergency Management Vehicle](#)
[EMA truck quote](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Carver, seconded by Commissioner Webb, 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: 17 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner French, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Stinnett, Commissioner Webb, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Davis and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 4 - Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner King and Commissioner Lawhorn

Abstain: 0

- d. [Resolution No. 22-09-004, Budget Increase, Blount County Animal Center \\$12,852.20 \(To use funds in the donation reserve account to purchase an additional commercial washing machine.\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(4-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution Animal Center Washer Increase](#)

[Amendment Animal Center Washer Increase](#)

[Memo Animal Center Washer Increase](#)

[Proposal Animal Center Washer](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Carver, seconded by Commissioner Giles, 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: 17 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner French, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Stinnett, Commissioner Webb, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Davis and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 4 - Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner King and Commissioner Lawhorn

Abstain: 0

- e. [Resolution No. 22-09-005, Budget Increase, Recycling Center \\$23,000.00 \(To increase funds for the Recycling Center compactor and reduce funds for Highway Equipment to appropriately reflect fund use.\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(4-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution recycling compactor](#)

[Amendment Recycling Compactor Increase](#)

[Memo Recycling Compactor Increase](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Reagan, seconded by Commissioner Jopling, 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: 17 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner French, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Stinnett, Commissioner Webb, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Davis and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 4 - Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner King and Commissioner Lawhorn

Abstain: 0

2. Other Budget Items.

- a. [Resolution No. 22-09-006, ARPA Funding Transfer \(A resolution authorizing Blount County to accept the transfer of the City of Friendsville's designated American Rescue Plan Funds for utility projects.\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(4-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution ARPA Funding](#)
[Memo ARPA Funding](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Bowers, 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: 17 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner French, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Stinnett, Commissioner Webb, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Davis and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 4 - Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner King and Commissioner Lawhorn

Abstain: 0

3. Appointments.

- a. **Confirmation of Mayoral Appointments.**

1. [Animal Center Advisory Board \(1-Year Term\) Appointment of Jessica Hannah, Staci Lawhorn and Linda Webb; Reappointment of Mike Akard and Rick Carver.](#)

Attachments: [Animal Center Advisory Board Recommendations.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Giles, 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: 14 - Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner French, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Stinnett, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Davis and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 4 - Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner King and Commissioner Lawhorn

Abstain: 3 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Carver and Commissioner Webb

2. [Human Resources Committee \(1-Year Term\) Reappointment of Register of Deeds Phyllis Crisp.](#)

Attachments: [Human Resource Committee](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Carver, 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: 17 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner French, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Stinnett, Commissioner Webb, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Davis and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 4 - Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner King and Commissioner Lawhorn

Abstain: 0

3. [Information Technology Committee \(1-Year Term\) Reappointment of County Clerk Gaye Hasty, Trustee Scott Graves and Highway Rep. Adam Trent.](#)

Attachments: [IT Committee Sept 2022](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, seconded by Commissioner Wells, 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: 17 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner French, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Stinnett, Commissioner Webb, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Davis and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 4 - Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner King and Commissioner Lawhorn

Abstain: 0

4. [Planning Commission \(4-Year Term\) Appointment of Nick Bright, John Giles, Jessica Hannah, David Wells and Dyrans Bledsoe.](#)

Attachments: [Planning Commission Appt. 2022](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, seconded by Commissioner McMahan, 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: 13 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner French, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Stinnett, Commissioner Webb, Commissioner McMahan and Commissioner Davis

No: 0

Absent: 4 - Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner King and Commissioner Lawhorn

Abstain: 4 - Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Giles and Commissioner Wells

b. Commission Appointments.

1. [Audit Committee \(2-Year Term\) Reappointment of Jared Anderson, Ron French and Tim Eichhorn.](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Akard, that the appointments in items F.3.b.1 thru F.3.b.10 be forwarded to full commission. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 16 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner French, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Stinnett, Commissioner Webb, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Davis and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 4 - Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner King and Commissioner Lawhorn

Abstain: 1 - Commissioner Bledsoe

2. [Beer Board \(2-year Term\) Appointment of Misty Davis and Earl McMahan; Reappointment of Robbie Bennett, Rick Carver, Ron French, Scott King, Staci Lawhorn, Steve Mikels and Dawn Reagan.](#)

As per the action taken in item F.3.b.1 above, the appointments were forwarded to full commission.

3. [Board of Zoning Appeals \(5-Year Term\) Reappointment of Alternate Member John Rush.](#)

Attachments: [John Rush 2022 Reappointment Request \(1\)](#)

As per the action taken in item F.3.b.1 above, the appointment was forwarded to full commission.

4. [Education Committee \(1-Year Term\) Appointment of Misty Davis, Jessica Hannah and Earl McMahan; Reappointment of Mike Akard, Robbie Bennett, Brad Bowers, Nick Bright, Steve Mikels and Dawn Reagan.](#)

As per the action taken in item F.3.b.1 above, the appointments were forwarded to full commission.

5. [Finance Committee \(4-Year Term\) Appointment of Jared Anderson, Staci Lawhorn and Tom Stinnett.](#)

Attachments: [Finance Committee Recommendation](#)

As per the action taken in item F.3.b.1 above, the appointments were forwarded to full commission.

6. [Human Resources Committee \(1-Year Term\) Appointment of John Giles and David Wells; Reappointment of Jared Anderson, Rick Carver and Tom Stinnett. *Same commissioners that serve on Insurance Committee.](#)

As per the action taken in item F.3.b.1 above, the appointments were forwarded to full commission.

7. [Insurance Committee \(1-Year Term\) Appointment of John Giles and David Wells; Reappointment of Jared Anderson, Rick Carver and Tom Stinnett. *Same commissioners that serve on H.R. Committee.](#)

As per the action taken in item F.3.b.1 above, the appointments were forwarded to full commission.

8. [Information Technology Committee \(1-Year Term\) Appointment of Dyran Bledsoe; Reappointment of Rick Carver and Jeff Jopling.](#)

As per the action taken in item F.3.b.1 above, the appointments were forwarded to full commission.

9. [Parks & Recreation Commission \(4-Year Term\) Reappointment of Brad Bowers.](#)

Attachments: [Parks and Rec Commission 2022](#)

As per the action taken in item F.3.b.1 above, the appointment was forwarded to full commission.

10. [Veterans Affairs Committee \(4-Year Term\) Appointment of Steve Mikels.](#)

As per the action taken in item F.3.b.1 above, the appointment was forwarded to full commission.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Stinnett, seconded by Commissioner Akard, that recommends the meeting date remain as November 8, 2022 and forward to full commission. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 17 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner French, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Stinnett, Commissioner Webb, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Davis and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 4 - Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner King and Commissioner Lawhorn

Abstain: 0

G. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND STATEMENTS.

H. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA.

I. ADJOURNMENT.

A motion was made by Commissioner Akard to adjourn. The Chairman declared the meeting to be adjourned. The Blount County Commission Workshop meeting adjourned on Tuesday, September 6, 2022, at 7:01 p.m.