

Blount Co. Agriculture Ext.  
1219 McArthur Road  
Maryville, TN 37804  
January 30, 2023

Honorable Members  
Blount County Board of Commissioners  
359 S. Court Street  
Maryville, TN 37804-5906

Dear Commissioners:

With regard to the Blount County Agriculture Extension Committee appointments, the following recommendations are submitted for your consideration.

1. Appoint Commissioner Steve Mikels as Commission Representative to begin a second two-year term.
2. Appoint Lyssa McKenry as a Farm Women representative to begin a second two-year term.
3. Appoint Steve Myers as a Farm Men representative to begin a second two-year term.
4. Re-appoint Rachel Hall as a Farm Women representative to begin a third two-year term.

I would offer the following regarding the qualifications for the above-listed nominees to serve in this capacity. Additional biographical information can be found on the accompanying page.

- All are residents of Blount County and are actively engaged in farming and/or have agricultural interests.
- All possess the leadership skills and desire to serve the Blount County agriculture community.
- Commissioner Mikels is active in forage production in the Rockford Community.
- Mrs. McKenry is mother of school-age children and is active with her husband in the daily management of a diversified crop and livestock family farm in the Walland Community.
- Mr. Myers is a retired pharmacist and an active cattle farmer and forage producer on the family farm in the outskirts of Maryville.
- Mrs. Hall actively farms with her husband Jay in the Binfield community where they rear a daughter and raise beef cattle and forages.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. If I may be of assistance please contact me at 982-6430 ext. 5 or e-mail [jawilson@utk.edu](mailto:jawilson@utk.edu).

Respectfully Yours,  
*John A. Wilson*  
John Wilson  
County Director

February 2023

Proposed appointees to the Blount County Agricultural Extension Committee:

**Lyssa McKenry**

McKenry Farms  
1433 McKenry Road  
Walland, TN 37886  
Phone: 865-946-1135

Graduated University of Tennessee, Knoxville  
Ag. Education  
Member Blount Co. Farm Bureau

**Steve Myers**

1022 Amerine Road  
Maryville, TN 37804  
Phone: 865-661-6579

Graduated Hiwassee College  
Graduated Samford School of Pharmacy

Retired Pharmacist  
Beef cattle and forage producer on family farm  
Blount County Farm Bureau Board of Directors  
Blount County Livestock Association and East Tennessee Cattlemen's Board  
Chilhowee Area Ministries

**Rachel Hall**

814 Peters Road  
Maryville, TN 37801  
Phone: 865-806-8998

Graduated Houghton College

Raise beef cattle and forages on family farm in the Binfield  
Community  
Blount County Livestock Association member