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Meeting Minutes - Draft

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Thursday, February 15, 2024

6:30 PM

Blount County Courthouse, Room 430

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

Zoom Meeting ID: 819 2847 9622

ROLL CALL

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the Blount County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, February 15, 2024, 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 members present, and 4 absent. The following proceedings were held, to wit:

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

A. SETTING OF AGENDA.

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

Yes: 17 - Akard, Anderson, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 4 - Bennett, Bledsoe, Davis, and King

Abstain: 0

B. CONSENT CALENDAR.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Bright, seconded by Commissioner Carver, that the Consent Calendar be approved. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 17 - Akard, Anderson, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 4 - Bennett, Bledsoe, Davis, and King

Abstain: 0

1. [Minutes of Regular Commission Meeting on January 18, 2024.](#)

Attachments: [Minutes 2024-Jan-18](#)

The minutes were approved.

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

Attachments: [BONDS AND OATHS RESOLUTION 24-02-011](#)

[Notary Public Bonds Oaths 2024-Feb-15](#)

[Oaths of Deputy Sheriff 2024-Feb-15](#)

The Resolution was adopted.

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

Attachments: [Notaries to be Elected 2024-Feb-15](#)

The notaries were elected.

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

- Attachments:** [Jail Inspection Report 2023-Dec-21](#)
[Jail Inspection Report 2023-Nov-16](#)
[Minutes of Animal Center Advisory Board 2023-Aug-29](#)
[Minutes of Budget Committee 2024-Jan-09](#)
[Minutes of Technology Committee 2023-Oct-19](#)
[Minutes of Veterans Affairs Committee 2023-Oct-11](#)
[Tellico Reservoir Annual Report 2023](#)
[Trustee Report for December 2023](#)

The reports were received and filed.

5. [January 2024 Financial Reports \(Information Only\).](#)

- Attachments:** [ARPA Utility Project Update January 2024](#)
[ARPA Tracking 1.31.24](#)
[FY23.24 Capital Exhibit Master](#)
[JANUARY 2024 EXPENSE REPORT](#)
[JANUARY 2024 REVENUE REPORT](#)
[YTD EXPENSE REPORT AS OF JANUARY 31 2024](#)
[YTD REVENUE REPORT AS OF JANUARY 31 2024](#)
[US BANK REPORT JANUARY 2024](#)

The reports were received and filed.

C. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

D. ELECTIONS, APPOINTMENTS, AND CONFIRMATIONS.

1. [Agriculture Extension Committee \(2-Year Term\) Reappointments of Mr. Mark King as Farm Men Representative, and Commissioners Nick Bright and Ron French.](#)

- Attachments:** [Ag Committee appointments January 2024](#)

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

Yes: 15 - Akard, Anderson, Bowers, Carver, Caylor, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 4 - Bennett, Bledsoe, Davis, and King

Abstain: 2 - Bright, and French

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

F. NEW BUSINESS.

1. [Resolution No. 24-02-001. Budget Increase - Highway Capital - \\$677,682.00 \(Appropriate funds to repair the bridge on Big Springs Road\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution Hwy Big Springs Road Bridge](#)
[Amendment Hwy Big Springs Road Bridge](#)
[Memo Hwy Big Springs Road Bridge](#)

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

Yes: 17 - Akard, Anderson, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 4 - Bennett, Bledsoe, Davis, and King

Abstain: 0

2. [Resolution No. 24-02-002. Budget Transfer - Highway Department - \\$100,000.00 \(Transfer funds from Diesel Fuel to Asphalt Hot Mix to make necessary road repairs\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution Hwy Hot Asphalt Mix](#)
[Amendment Hwy Hot Asphalt Mix](#)
[Memo Hwy Hot Asphalt Mix](#)

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

Yes: 17 - Akard, Anderson, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 4 - Bennett, Bledsoe, Davis, and King

Abstain: 0

3. [Resolution No. 24-02-003. Budget Increase - Health Department - \\$407,691.00 \(Accept and appropriate State DGA Grant for Health Department personnel and operations; these funds are reimbursed by the State\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution Health Department DGA Grant updates](#)
[Amendment Health Department DGA Grant update](#)
[Memo Health Department DGA Grant update](#)

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

Yes: 17 - Akard, Anderson, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 4 - Bennett, Bledsoe, Davis, and King

Abstain: 0

4. [Resolution No. 24-02-004. Budget Increase - County Wide FY24 Budget Shortages - \\$74,807.59 \(Appropriate funds to cover shortfalls, not initially budgeted and/or are new benefit elects effective 1 January\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution Misc Depts Health Insurance](#)
[Amendment Misc Depts Budget Adjustments \(2\)](#)
[Memo Misc Depts Budget Adjustments](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Commissioner Stinnett, that the Resolution be adopted. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 17 - Akard, Anderson, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 4 - Bennett, Bledsoe, Davis, and King

Abstain: 0

- 5. [Resolution No. 24-02-005. Budget Increase - Accounting Department - \\$17,981.48 \(Appropriate funds to cover retirement pay out, provide one month overlap, and upgrade two positions from accounting clerk to an accounting technician and financial analyst to support the needs of the department\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution Accounting Dept](#)
[Amendment Accounting Dept](#)
[Memo Accounting Dept](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Reagan, seconded by Vice Chair Bright, that the Resolution be adopted. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 17 - Akard, Anderson, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 4 - Bennett, Bledsoe, Davis, and King

Abstain: 0

- 6. [Resolution No. 24-02-006. Budget Increase - Central Services Park and Recreation - \\$75,530.00 \(Appropriate funds for a professional services agreement for design phase for Everett Recreation Center and Athletic Complex to update football field and lighting\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution-Central Svs Park and Rec Turf](#)
[Amendment Central Svs Park and Rec](#)
[Memo-Central Svs Park and Rec Turf](#)

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

Yes: 17 - Akard, Anderson, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 4 - Bennett, Bledsoe, Davis, and King

Abstain: 0

G. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND STATEMENTS.

H. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA.

I. ADJOURNMENT.

A motion was made that the meeting be adjourned. With no objection, the Chairman declared the meeting to be adjourned. The Blount County Board of Commissioners having met in regular session on Thursday, February 15, 2024, adjourned at 6:51 p.m.