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Meeting Minutes

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Thursday, January 19, 2023

6:30 PM

Blount County Courthouse, Room 430

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

Zoom Meeting ID: 852 1964 7485

ROLL CALL

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the Blount County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, January 19, 2023, 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 20 members present and 1 absent. The Chairman declared that a quorum did exist. The following proceedings were held, to wit:

- Present:** 20 - Commissioner Mike Akard, Chairperson Jared Anderson, Commissioner Robbie Bennett, Commissioner Dyran Bledsoe, Commissioner Brad Bowers, Commissioner Nick Bright, Commissioner Richard Carver, Commissioner Mike Caylor, Commissioner Misty Davis, Vice Chair Ron French, Commissioner John Giles, Commissioner Jessica Hannah, Commissioner Jeff Jopling, Commissioner Staci Lawhorn, Commissioner Earl McMahan, Commissioner Steve Mikels, Commissioner Dawn Reagan, Commissioner Tom Stinnett, Commissioner Linda Webb, and Commissioner David Wells
- Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Scott King

A. SETTING OF AGENDA.

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

Yes: 20 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, Lawhorn, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 1 - King

Abstain: 0

B. CONSENT CALENDAR.

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

Yes: 20 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, Lawhorn, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 1 - King

Abstain: 0

1. [Minutes of Regular Commission Meeting on December 15, 2022.](#)

Attachments: [Minutes 2022-Dec-15](#)

The minutes were approved.

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

Attachments: [OATHS AND BONDS RESOLUTION 23-01-011](#)

[Oaths of Deputy Sheriff 2023-Jan-19](#)

[Notary Public Bonds Oaths 2023-Jan-19](#)

The Resolution was adopted.

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

Attachments: [Notaries to be Elected 2023-Jan-19](#)

The notaries were elected.

4. Receiving of Reports (Information Only).

- Attachments:** Minutes of Budget Committee 2022-Dec-06
Minutes of Education Committee 2022-Nov-01
Minutes of Planning Commission 2022-Oct-27
Minutes of Purchasing Comm 2015-Dec-02
Minutes of Purchasing Comm 2015-Sep-23
Perishables Report -Q2 FY23
Trustee Report November 2022

The reports were received and filed.

5. [January 2023 Financial Reports \(Information Only\).](#)

- Attachments:** [ARPA Utility Project Update February 2023](#)
[ARPA Tracking 1.30.23](#)
[FY22.23 Capital Exhibit REVISED Jan 23](#)
[Jan 23 Expense Report](#)
[Jan 23 Revenue Report](#)
[YTD Expense Report](#)
[YTD Revenue Report](#)
[US BANK REPORT JAN 23](#)

The reports were received and filed.

C. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

D. ELECTIONS, APPOINTMENTS, AND CONFIRMATIONS.

1. [Budget Committee \(1-Year Term\) Confirmation of Mayoral Appointment of Ms. Sharon Hannum and Commissioners Jared Anderson, Nick Bright, and Mike Caylor.](#)

- Attachments:** [Budget Comm 2023](#)

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

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

No: 0

Absent: 1 - King

Abstain: 3 - Anderson, Bright, and Caylor

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

F. NEW BUSINESS.

- 1. [Resolution No. 23-01-001. Budget Increase - Highway - \\$719,950.00 \(Appropriate expenses from revenue increase to budget at October County Commission\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [HWY Resolution approp add rev](#)
[HWY Amendment approp expenses from](#)
[HWY memo approp add revenue](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Carver, 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: 20 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, Lawhorn, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 1 - King

Abstain: 0

- 2. [Resolution No. 23-01-002. Budget Increase - Highway - \\$448,287.00 \(Appropriate funds approved in December Commission Meeting for design phase on three bridges and repair work for two slips\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Bridge and slip Resolution 4](#)
[Hwy Bridges Amendment](#)
[Hwy Bridges Memo](#)

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

Yes: 20 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, Lawhorn, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 1 - King

Abstain: 0

3. [Resolution No. 23-01-003. Budget Increase - School Bus Transportation - \\$400,000.00 \(Appropriate fund for 5% increase for contracted bus transportation\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution 141-72710 Bus Transp 1-5-23](#)
[Amendment School Bus Trans Increase2](#)
[Memo School Bus Trans Increase](#)

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

Yes: 20 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, Lawhorn, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 1 - King

Abstain: 0

4. [Resolution No. 23-01-004. Budget Increase - School Education Capital - \\$149,579.00 \(Appropriate funds for Heritage High School's secure entry\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution 177-91300 HHS Secure Entry 1-5-23](#)
[Amendment Memo School 177 Capital Fund HHS secure entry](#)
[Heritage Security Vestibule](#)

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

Yes: 20 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, Lawhorn, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 1 - King

Abstain: 0

5. [Resolution No. 23-01-005. Budget Increase - School 141 fund capital projects - \\$100,000.00 \(Appropriate 141 funds for capital projects allowance for contingencies\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution School Capital Proj Contegencies](#)
[Amendment Schools Capital Proj Contingencies](#)
[Memo School Capital Proj Contingencies](#)

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

Yes: 20 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, Lawhorn, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 1 - King

Abstain: 0

6. [Resolution No. 23-01-006. Budget Increase - School SPARC Grant - \\$95,158.00 \(Appropriate funds for “Supporting Postsecondary Access in Rural Communities” grant for career & technical programs\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution 141-71300 SPARC State grant 1-5-23](#)
[Amendment_Memo Schools SPARC Grant](#)

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

Yes: 20 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, Lawhorn, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 1 - King

Abstain: 0

7. [Resolution No. 23-01-007. Budget Increase - BCSO Vehicles - \\$51,144.00 \(To close prior year Purchase Orders and reappropriate the remaining balance and difference for new model vehicles\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution BCSO vehicle PY- reappropriation](#)
[Amendment BCSO vehicle PY](#)
[Memo BCSO vehicle PY](#)
[Email backup](#)
[PO 20213535](#)
[PO 20221945](#)
[quote for req 21005953](#)
[2023 Nissan Titan Quote](#)

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

Yes: 20 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, Lawhorn, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 1 - King

Abstain: 0

- 8. [Resolution No. 23-01-008. Competitive Grant, No match required, Violent Crime Interventions - BCSO - Collaboration between Alcoa, Maryville and Blount County Police and Blount County Communications District \(911\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

- Attachments:** [Resolution Collaborative Violent Crime Intervention MOU](#)
[Memo regarding VCIF Collaborative grant MOU requirement](#)
[APD Letter of Support Collaborative Grant](#)
[BCSO Letter of Support Collaborative Grant](#)
[E911 Letter of Support Collaborative Grant](#)
[MPD Letter of Support Collaborative Grant](#)
[VCIF MOU - Alcoa](#)
[VCIF MOU - Maryville](#)
[Blount County Violent Crime Grant info](#)
[NOV Violent Crime Intervention Grant Information Worksheet-COLLABORATIVE](#)
[NOV Violent Crime Intervention Grant Solicitation](#)
[VCIF Competitive Collaborative Enhancement Grant MOU](#)

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

Yes: 20 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, Lawhorn, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 1 - King

Abstain: 0

G. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND STATEMENTS.

H. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA.

I. ADJOURNMENT.

A motion to adjourn was made. There being no objection, the Chairman declared the meeting to be adjourned. The Blount County Board of Commissioners meeting in regular session adjourned on Thursday, January 19, 2023, at 6:44 p.m.