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Meeting Minutes - Final

Commission Workshop

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Tuesday, January 10, 2023

6:30 PM

Blount County Courthouse, Room 430

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

Zoom Meeting ID: 883 4051 5236

ROLL CALL

BE IT REMEMBERED, that a Blount County Commission Workshop meeting was held on Tuesday, January 10, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. in the Blount County Courthouse of Maryville, Tennessee. Blount County Commission Workshop Chairman Ron French 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 - Mike Akard, Jared Anderson, Robbie Bennett, Dyran Bledsoe, Brad Bowers, Nick Bright, Richard Carver, Mike Caylor, Misty Davis, Ron French, John Giles, Jessica Hannah, Jeff Jopling, Staci Lawhorn, Earl McMahan, Steve Mikels, Dawn Reagan, Tom Stinnett, Linda Webb and David Wells

Absent: 1 - Scott King

A. SETTING OF AGENDA.

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

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

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner King

Abstain: 0

B. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

- 1. [Commission Workshop Meeting Minutes for December 6, 2022.](#)

Attachments: [Minutes 2022-Dec-06](#)

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

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

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner King

Abstain: 0

D. CONSENT CALENDAR.

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

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner King

Abstain: 0

1. [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](#)

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

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

3. 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

4. [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](#)

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

F. NEW BUSINESS.

1. Budget Transfers, Increases and/or Decreases.

- a. [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 Jopling, 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: 20 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Chairperson French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Vice Chair Stinnett, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner King

Abstain: 0

- b. [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 Commissioner Bright, 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: 20 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Chairperson French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Vice Chair Stinnett, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner King

Abstain: 0

- c. [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 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: 20 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Chairperson French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Vice Chair Stinnett, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner King

Abstain: 0

- d. [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 Akard, seconded by Commissioner Reagan, 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: 20 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Chairperson French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Vice Chair Stinnett, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner King

Abstain: 0

- e. [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 Contigencies](#)
[Memo School Capital Proj Contigencies](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Bright, 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: 19 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Chairperson French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Vice Chair Stinnett and Commissioner Webb

No: 1 - Commissioner Wells

Absent: 1 - Commissioner King

Abstain: 0

- f. [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 Akard, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, 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: 20 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Chairperson French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Vice Chair Stinnett, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner King

Abstain: 0

- g. [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 Akard, 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: 20 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Chairperson French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Vice Chair Stinnett, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner King

Abstain: 0

2. Other Budget Items.

- a. [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 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: 20 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Chairperson French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Vice Chair Stinnett, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner King

Abstain: 0

3. Appointments.

- a. [Blount Memorial Hospital Board of Directors \(3-Year Term\) Appointment of Koki Best.](#)

Attachments: [BOD Nom. Koki Best to Blount County 12.21.2022](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Lawhorn, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, that the appointment be forwarded to full commission.

A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, seconded by Commissioner Bright, that the appointment be referred back to the Blount Memorial Hospital Nominating Committee to consider Mary Beth West, Dr. Allan Romans and Christi Sayles for the appointment. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 11 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner Mikels and Commissioner Reagan

No: 7 - Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Chairperson French, Commissioner Lawhorn, Vice Chair Stinnett, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

Absent: 1 - Commissioner King

Abstain: 2 - Commissioner Carver and Commissioner McMahan

b. [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 Vice Chair Stinnett, 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 Bennett, Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Davis, Chairperson French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Vice Chair Stinnett, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner King

Abstain: 3 - Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bright and Commissioner Caylor

G. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND STATEMENTS.

H. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA.

I. ADJOURNMENT.

The Chairman declared the meeting to be adjourned. The Blount County Commission Workshop meeting adjourned on Tuesday, January 10, 2023, at 7:10 p.m.