



Blount County Government

359 Court Street
Maryville, TN 37804-5906

Meeting Minutes - Final

Board of Commissioners

- 1-A Jessica Hannah 865-978-7049 jhannah@blounttn.org
1-B Earl McMahan 865-216-3160 emcmahan@blounttn.org
2-A Mike Akard 865-982-6369 makard@blounttn.org
2-B Dyran Bledsoe 865-806-7091 dbledsoe@blounttn.org
3-A Scott King 865-455-7335 sking@blounttn.org
3-B Mike Caylor 865-323-3143 mcaylor@blounttn.org
4-A Robbie Bennett 865-806-8869 rbennett@blounttn.org
4-B Dawn Reagan 865-567-5415 dreagan@blounttn.org
4-C John Giles 865-250-0438 jgiles@blounttn.org
5-A Jared Anderson 865-272-9455 janderson@blounttn.org
5-B Rick Carver 865-964-9945 rcarver@blounttn.org
6-A Nick Bright 865-254-0637 nbright@blounttn.org
6-B Misty Davis 865-363-1001 mddavis@blounttn.org
7-A Tom Stinnett 865-310-8606 tstinnett@blounttn.org
7-B Staci Martin 865-719-6765 slawhorn@blounttn.org
8-A Brad Bowers 865-659-7711 bbowers@blounttn.org
8-B Jeff Jopling 865-719-9480 jjopling@blounttn.org
9-A Ron French 865-577-8393 rfrench@blounttn.org
9-B Steve Mikels 865-755-6958 smikels@blounttn.org
10-A Linda Webb 865-389-0541 lwebb@blounttn.org
10-B David Wells 865-221-7603 dwells@blounttn.org

Thursday, April 20, 2023

6:30 PM

Blount County Courthouse, Room 430

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

Zoom Meeting ID: 816 6858 9601

ROLL CALL

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the Blount County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, April 20, 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 18 members present, and 3 absent. The Chairman declared that a quorum did exist. The following proceedings were held, to wit:

- Present:** 18 - Commissioner Mike Akard, Chairperson Jared Anderson, Commissioner Dyran Bledsoe, Commissioner Brad Bowers, Commissioner Nick Bright, Commissioner Richard Carver, Commissioner Misty Davis, Vice Chair Ron French, Commissioner John Giles, Commissioner Jessica Hannah, Commissioner Scott King, Commissioner Staci Martin, Commissioner Earl McMahan, Commissioner Steve Mikels, Commissioner Dawn Reagan, Commissioner Tom Stinnett, Commissioner Linda Webb, and Commissioner David Wells
- Absent:** 3 - Commissioner Robbie Bennett, Commissioner Mike Caylor, and Commissioner Jeff Jopling

A. SETTING OF AGENDA.

A motion was made by Commissioner Reagan, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that the agenda be set.

Commissioner Akard requested that item F.8 (Resolution No. 22-11-016, A Resolution to Amend the Zoning Regulations for Suburbanizing and R1 Zoning Districts of Blount County, Tennessee) be postponed until the May 2023 regular session commission meeting. The Chairman asked if there was any objection. Commissioner King was in objection.

A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, seconded by Commissioner Bright, that item F.8 (Resolution No. 22-11-016, A Resolution to Amend the Zoning Regulations for Suburbanizing and R1 Zoning Districts of Blount County, Tennessee) be postponed until the May 2023 regular session commission meeting. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 12 - Akard, Anderson, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Davis, Giles, Hannah, Martin, Mikels, and Reagan

No: 6 - French, King, McMahan, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

Absent: 3 - Bennett, Caylor, and Jopling

Abstain: 0

An electronic vote was taken to set the agenda as amended. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 18 - Akard, Anderson, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, King, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 3 - Bennett, Caylor, and Jopling

Abstain: 0

B. CONSENT CALENDAR.

A motion was made by Commissioner 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: 18 - Akard, Anderson, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, King, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 3 - Bennett, Caylor, and Jopling

Abstain: 0

1. [Resolution No. 23-04-014, A Proclamation Honoring Jenna Estes for Her Accomplishment in Scoring a Perfect 36 on the ACT.](#)

Attachments: [Jenna Estes Perfect 36 ACT ProclamationRes23-04-014](#)

The Resolution was adopted. The Chairman recognized Commissioner Wells to read the proclamation out loud.

2. [Resolution No. 23-04-015, A Proclamation Honoring the Alcoa High School Graduating Class of 2023 for Their Accomplishment in Scoring a 30 or Above on the ACT.](#)

Attachments: [AlcoaSrClass2023ProclamationRES23-04-015](#)

The Resolution was adopted. The Chairman recognized Commissioner Bledsoe to read the proclamation out loud.

3. [Resolution No. 23-04-016, A Proclamation Honoring the Heritage High School Graduating Class of 2023 for Their Accomplishment in Scoring a 30 or Above on the ACT.](#)

Attachments: [HeritageHSrClass2023ProclamationRes23-04-016](#)

The Resolution was adopted. The Chairman recognized Commissioner McMahan to read the proclamation out loud.

4. [Resolution No. 23-04-017, A Proclamation Honoring the Maryville High School Graduating Class of 2023 for Their Accomplishment in Scoring a 30 or Above on the ACT.](#)

Attachments: [MaryvilleSrClass2023ProclamationRes23-04-017](#)

The Resolution was adopted. The Chairman recognized Commissioner Carver to read the proclamation out loud.

5. [Resolution No. 23-04-018, A Proclamation Honoring the Samuel Everett School of Innovation Graduating Class of 2023 for Their Accomplishment in Scoring a 30 or Above on the ACT.](#)

Attachments: [SamuelEverettSchoolofInnovationClass2023ProclamationRes23-04-018](#)

The Resolution was adopted. The Chairman recognized Commissioner French to read the proclamation out loud.

6. [Resolution No. 23-04-019, A Proclamation Honoring the William Blount High School Graduating Class of 2023 for Their Accomplishment in Scoring a 30 or Above on the ACT.](#)

Attachments: [WBHSrClass2023ProclamationRes23-04-019](#)

The Resolution was adopted. The Chairman recognized Commissioner Reagan to read the proclamation out loud.

7. [Resolution No. 23-04-020, A Proclamation Honoring the Alcoa High School Tornadoes Men's Basketball Team.](#)

Attachments: [AHSBasketballChampProclamationRes23-04-020](#)

The Resolution was adopted. The Chairman recognized Commissioner Bledsoe to read the proclamation out loud.

8. [Minutes of Regular Commission Meeting on March 21, 2023.](#)

Attachments: [Regular BOC Meeting Minutes 2023-Mar-21](#)

The minutes were approved.

9. [Minutes of Special Called Commission Meeting on April 11, 2023.](#)

Attachments: [Special Called BOC Meeting Minutes 2023-Apr-11](#)

The minutes were approved.

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

Attachments: [23-04-011 OATHS AND BONDS RESOLUTION](#)

[Oaths of Deputy Sheriff 2023-Apr-20](#)

[Notary Public Bonds Oaths 2023-Apr-20](#)

The Resolution was adopted.

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

Attachments: [Notaries to be Elected 2023-Apr-20](#)

The notaries were elected.

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

Attachments: [Emergency Communications District FY2023-24 Proposed Budget](#)

[Jail Facility Inspection Report 2023-Mar-23](#)

[Minutes of Animal Center Advisory Board 2022-Aug-30](#)

[Minutes of Audit Committee 2022-Nov-17](#)

[Minutes of Budget Committee 2023-Mar-07](#)

[Minutes of Planning Commission 2023-Jan-26](#)

[Minutes of Planning Commission 2023-Feb-23](#)

[Perishables Report -Q3 FY23](#)

[TRUSTEE FEBRUARY 2023_0001](#)

The reports were received and filed.

13. [March 2023 Financial Reports \(Information Only\).](#)

Attachments: [ARPA Utility Projects April Update](#)
[ARPA Tracking 3.31.2023](#)
[FY22.23 Capital Exhibit REVISED Mar 23](#)
[Mar 23 Expense Report](#)
[Mar 23 Revenue Report](#)
[YTD Budget Report Expenses ending 31 Mar](#)
[YTD Budget Report Revenues ending 31 Mar](#)
[US BANK REPORT MAR 23](#)

The reports were received and filed.

14. [Blount County Penny Valuation for FY23-24 memorandum \(Information Only\). Referred to full commission for information only by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Penny Valuation FY 23-24 Memo](#)

The information was received and filed.

15. [BCSO Tennessee Highway Safety Office \(THSO\) Grant Applications \(Information Only\). Referred to full commission for information only by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [THSO-Coordinator](#)
[THSO-Distracted](#)
[THSO-Dragon](#)
[THSO-DUI](#)

The grant application request was approved.

C. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.**D. ELECTIONS, APPOINTMENTS, AND CONFIRMATIONS.****1. [Planning Commission \(4-Year Term\) Confirmation of Mayoral Appointment of Geneva Williams Harrison.](#)**

Attachments: [2023 Reappointment - Geneva Williams Harrison](#)

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

Yes: 18 - Akard, Anderson, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, King, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 3 - Bennett, Caylor, and Jopling

Abstain: 0

2. [Public Service Committee \(2-Year Term\) Re-appointments of Mike Akard, Nick Bright, Ron French, Larry Garner, Richard Maples, Tara Rasher, and Tom Stinnett.](#)

Attachments: [Public Services Committee Appointment Memo](#)

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

Yes: 14 - Anderson, Bledsoe, Bowers, Carver, Davis, Giles, Hannah, King, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 3 - Bennett, Caylor, and Jopling

Abstain: 4 - Akard, Bright, French, and Stinnett

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

F. NEW BUSINESS.

1. [Resolution No. 23-04-001. Budget Increase - Accounting - \\$13,617.00 \(Appropriate fund balance to increase funds to health benefit line\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

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

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

Yes: 18 - Akard, Anderson, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, King, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 3 - Bennett, Caylor, and Jopling

Abstain: 0

2. [Resolution No. 23-04-002. Budget Increase - Ag. Extension Services - \\$23,687.87 - \(Appropriate fund balance to fully fund salary and benefits for Ag. Extension agent\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution Ag Extension](#)
[Amendment Ag Extension](#)
[Memo Ag Extension](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Bright, 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: 18 - Akard, Anderson, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, King, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 3 - Bennett, Caylor, and Jopling

Abstain: 0

3. [Resolution No. 23-04-003. Budget Increase - Highway - \\$94,000.00 \(Appropriate funds for Wildwood Bridge project\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution Highway Wildwood Bridge](#)
[Amendment Highway Wildwood Bridge](#)
[Memo Highway Wildwood Bridge](#)

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

Yes: 18 - Akard, Anderson, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, King, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 3 - Bennett, Caylor, and Jopling

Abstain: 0

4. [Resolution No. 23-04-004. Budget Increase - BCSO - \\$48,560.00 \(Appropriate fund for ELC Confinement Facilities Grant\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution BCSO](#)
[Amendment BCSO](#)
[Memo BCSO](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Giles, 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: 18 - Akard, Anderson, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, King, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 3 - Bennett, Caylor, and Jopling

Abstain: 0

5. [Resolution No. 23-04-005. Budget Increase - County Clerk - \\$7,500.00 \(Appropriate funds for data processing equipment from the County Clerk's Registration Fee Reserve Fund\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution County Clerk](#)
[Amendment County Clerk](#)
[Memo County Clerk](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner McMahan, 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: 18 - Akard, Anderson, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, King, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 3 - Bennett, Caylor, and Jopling

Abstain: 0

6. [Resolution No. 23-04-006, BCSO Grant Application - \\$74,000.00, No matching funds required \(To apply for Litter Grant\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution Litter grant 23-24](#)

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

Yes: 18 - Akard, Anderson, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, King, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 3 - Bennett, Caylor, and Jopling

Abstain: 0

7. [Resolution No. 23-04-013, A Resolution to Protect the Historical Dams on the Little River in Blount County, Tennessee.](#)

Attachments: [Historical Dams Resolution](#)

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

Yes: 18 - Akard, Anderson, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, King, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 3 - Bennett, Caylor, and Jopling

Abstain: 0

8. [Resolution No. 22-11-016, A Resolution to Amend the Zoning Regulations for Suburbanizing and R1 Zoning Districts of Blount County, Tennessee.](#)

Attachments: [RESOLUTION 22-11-016 - Min Lot Size](#)

[Public Notice](#)

[PCResolution_202313_Blount County Zoning Amend](#)

[Memo to Alcoa Planning Commission 2022-Dec-07](#)

[Report of Action BC Planning Commission 2022-Dec-05](#)

[DRAFT Resolution 22-11-016 Amend Zoning Regs for Suburbanizing and R1 Districts](#)

This item was postponed until the May 18, 2023, regular session commission meeting.

9. [Resolution No. 23-05-014, Resolution to Amend Zoning Ordinance to Temporarily Remove Cluster Development.](#)

Attachments: [Resolution 23-05-014 Cluster Development definition temp removal](#)

[Legal Notice Public Hearing 05.09.23](#)

[To CC 022723](#)

[Draft Resolution To CC 022723-1](#)

[Planning Commission Minutes 2023-Feb-23 Draft CC 022723-2](#)

[Alcoa Planning Commission Resolution 202323 Blount County Amend Definitions \(1\)](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, seconded by Commissioner Bright, that the Zoning Public Hearing be held on Tuesday, May 9, 2023, at 5:45 p.m. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 18 - Akard, Anderson, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, King, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 3 - Bennett, Caylor, and Jopling

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. The Chairman declared the meeting to be adjourned. The Blount County Board of Commissioners having met in regular session adjourned on Thursday, April 20, 2023, at 7:42 p.m.