



Blount County Government

359 Court Street
Maryville, TN 37804-5906

Meeting Minutes

Board of Commissioners

Thursday, May 16, 2019

7:00 PM

Blount County Courthouse, Room 430

ROLL CALL

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the Blount County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, May 16, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. in the Blount County Courthouse of Maryville, Tennessee. Blount County Commission Chairman Ron French called the meeting to order. An electronic roll call was taken by Blount County Clerk Gaye Hasty. There were 20 present and 1 absent. Commissioner Jackie Hill left early leaving 19 present and 2 absent. The Chairman declared a quorum to exist. The following proceedings were held, to wit:

- Present:** 20 - Commissioner Mike Akard, Commissioner Jared Anderson, Commissioner Robbie Bennett, Commissioner Brad Bowers, Commissioner Nick Bright, Vice Chair Richard Carver, Commissioner Mike Caylor, Commissioner Dodd Crowe, Chairperson Ron French, Commissioner James Hammontree, Commissioner Jackie Hill, Commissioner Tom Hood, Commissioner Jeff Jopling, Commissioner Scott King, Commissioner Staci Lawhorn, Commissioner Steve Mikels, Commissioner Dawn Reagan, Commissioner Brian Robbins, Commissioner Tom Stinnett, and Commissioner Linda Webb
- Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Joe McCulley

A. SETTING OF AGENDA.

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

- Yes:** 20 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Crowe, French, Hammontree, Hill, Hood, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, Mikels, Reagan, Robbins, Stinnett, and Webb
- No:** 0
- Absent:** 1 - McCulley
- Abstain:** 0

B. CONSENT CALENDAR.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, 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, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Crowe, French, Hammontree, Hill, Hood, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, Mikels, Reagan, Robbins, Stinnett, and Webb

No: 0

Absent: 1 - McCulley

Abstain: 0

1. [Approval of Minutes - Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting - April 18, 2019.](#)

Attachments: [Minutes 2019-Apr-18](#)

The minutes were approved.

2. [Resolution No. 19-05-016, A Proclamation Honoring the Alcoa High School Graduating Class of 2019 for Their Accomplishment in Scoring a 30 or Above on the ACT Test.](#)

Attachments: [AlcoaClass2019ResProclamation](#)

The Resolution was adopted. The Proclamation was read aloud by the Chairman.

3. [Resolution No. 19-05-017, A Proclamation Honoring the Heritage High School Graduating Class of 2019 for Their Accomplishment in Scoring a 30 or Above on the ACT Test.](#)

Attachments: [HeritageHSCClass2019ResProclamation](#)

The Resolution was adopted. The Proclamation was presented by the Chairman to Principal Jake Jones.

4. [Resolution No. 19-05-018, A Proclamation Honoring the Maryville High School Graduating Class of 2019 for Their Accomplishment in Scoring a 30 or Above on the ACT Test.](#)

Attachments: [MaryvilleClass2019ResProclamation](#)

The Resolution was adopted. The Proclamation was read aloud by the Chairman.

5. [Resolution No. 19-05-019, A Proclamation Honoring the William Blount High School Graduating Class of 2019 for Their Accomplishment in Scoring a 30 or Above on the ACT Test.](#)

Attachments: [WBSCClass2019ResProclamation](#)

The Resolution was adopted. The Proclamation was presented by the Chairman to Principal Rob Clark.

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

Attachments: [Resolution 19-05-011 Oaths and Bonds](#)
[Oaths of Deputy Clerks](#)
[Oaths of Deputy Sheriffs](#)
[Notary Public Bonds and Oaths](#)

The Resolution was adopted.

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

Attachments: [Notaries to be Elected - Revised](#)

The notaries were elected.

8. [Receiving of Reports. \(INFORMATION ONLY\)](#)

Attachments: [BCSO 2018 Annual Report](#)
[JailFacilityInspectionReportApril 18, 2019](#)
[Minutes Budget Com 2019-Apr-09](#)
[Minutes Education Com 2019-Apr-02](#)
[Minutes HR Com 2019-Mar-05](#)
[Minutes Ins Com 2019-Mar-05](#)
[Minutes Planning Commission 2019-Mar-28](#)
[Record Requests Jan-Mar 2019](#)
[Trustee Monthly Report April 2019](#)

The reports were received and filed.

9. [APRIL FINANCIAL REPORTS. \(INFORMATION ONLY\)](#)

Attachments: [E-Commerce Card Summary and Detail - April 2019.pdf](#)
[YTD Expenses.pdf](#)
[YTD Revenues.pdf](#)

The reports were received and filed.

10. [FY19-20 Tax Rate Resolution. \(INFORMATION ONLY\)](#)

Attachments: [19-20 Tax Levy ResolutionRECOMMENDED.docx](#)
[Fund 177 FY19-20 request.pdf](#)
[Recommended Revenue 050719.pdf](#)

The report was received and filed.

11. [FY 19-20 Appropriation Resolution. \(INFORMATION ONLY\)](#)

Attachments: [19-20 Appropriation ResolutionRECOMMENDED.xlsx](#)
[ADA Budget Memo.docx 1 \(1\).pdf](#)
[Blount Co ADA Final SETP Complete \(1\).pdf](#)
[HRMeetingMinutes11-Apr-2019.pdf](#)

The report was received and filed.

12. [A Resolution Establishing Capital Outlay Priorities for FY 19-20. \(INFORMATION ONLY\)](#)

Attachments: [Capital Outlay Prioritization Resolution.docx](#)

The report was received and filed.

13. [Grant Application Request - Recycling \\$40,000 \(Glass Mill\).](#)

Attachments: [2019 Blount EPA Advancing Sustainable Materials Management Grant Information Worksheet.pdf](#)
[Voluntary cost share.pdf](#)

The request was received and filed.

C. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

Meeting went into Recess

Meeting Reconvened

D. ELECTIONS, APPOINTMENTS, AND CONFIRMATIONS.**1. [Parks & Recreation Board - Appointment \(4-Year Term\) of Nelson Russell.](#)**

Attachments: [Mayor Memo of ParksandRecs Board Appointment Russell resume](#)

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

Yes: 20 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Crowe, French, Hammontree, Hill, Hood, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, Mikels, Reagan, Robbins, Stinnett, and Webb

No: 0

Absent: 1 - McCulley

Abstain: 0

2. [Public Records Commission - Confirmation of Mayor Appointment - Timothy Claude Walker, Genealogist.](#)

Attachments: [Public Records Commission](#)

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

Yes: 20 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Crowe, French, Hammontree, Hill, Hood, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, Mikels, Reagan, Robbins, Stinnett, and Webb

No: 0

Absent: 1 - McCulley

Abstain: 0

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

1. [Resolution No. 19-04-012, A Resolution of the Blount County Commission Declaring Support of the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution.](#)

Attachments: [Resolution 19-04-012 2nd Amendment Sanctuary County](#)

[Resolution 13-05-008](#)

[Oath of County Commissioners](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Bright, seconded by Commissioner Akard, that the Resolution be adopted.

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

Yes: 16 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Crowe, Hammontree, Hood, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, Mikels, Reagan, and Robbins

No: 3 - French, Hill, and Webb

Absent: 1 - McCulley

Abstain: 1 - Stinnett

A call for question was made by Commissioner Mikels, seconded by Commissioner Caylor. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 16 - Akard, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Caylor, Hammontree, Hill, Hood, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, Mikels, Reagan, Robbins, Stinnett, and Webb

No: 4 - Anderson, Carver, Crowe, and French

Absent: 1 - McCulley

Abstain: 0

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

Yes: 15 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Caylor, Crowe, Hammontree, Hood, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, Mikels, Reagan, and Robbins

No: 4 - Carver, French, Hill, and Webb

Absent: 1 - McCulley

Abstain: 1 - Stinnett

F. NEW BUSINESS.

1. [Resolution No. 19-05-001, Budget Resolution for Veterans Services \\$2,250 \(Donations to be used for food pantry and fuel cards\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution 19-05-001 Veterans Donations.docx](#)
[Donations.pdf](#)

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A motion was made by Commissioner Lawhorn, 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: 19 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Crowe, French, Hammontree, Hood, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, Mikels, Reagan, Robbins, Stinnett, and Webb

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Hill, and McCulley

Abstain: 0

2. [Resolution No. 19-05-002, Budget Resolution for Purchasing Dept. \\$10,610 \(Needed funds to cover comp time payouts resulting from Munis implementation\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution 19-05-002 Purchasing Comp time.docx](#)
[Memo Budget Increase Munis 4.26.19.pdf](#)
[Increase.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, 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: 19 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Crowe, French, Hammontree, Hood, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, Mikels, Reagan, Robbins, Stinnett, and Webb

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Hill, and McCulley

Abstain: 0

3. [Resolution No. 19-05-003, Resolution to Levy a Tax Rate in Excess of the Certified Tax Rate.](#)

Attachments: [RESOLUTION TO LEVY A TAX RATE IN EXCESS OF CERTIFIED.docx](#)
[Preliminary Blount County 04-29-19.pdf](#)
[Property Tax Reappraisal and Certified Tax Rate.pdf](#)
[Reappraisals are intended to be revenue neutral.pdf](#)
[State Certified Rate guidance.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Stinnett, 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: 18 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Crowe, French, Hammontree, Hood, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, Reagan, Robbins, Stinnett, and Webb

No: 1 - Mikels

Absent: 2 - Hill, and McCulley

Abstain: 0

4. [Resolution No. 19-05-012, A Resolution to Approve a Self-Funded Dental Plan with Delta Dental and Adopting of Contribution Rates for the Dental Plan.](#)

Attachments: [Resolution 19-05-012 Delta Dental Plan](#)
[Business Associate Addendum Delta Dental](#)
[Blount County HR Committee Meeting April \(1\)](#)
[Minutes Insurance Committee 2019-Apr-16](#)
[Minutes Human Resources Committee 2019-Apr-16](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, 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: 19 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Crowe, French, Hammontree, Hood, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, Mikels, Reagan, Robbins, Stinnett, and Webb

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Hill, and McCulley

Abstain: 0

5. [Resolution No. 19-05-013, A Resolution Naming the Bridge on Lane Drive off US Highway 321 in Blount County, Tennessee, the John Greene Memorial Bridge.](#)

Attachments: [RES 19-05-013 John Greene Memorial Bridge](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Stinnett, 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: 19 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Crowe, French, Hammontree, Hood, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, Mikels, Reagan, Robbins, Stinnett, and Webb

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Hill, and McCulley

Abstain: 0

6. [Resolution No. 19-05-015, A Resolution Permitting the Tennessee Wildlife Resource Agency Access to Work Within the Blount County, Tennessee, Right-Of-Way on Old Walland Highway near Coulter Bridge.](#)

Attachments: [Resolution 19-05-015 Hwy Dept-TWRA Agreement](#)
[Exhibit 1 Memo of Understanding \(Hwy Dept - TWRA\)](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Reagan, 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: 19 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Crowe, French, Hammontree, Hood, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, Mikels, Reagan, Robbins, Stinnett, and Webb

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Hill, and McCulley

Abstain: 0

7. [Resolution No. 19-05-020, A Resolution to Restructure the Blount County Education Committee.](#)

Attachments: [resolution restructuring the Education Committee](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, 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, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Crowe, French, Hood, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, Mikels, Reagan, Robbins, Stinnett, and Webb

No: 2 - Caylor, and Hammontree

Absent: 2 - Hill, and McCulley

Abstain: 0

G. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND STATEMENTS.

H. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA.

I. ADJOURNMENT.

At 10:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 16, 2019, the Chairman declared the Blount County Board of Commissioners meeting to be adjourned.