



# Blount County Government

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## Meeting Minutes

### Commission Workshop

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Tuesday, June 8, 2021

6:30 PM

Blount County Courthouse, Room 430

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<https://zoom.us/join>  
Meeting ID: 933 5091 0205

## ROLL CALL

**BE IT REMEMBERED**, that a Blount County Commission Workshop meeting was held on Tuesday, June 8, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. in the Blount County Courthouse of Maryville, Tennessee. Blount County Commission Workshop Chairman Tom Stinnett called the meeting to order. An electronic roll call was taken by Blount County Clerk Gaye Hasty. There were 20 present and 1 absent. The Chairman declared that a quorum did exist. The following proceedings were held, to wit:

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

**Absent:** 1 - Brian Robbins

## A. SETTING OF AGENDA.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lawhorn, seconded by Vice Chair 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 - Vice Chair Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Crowe, Commissioner French, Commissioner Hammontree, Commissioner Hill, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McCulley, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Stinnett and Commissioner Webb

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Robbins

**Abstain:** 0

## **B. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.**

## **C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.**

### **1. [Commission Workshop Meeting Minutes for May 11, 2021.](#)**

**Attachments:** [Minutes](#)

**With no objection, Commissioner Anderson proposed a change to page 14, item F.7 (Resolution No. 21-05-015, A Resolution that Approves Blount County, TN Property Assessor Office Agreement for Business Personal Property and Audit Services with Property Assessment Alliance, LLC). Insert after the phrase “A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Vice Chair Akard, that the Resolution be postponed.” the following statement, “After suggestion by Commissioner French, Commissioner Anderson withdrew his motion to postpone by unanimous consent.” There was no objection.**

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Akard, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, that the minutes be approved as amended. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:**

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

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Robbins

**Abstain:** 0

## **D. CONSENT CALENDAR.**

**A motion was made by Commissioner French, seconded by Commissioner Lawhorn, 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 - Vice Chair Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Crowe, Commissioner French, Commissioner Hammontree, Commissioner Hill, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McCulley, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Stinnett and Commissioner Webb

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Robbins

**Abstain:** 0

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

**Attachments:** [OATHS AND BONDS RESOLUTION 2021-Jun-17](#)  
[Oaths of Deputy Sheriff 2021-Jun-17](#)  
[Notary Public Bonds Oaths 2021-Jun-17](#)

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

**Attachments:** [Notaries to be Elected 2021-Jun-17](#)

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

**Attachments:** [Minutes of Beer Board 2021-Feb-9](#)  
[Minutes of Budget Committee 2021-May-11 Meeting](#)  
[Minutes of BZA 2021-Apr-1](#)  
[Minutes of Planning Commission 2021-Apr-22](#)  
[Trustee Report May 2021](#)

4. [May 2021 Financial Reports \(Information Only\).](#)

**Attachments:** [MAY 2021 Expenses](#)  
[MAY 2021 Revenues](#)  
[US Bank Report - May 2021](#)

5. [FY 21-22 Budget Public Notice and Publication \(Information Only\).](#)

**Attachments:** [Affidavit of Publication Daily Times](#)

**E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.**

**F. NEW BUSINESS.**

**1. Budget Transfers, Increases and/or Decreases.**

- a. [Resolution No. 21-06-004, Budget Increase - General County Budget \\$360,000.00 \(To appropriate funds to Circuit Court Clerk for indigent billing for the remainder of the fiscal year\). Referred to full commission by the Budget Committee with a favorable recommendation \(5-0\).](#)

**Attachments:** [Resolution 21-06-004 Circuit Court](#)  
[21-06-004 Budget Amendment Circuit Court](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Bowers, 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 - Vice Chair Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Crowe, Commissioner French, Commissioner Hammontree, Commissioner Hill, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McCulley, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Stinnett and Commissioner Webb

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Robbins

**Abstain:** 0

- b. [Resolution No. 21-06-005, Budget Increase - Veterans Affairs \\$2,000.00 \(Veterans Department has received a donation and requests to appropriate said donation\). Referred to full commission by the Budget Committee with a favorable recommendation \(5-0\).](#)

**Attachments:** [Resolution 21-06-005 Veterans Donation](#)  
[21-06-005 Veteran Donation appropriation](#)

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Akard, seconded by Commissioner Mikels, 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 - Vice Chair Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Crowe, Commissioner French, Commissioner Hammontree, Commissioner Hill, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McCulley, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Stinnett and Commissioner Webb

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Robbins

**Abstain:** 0

- c. [Resolution No. 21-06-006, Budget Increase - General County Budget \\$353,000.00 \(To enhance distance learning for students within Blount County Schools and to create a continuous fiber ring for governmental facilities\). Referred to full commission by the Budget Committee with a favorable recommendation \(5-0\).](#)

**Attachments:** [Resolution 21-06-006 MACNET](#)  
[21-06-006 Budget Amendment MACnet](#)  
[21-06-006 Exhibit A - ENA AED MED Cost Breakdown](#)  
[21-06-006 Memo MACnet](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Bowers, 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 - Vice Chair Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Crowe, Commissioner French, Commissioner Hammontree, Commissioner Hill, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McCulley, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Stinnett and Commissioner Webb

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Robbins

**Abstain:** 0

- d. [Resolution No. 21-06-007, Budget Increase - County Clerk \\$5,100.00 \(Increase postage appropriation due to an increase volume of US Postage\). Referred to full commission by the Budget Committee with a favorable recommendation \(5-0\).](#)

**Attachments:** [Resolution 21-06-007 County Clerk Postage](#)  
[21-06-007 Budget Amendment County Clerk](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Reagan, 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 - Vice Chair Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Crowe, Commissioner French, Commissioner Hammontree, Commissioner Hill, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McCulley, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Stinnett and Commissioner Webb

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Robbins

Abstain: 0

**2. Other Budget Items.**

**3. Budget Resolutions for Fiscal Year 2021-22.**

**a. [FY 21-22 Tax Rate Resolution.](#)**

**Attachments:** [21-22 Tax Levy Resolution Recommended](#)  
[Amend. Tax Levy Revenue Exhibit 6.8.2021](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Reagan, seconded by Vice Chair 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 - Vice Chair Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Crowe, Commissioner French, Commissioner Hammontree, Commissioner Hill, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McCulley, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Stinnett and Commissioner Webb

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Robbins

**Abstain:** 0

**b. [FY 21-22 Appropriation Resolution.](#)**

**Attachments:** [21-22 Appropriation Resolution Recommended Amend. 6.8.2021](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Hammontree, seconded by Commissioner French, 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 - Vice Chair Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Crowe, Commissioner French, Commissioner Hammontree, Commissioner Hill, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McCulley, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Stinnett and Commissioner Webb

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Robbins

**Abstain:** 0

c. [FY 21-22 Capital Outlay Priorities Resolution.](#)

**Attachments:** [Capital Outlay Prioritization Resolution Recommended](#)  
[Capital Outlay Exhibit for Schools](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner McCulley, seconded by Commissioner Bright, 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 - Vice Chair Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Crowe, Commissioner French, Commissioner Hammontree, Commissioner Hill, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McCulley, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Stinnett and Commissioner Webb

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Robbins

**Abstain:** 0

4. [Resolution No. 21-06-012, A Resolution of the Blount County Board of Commissioners Urging the Tennessee Department of Transportation to Hold Public Hearings for the Pellissippi Parkway Extension.](#)

**Attachments:** [21-06-012 Resolution to Urge TDOT to Hold Public Meetings for the Pellissippi Parkway Extension Project](#)

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

**No:** 1 - Stinnett

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Robbins

**Abstain:** 0

**G. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND STATEMENTS.**

**H. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA.**

**I. ADJOURNMENT.**

A motion was made to adjourn. The Chairman declared the meeting to be adjourned. The Blount County Commission Workshop meeting adjourned on Tuesday, June 8, 2021, at 7:04 p.m.