



# Blount County Government

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## Meeting Minutes - Draft

### Commission Workshop

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Thursday, February 12, 2026

6:00 PM

Blount County Courthouse, Room 430

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## ROLL CALL

BE IT REMEMBERED, that a Blount County Commission Workshop meeting was held on Thursday, February 12, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the Blount County Courthouse of Maryville, Tennessee. Blount County Commission Workshop Chairman Nick Bright called the meeting to order. An electronic roll call was taken by Blount County Clerk Chief of Staff Brad Bryant. There were 19 members present, and 2 were absent. The Chairman declared that a quorum did exist. The following proceedings were held, to wit:

**Present:** 19 - Mike Akard, Jared Anderson, Robbie Bennett, Dyran Bledsoe, Nick Bright, Quentin Caldwell, Richard Carver, Mike Caylor, Misty Davis, Ron French, John Giles, Jessica Hannah, Jeff Jopling, Scott King, Staci Martin, Earl McMahan, Steve Mikels, Dawn Reagan, and David Wells

**Absent:** 2 - Brad Bowers, and Linda Webb

## A. SETTING OF AGENDA.

A motion was made by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Bledsoe, that the agenda be set. Commissioner Akard requested that items G.1 thru G.3 be acted on separately. An electronic vote was taken to set the agenda. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

**Yes:** 19 - Commissioner Akard, Vice Chair Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bledsoe, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Caldwell, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, and Commissioner Wells

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Bowers, and Commissioner Webb

**Abstain:** 0

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

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

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### **1. [Commission Workshop Minutes for January 8, 2026.](#)**

**Attachments:** [1-8 Workshop minutes](#)

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Giles, that the Minutes be approved. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 19 - Commissioner Akard, Vice Chair Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bledsoe, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Caldwell, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, and Commissioner Wells

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Bowers, and Commissioner Webb

**Abstain:** 0

## **D. GENERAL CONSENT CALENDAR.**

**A motion was made by Commissioner McMahan, seconded by Commissioner French, that the General 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:** 19 - Commissioner Akard, Vice Chair Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bledsoe, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Caldwell, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, and Commissioner Wells

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Bowers, and Commissioner Webb

**Abstain:** 0

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

**Attachments:** [BONDS AND OATHS RESOLUTION 26-02-011](#)

[Oaths of Deputy Sheriff 2026-Feb-19](#)

[Notary Public Bonds Oaths 2026-Feb-19](#)

**The Oaths and Bonds were approved.**

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

**Attachments:** [Notaries to be Elected 2026-02-19](#)

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

**Attachments:** [Minutes of Beer Board 2025-Oct-9](#)

[Minutes of Budget Comm 2025-Dec-11](#)

[Minutes of BZA 2025-Nov-6](#)

[Minutes of Planning Comm 2025-Dec-1](#)

[Minutes of Public Services Com 2024-Mar-14](#)

[Minutes of Public Services Com 2024-Jun-13](#)

[Minutes of Public Services Com 2025-Jan-9](#)

[Minutes of Public Services Com 2025-Aug-12](#)

[Trustee Report for December 2025](#)

4. [January 2026 Financial Reports. \(INFORMATION ONLY\)](#)

**Attachments:** [ARPA Tracking 12.31.25](#)

[ARPA Utility Project Update December 2025](#)

[December 2025 Expense Report](#)

[December 2025 Revenue Report](#)

[YTD Expense Report as of December 31, 2025](#)

[YTD Revenue Report as of December 31, 2025](#)

[U S Bank Report December 2025](#)

[U S Bank Report December 2025](#)

**5. [February 2026 Financial Reports. \(INFORMATION ONLY\)](#)**

**Attachments:** [ARPA Tracking 1.31.26](#)  
[ARPA Utility Project Update January 2026](#)  
[January 2026 Expense Report](#)  
[January 2026 Revenue Report](#)  
[YTD Expense Report as of January 31, 2026](#)  
[YTD Revenue Report as of January 31, 2026](#)  
[U S Bank Report January 2026](#)  
[U S Bank Report January 2026](#)

**E. BUDGET CONSENT CALENDAR.**

A motion was made by Commissioner McMahan, seconded by Commissioner Wells, that items E.4 and E.5 of the Budget Consent be acted on as follows. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote and that the Budget Consent Calendar be forwarded to full commission.: A motion was made by Commissioner Akard to consider items E1 thru E3 separately. The Chairman declared those three items would be removed from the Budget Consent Calendar and considered individually.

**Yes:** 19 - Commissioner Akard, Vice Chair Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bledsoe, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Caldwell, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, and Commissioner Wells

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Bowers, and Commissioner Webb

**Abstain:** 0

**1. [Resolution No. 26-02-003, Budget Increase - School Capital - \\$239,300.00 \(Appropriate funds for the restroom renovation of the commons area at Heritage High School.\)](#)  
[Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(4-0\).](#)**

**Attachments:** [Resolution - HHS Restroom Renovation](#)  
[Amendment - HHS Commons Area Restrooms](#)  
[Memo - HHS Commons Area Restrooms](#)  
[Backup - HHS Commons Area Restrooms](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner French, 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, Vice Chair Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bledsoe, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Caldwell, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, and Commissioner Wells

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Bowers, and Commissioner Webb

**Abstain:** 0

**2.** [Resolution No. 26-02-004, Budget Increase - BCSO Vehicles - \\$80,797.97 \(Appropriate fund balance for the purchase of a replacement vehicle with the required lighting package and decals.\) Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(4-0\).](#)

**Attachments:** [Resolution - Replacement Vehicle for Officer Justin Mowery](#)  
[Amendment - Replacement Vehicle for Officer Justin Mowery](#)  
[Memo - Replacement Vehicle for Officer Justin Mowery](#)  
[Backup - Replacement Vehicle for Officer Justin Mowery](#)

**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:** 19 - Commissioner Akard, Vice Chair Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bledsoe, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Caldwell, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, and Commissioner Wells

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Bowers, and Commissioner Webb

**Abstain:** 0

**3.** [Resolution No. 26-02-005, Budget Increase - School Capital - \\$64,000.00 \(Appropriate funds to engage with an architect firm for the design of security vestibules for seven \[7\] schools.\) Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(4-0\).](#)

**Attachments:** [Resolution - Security Vestibule Design Fee](#)  
[Amendment - Security Vestibule Design Fee](#)  
[Memo - Security Vestibule Design Fee](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, seconded by Commissioner Carver, 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, Vice Chair Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bledsoe, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Caldwell, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, and Commissioner Wells

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Bowers, and Commissioner Webb

**Abstain:** 0

4. [Resolution No. 26-02-006, Budget Increase - Public Safety Projects - \\$17,463.66 \(Appropriate funds to match the budgeted revenue for the Motorola interest payments to insure the account balances.\) Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(4-0\).](#)

**Attachments:** [Resolution - Motorola Interest on Notes](#)  
[Amendment - Motorola Interest on Notes](#)  
[Memo - Motorola Interest on Notes](#)  
[Backup - Motorola Interest on Notes](#)

5. [Resolution No. 26-02-007, Budget Increase - Circuit Court Clerk - \\$1,690.00 \(Appropriate funds to upgrade the contract with LexisNexis to include Artificial Intelligence drafting and other instructional databases.\) Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

**Attachments:** [Resolution - LexisNexis Contract](#)  
[Amendment - LexisNexis Contract](#)  
[Memo - LexisNexis Contract](#)  
[Backup - LexisNexis Contract](#)

## **F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.**

## **G. NEW BUSINESS.**

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

- a. [Resolution No. 26-02-002, Budget Transfer - GPSF - \\$534,550.00 \(Transfer funds from Other Charges to other non-salary line items throughout the General Purpose School Fund.\) Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(4-0\).](#)

**Attachments:** [Resolution - 141 Budget Transfer](#)  
[Amendment - Fund 141 Budget Transfer](#)  
[Memo - Fund 141 Budget Transfer](#)  
[Backup - Fund 141 Budget Transfer](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Carver, 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:** 19 - Commissioner Akard, Vice Chair Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bledsoe, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Caldwell, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, and Commissioner Wells

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Bowers, and Commissioner Webb

**Abstain:** 0

## **2. Other Budget Items.**

- a. [Resolution No. 26-02-008, A Resolution that Approves an Agreement with Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Services, LLC. \(Gallagher\) for Insurance Brokerage Services Multi-Year Contract Beyond the End of the Fiscal Year 2025-26.](#)

**Attachments:** [Resolution - Insurance Brokerage Services](#)  
[Memo - Insurance Brokerage Services](#)  
[Contract - Insurance Brokerage Services](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Carver, seconded by Commissioner McMahan, 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, Vice Chair Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bledsoe, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Caldwell, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, and Commissioner Wells

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Bowers, and Commissioner Webb

**Abstain:** 0

### 3. Appointments.

#### 4. [Resolution No. 26-02-012, Resolution Authorizing a Continuous 2-Year Reappraisal Cycle.](#)

**Attachments:** [Resolution Reappr Plan 2 Yr 2028](#)  
[Blount County Reappraisal Plan & Resolution](#)  
[Alcoa City Manager Re Support of a 2yr Reappraisal Cycle](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Caldwell, seconded by Commissioner Wells, 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:** 17 - Vice Chair Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bledsoe, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Caldwell, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Reagan, and Commissioner Wells

**No:** 1 - Commissioner Akard

**Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Bowers, and Commissioner Webb

**Abstain:** 1 - Commissioner Mikels

#### 5. [Resolution No. 26-02-013, A Resolution to Authorize the Blount County Mayor to Sign and Execute a Lot Line Adjustment Plat for Tracts of Land Associated with the Alcoa/Maryville/Blount County Sanitary Landfill.](#)

**Attachments:** [Resolution 26-02-013 Lot Line Adjustment at Landfill to Replat and Deed in Joint Names](#)  
[Exempt Plat Alcoa Landfill](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Carver, 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, Vice Chair Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bledsoe, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Caldwell, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, and Commissioner Wells

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Bowers, and Commissioner Webb

**Abstain:** 0

6. [Resolution No. 26-02-014, A Resolution of the Blount County Commission, Supporting Extension of the Public Safety Retirement Bridge Benefit, Subject to Cost Review and Available Funds.](#)

**Attachments:** [2026 Bridge Program Expansion Resolution 26-02-014](#)  
[PubCh0383](#)

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

**Yes:** 19 - Commissioner Akard, Vice Chair Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bledsoe, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Caldwell, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, and Commissioner Wells

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Bowers, and Commissioner Webb

**Abstain:** 0

7. [Resolution No. 26-02-015, Resolution to Amend the Zoning Map of Blount County Tennessee, From R-1 \(Rural District 1\) to RAC \(Rural Arterial Commercial District\) for a 4.615 Acre Portion of a 7.263 Acre Tract Located at 5220/5226 U.S. Highway 411 South. The Property Identified as Part of Tax Map 100, Parcels 009.00 and 009.01.](#)

**Attachments:** [Resolution 26-02-015 Rezone R-1 to RAC 5220 US Hwy 411S](#)  
[Memo to Request ZPH for 5220 US 411S](#)  
[Draft Resolution 5220 US Hwy 411S](#)  
[Report of Action by Planning Commission 2025-Dec-1 for 5220 US 411S](#)  
[Staff Memo for 5220 US 411S R-1 to RAC](#)  
[Zoning Request Application for 5220 US 411S](#)  
[Public Notice for 2026-02-12 Hearing - 5220 US Hwy 411S](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Commissioner Carver, 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:** 17 - Commissioner Akard, Vice Chair Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bledsoe, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Caldwell, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Reagan, and Commissioner Wells

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Bowers, and Commissioner Webb

**Abstain:** 2 - Commissioner French, and Commissioner Mikels

## **H. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND STATEMENTS.**

## **I. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA.**

## **J. ADJOURNMENT.**

A motion was made that the meeting be adjourned. Hearing no objection, the Chairman declared the meeting to be adjourned. The Blount County Commission Workshop meeting adjourned on Thursday, February 12, 2026, at 6:26PM.