



# Blount County Government

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## Meeting Minutes - Draft

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Thursday, June 20, 2024

6:30 PM

Blount County Courthouse, Room 430

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

Zoom Meeting ID: 842 7852 2184

## ROLL CALL

**BE IT REMEMBERED**, that the Blount County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, June, 20, 2024, 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 with the late arrival of Commissioner Jeff Jopling. The following proceedings were held, to wit:

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

**A. SETTING OF AGENDA.**

A motion was made by Vice Chair Bright, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that the agenda be set as published. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

**Yes:** 17 - Anderson, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, King, Martin, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 4 - Akard, Bennett, Jopling, and McMahan

**Abstain:** 0

**B. CONSENT CALENDAR.**

A motion was made by Vice Chair 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:** 17 - Anderson, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, King, Martin, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 4 - Akard, Bennett, Jopling, and McMahan

**Abstain:** 0

**1. [Minutes of Regular Commission Meeting on May 16, 2024.](#)**

**Attachments:** [Minutes of Regular BOC 2024-May-16](#)

The minutes were approved.

**2. [Approval of Bonds and Oaths.](#)**

**Attachments:** [BONDS AND OATHS RESOLUTION 24-06-011](#)

[Oaths of Deputy Sheriff 2024-Jun-20](#)

[Notary Public Bonds Oaths 2024-Jun-20](#)

The Resolution was adopted.

**3. [Notaries to be Elected.](#)**

**Attachments:** [Notaries to be Elected 2024-Jun-20](#)

The notaries were elected.

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

- Attachments:** [Jail Facility Inspection Report 2024-May-01](#)  
[Minutes of Budget Committee 2024-May-07](#)  
[Minutes of Education Committee 2024-Apr-02](#)  
[Minutes of Education Committee 2024-Feb-16](#)  
[Records Requests 2024\\_Q1Report](#)  
[Trustee Report April 2024](#)  
[Trustee Report May 2024](#)

The reports were received and filed.

5. [May 2024 Financial Reports. \(INFORMATION ONLY\)](#)

- Attachments:** [ARPA Utility Project Update May 2024](#)  
[ARPA Tracking 5.31.24](#)  
[FY23.24 Capital Exhibit Master](#)  
[May 2024 Expense Report](#)  
[May 2024 Revenue Report](#)  
[YTD Expense Report as of May 31 2024](#)  
[YTD Revenue Report as of May 31 2024](#)  
[US Bank Report May 2024](#)

The reports were received and filed.

6. [Refunds for Occupancy Tax.](#)

- Attachments:** [Little River Campground RV Resort](#)  
[The Lily Barn](#)

The refund requests were approved.

**C. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.**

**D. ELECTIONS, APPOINTMENTS, AND CONFIRMATIONS.**

**E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.**

**F. NEW BUSINESS.**

1. [Resolution No. 24-06-004. Budget Increase – Schools Capital - \\$1,515,400.00 \(Appropriate funds for the roof repair/replacement at William Blount High School\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

**Attachments:** [Resolution School Capital WBHS Roof](#)  
[Amendment School Capital WBHS Roof](#)  
[Memo School Capital WBHS Roof](#)

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

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

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 3 - Akard, Bennett, and McMahan

**Abstain:** 0

2. [Resolution No. 24-06-005. Budget Increase – Schools General Purpose Fund -\\$256,393.93 \(Appropriate funds for the Tennessee State Grant Summer School Program\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

**Attachments:** [Resolution Schools Summer School Grant](#)  
[Amendment School Summer School Grant](#)  
[Memo Schools Summer School Grant](#)

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

**Yes:** 17 - Anderson, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, King, Martin, Mikels, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 3 - Akard, Bennett, and McMahan

**Abstain:** 1 - Reagan

3. [Resolution No. 24-06-006. Budget Increase – BCSO – \\$10,900.00 \(Appropriate funds for the Sheriff’s Office Drug Fund to recognize donations received to purchase a K-9 \(Pilot Company - \\$10,000\), and a K-9 protective vest \(private citizen - \\$900\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

**Attachments:** [Resolution BCSO Donations K9 and K9 Vest](#)  
[Amendment BCSO Donations K9 and K9 Vest](#)  
[Memo BCSO Donations K9 and K9 vest](#)

**A motion was made by Vice Chair 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 - Anderson, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, King, Martin, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 3 - Akard, Bennett, and McMahan

**Abstain:** 0

4. [Resolution No. 24-06-007. Budget Increase – Central Services Capital - \\$265,320.00 \(Appropriate capital funds for the modernization of the two public elevators at the Justice Center\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

**Attachments:** [Resolution Central Svs Capital Justice Ctr Elevators](#)  
[Amendment Central Svs Capital Justice Ctr Elevators](#)  
[Memo Central Svs Capital Justice Ctr Elevators](#)

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

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

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 3 - Akard, Bennett, and McMahan

**Abstain:** 0

5. [Resolution No. 24-06-008. Budget Increase – Juvenile Court - \\$660,000.00 \(Accept and Appropriate the Opioid Abatement Council Grant, a three-year, non-matching grant award \(\\$220,000.00 per year from FY25-FY27\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

**Attachments:** [Resolution Juvenile Court Journey Ct w Helen Ross McNabb](#)  
[Amendment Juvenile Court Journey Ct w Helen Ross McNabb](#)  
[Memo Juvenile Court Journey Ct w Helen Ross McNabb](#)

**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 - Anderson, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, King, Martin, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 3 - Akard, Bennett, and McMahan

**Abstain:** 0

6. [Resolution No. 24-06-009. Purchasing request for a multi-year contract for three years with Helen Ross McNabb Center for Juvenile Court for services focused on prevention, treatment and support for justice-involved at-risk adolescents or those already affected by addiction. Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

**Attachments:** [Resolution Purchasing Multi yr contract w Helen Ross McNabb](#)  
[Memo Purchasing Multi yr contract w Helen Ross McNabb](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Carver, 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 - Anderson, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, King, Martin, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 3 - Akard, Bennett, and McMahan

**Abstain:** 0

7. [Resolution No. 24-06-010. Purchasing request for a multi-year contract with Axon for five years with Blount County Sherriff's Office for Body Cameras, In-Car \(Fleet\) Cameras and Tasers. The current program has Tasers a la cart, and the updated contract includes all three Axon items on one contract. The financial impact is net neutral due to realignment of funds and savings identified from the current a la carte Taser program. Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

**Attachments:** [Resolution Purchasing Multi Yr Axon Contract for BCSO](#)  
[Memo Purchasing Mult Yr Axon Contract for BCSO](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Carver, 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 - Anderson, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, King, Martin, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 3 - Akard, Bennett, and McMahan

**Abstain:** 0

8. [Resolution No. 24-06-001. FY 24-25 Tax Rate Resolution. Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

**Attachments:** [FY24.25 Tax Levy Resolution Recommended](#)  
[FY24.25 Tax Levy Exhibit Revenue Report](#)  
[FY24.25 Tax Levy Exhibit Revenue Report\\_Capital](#)

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

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

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 3 - Akard, Bennett, and McMahan

**Abstain:** 0

9. [Resolution No. 24-06-002. FY 24-25 Appropriation Resolution. Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

**Attachments:** [FY24.25 Appropriation Resolution Recommended](#)  
[FY24.25 Appropriation Budget Exhibit](#)  
[FY24.25 Appropriation Budget Exhibit\\_Capital](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Hannah, 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 - Anderson, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, King, Martin, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 3 - Akard, Bennett, and McMahan

**Abstain:** 0

**10.** [Resolution No. 24-06-003. FY 24-25 A Resolution Establishing Capital Outlay Priorities. Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

**Attachments:** [FY24.25 Resolution Capital Outlay Prioritization](#)  
[FY24.25 Capital Outlay Exhibit](#)

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

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

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 3 - Akard, Bennett, and McMahan

**Abstain:** 0

**11.** [A Zoning Public Hearing to Amend the Zoning Map of Blount County, Tennessee, from R-1 \(Rural District 1\) to RAC \(Rural Arterial Commercial\) for a 3.333 Acre Tract of Land Located at 4422 U.S. Highway 411S. \(The Property to be Known as Tax Map 089 Parcel 119.01, and is Currently Identified as Part of Tax Map 089 Parcel 119.00.\)](#)

**Attachments:** [Public Hearing Ad 07.09.24](#)  
[Memo Request for Zoning Public Hearing R-1 to RAC 4422 Hwy 411S 2024-May-30](#)  
[Draft Resolution Amend Zoning Map R-1 to RAC 4422 Hwy 411S](#)  
[Report of Action for Request to Amend Zoning Map R-1 to RAC 4422 Hwy 411S](#)  
[Memo for Rezoning Request to Amend 4422 Hwy 411S from R-1 to RAC](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Giles, seconded by Commissioner Davis, that the Zoning Public Hearing be set for Tuesday, July 9, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:**

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

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 3 - Akard, Bennett, and McMahan



Abstain: 0

**G. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND STATEMENTS.**

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

**I. ADJOURNMENT.**

With no objection, the Chairman declared the meeting to be adjourned. The Blount County Board of Commissioners having met in regular session on Thursday, June 20, 2024, adjourned at 7:09 p.m.