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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Commission Workshop

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Tuesday, August 9, 2022

6:30 PM

Blount County Courthouse, Room 430

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

Zoom Meeting ID: 851 8226 7880

ROLL CALL

BE IT REMEMBERED, that a Blount County Commission Workshop meeting was held on Tuesday, August 9, 2022, 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 - 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, Brian Robbins and Tom Stinnett

Absent: 1 - Linda Webb

A. SETTING OF AGENDA.

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

Yes: 19 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner French, Commissioner Hammontree, Commissioner Hill, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McCulley, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Robbins and Chairperson Stinnett

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Webb

Abstain: 0

Did Not Vote: 1 - Vice Chair Crowe

B. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

1. [Commission Workshop Meeting Minutes for July 12, 2022.](#)

Attachments: [Workshop Minutes 2022-Jul-12](#)

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

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

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Webb

Abstain: 0

D. CONSENT CALENDAR.

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

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Webb

Abstain: 0

1. [Proclamations Honoring County Commissioners for Their Dedicated Service to the Citizens of Blount County, Tennessee.](#)

Attachments: [Proclamation for Commissioner Jackie Hill 1-A](#)
[Proclamation for Commissioner Joe McCulley 1-B](#)
[Proclamation for Commissioner Jim Hammontree 2-B](#)
[Proclamation for Commissioner Brian Robbins 4-C](#)
[Proclamation for Commissioner Dodd Crowe 6-B](#)
[Proclamation for Commissioner Tom Hood 10-B](#)

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

Attachments: [OATHS AND BONDS RESOLUTION 22-08-011](#)
[Deputy Sheriff Oaths 2022-Aug-18](#)
[Notary Public Bonds Oaths 2022-Aug-18](#)
[Public Officials Bonds 2022-Aug-18](#)

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

Attachments: [Notaries to be Elected 2022-Aug-18](#)

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

Attachments: [Annual Trustee Report FY2021-22](#)
[Minutes of Ad Hoc Committee for a Drug Prevention Education Program 2022-Jun-28](#)
[Minutes of Budget Committee Meeting 2022-Jul-12](#)
[Minutes of Human Resources Committee 2022-Apr-19](#)
[Minutes of Information Technology Committee 2022-Apr-21](#)
[Minutes of Insurance Committee 2022-Apr-19](#)
[Trustee Report for July 2022](#)

5. [July 2022 Financial Reports \(Information Only\).](#)

Attachments: [FY22.23 Capital Exhibit REVISED 8.3.22](#)
[US Bank Report July 2022](#)
[July 2022 Expenses](#)
[July 2022 Revenues](#)
[YTD Budget Report - Expenses - July 2022](#)
[YTD Budget Report - Revenues - July 2022](#)

6. [TN Comptroller Budget Approval Letter \(Information Only\).](#)

Attachments: [Comptroller budget approval letter](#)

7. [South Blount Utility District Board \(4-Year Term\) Mayoral Reappointment of Lee Gowan \(Information Only\).](#)

Attachments: [South Blount Utility Appointment](#)

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

F. NEW BUSINESS.

1. Budget Transfers, Increases and/or Decreases.

- a. [Resolution No. 22-08-001 Budget Increase Education Capital \\$3,864,270. \(To appropriate funds for synthetic turf athletic fields at both Heritage High School and William Blount High School.\) Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(4-1\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution Schools Turf Athletic Fields](#)
[Amendment Schools Turf Athletic Fields](#)
[Memo Schools Turf Athletic Fields](#)
[Proposal Schools Turf Athletic Fields](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Reagan, seconded by Vice Chair Crowe, that the Resolution be forwarded to full commission.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hammontree, seconded by Vice Chair Crowe, to call for the question. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have failed by the following vote:

- Yes:** 8 - Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Caylor, Vice Chair Crowe, Commissioner Hammontree, Commissioner Hill, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner Reagan and Chairperson Stinnett
- No:** 12 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner French, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner King, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McCulley, Commissioner Mikels and Commissioner Robbins

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Webb

Abstain: 0

A motion was made by Commissioner Robbins, seconded by Vice Chair Crowe, that the Resolution be amended from fund 141 (General Fund Balance) to 177 (Capital Outlay Projects). An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have failed by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner McCulley and Commissioner Robbins

No: 16 - Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Vice Chair Crowe, Commissioner French, Commissioner Hammontree, Commissioner Hill, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan and Chairperson Stinnett

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Webb

Abstain: 0

A motion was made by Commissioner Mikels, seconded by Commissioner Akard, that the Resolution be postponed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mikels, seconded by Commissioner Akard, that the Resolution be referred back to the Blount County School Board. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have failed by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner Mikels and Commissioner Robbins

No: 14 - Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Caylor, Vice Chair Crowe, Commissioner French, Commissioner Hammontree, Commissioner Hill, Commissioner King, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McCulley, Commissioner Reagan and Chairperson Stinnett

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Webb

Abstain: 0

A motion was made by Commissioner Reagan, seconded by Vice Chair Crowe, 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: 14 - Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Vice Chair Crowe, Commissioner French, Commissioner Hill, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner Reagan and Chairperson Stinnett

No: 6 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Hammontree, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner McCulley, Commissioner Mikels and Commissioner Robbins

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Webb

Abstain: 0

- b. [Resolution No. 22-08-003 Budget Increase Highway Brookdale Project - \\$700,000. \(To appropriate funds for the completion of the Brookdale Road Project.\) Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution Highway Brookdale Project](#)
[Amendment Highway Brookdale Project](#)
[Memo Highway Brookdale Project](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, 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: 18 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Vice Chair Crowe, Commissioner French, Commissioner Hill, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McCulley, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Robbins and Chairperson Stinnett

No: 2 - Commissioner Hammontree and Commissioner Mikels

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Webb

Abstain: 0

- c. [Resolution No. 22-08-004 Budget Transfer Parks & Rec \\$300,000. \(To transfer previously approved funding to align the accounts to appropriate funding accounts.\) Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution Everett Senior Center transfer](#)
[Amendment Everett Senior Center transfer](#)
[Memo Everett Senior Center transfer](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, 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, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Vice Chair Crowe, Commissioner French, Commissioner Hill, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McCulley, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Robbins and Chairperson Stinnett

No: 1 - Commissioner Hammontree

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Webb

Abstain: 0

2. Other Budget Items.

3. Appointments.

a. [Board of Zoning Appeals \(5-Year Term\) Reappointment of Brian King.](#)

Attachments: [Brian King - 2022 Reappointment Request](#)

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

Yes: 18 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Vice Chair Crowe, Commissioner French, Commissioner Hill, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McCulley, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan and Commissioner Robbins

No: 2 - Commissioner Hammontree and Chairperson Stinnett

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Webb

Abstain: 0

4. [Resolution No. 22-08-012, A Resolution to Adopt the Medical Premium Rate Structure for Blount County, TN Effective January 1, 2023.](#)

Attachments: [RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE MEDICAL PREMIUM RATE STRUCTURE FOR 2023](#)
[Minutes of HR Committee 2022-Jul-19](#)
[Minutes of Insurance Committee 2022-Jul-19](#)

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: 18 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner French, Commissioner Hammontree, Commissioner Hill, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McCulley, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Robbins and Chairperson Stinnett

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Webb

Abstain: 2 - Commissioner Bennett and Vice Chair Crowe

5. [Resolution No. 22-08-013, A Resolution to Adopt the Dental Premium Rate Structure for Blount County, TN Effective January 1, 2023.](#)

Attachments: [RESOLUTION APPROVING THE DENTAL PREMIUM RATE STRUCTURE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2023](#)
[Minutes of HR Committee 2022-Jul-19](#)
[Minutes of Insurance Committee 2022-Jul-19](#)

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

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Webb

Abstain: 3 - Commissioner Bennett, Vice Chair Crowe and Commissioner Reagan

6. [Resolution No. 22-08-014, A Resolution Approving Amendments to the Blount County Handbook.](#)

Attachments: [RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE BLOUNT COUNTY HANDBOOK 07.19.2022](#)
[Summary of Handbook Changes 7.2022](#)
[Attachment A - Amended BCG Employee Handbook](#)
[Attachment B - Highway Dept Handbook](#)
[Attachment C - BCSO Handbook](#)
[Minutes of HR Committee 2022-Jul-19](#)

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

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Hill and Commissioner Webb

Abstain: 0

7. [Resolution No. 22-08-015, A Resolution that Confirms and Approves the Extension of Health Benefits for Post-Certified Personnel who Attain the Minimum Age of 55 Years with 25 Years of Creditable Service.](#)

Attachments: [Resolution for Health Benefits for Post-Certified Personnel](#)
[Resolution for Retiree Health Benefits for Post Cert Personnel - Memo](#)
[Minutes of HR Committee 2022-Jul-19](#)
[Minutes of Insurance Committee 2022-Jul-19](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Carver, 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: 17 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner French, Commissioner Hammontree, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McCulley, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Robbins and Chairperson Stinnett

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Hill and Commissioner Webb

Abstain: 2 - Commissioner Bennett and Vice Chair Crowe

8. [Resolution No. 22-08-016, Resolution to Approve the Amended and Restated Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement Regarding Pellissippi Place Industrial Park.](#)

Attachments: [Resolution to approve amended and restated agreement industrial parks \(including Knox-Pellissippi Place\)](#)
[Amended and Restated Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement- Blount IDB \(and Knox Co\) 2006 - Pellissippi Place](#)
[Redline - Amended and Restated Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement- Blount IDB \(and Knox Co-Pellissippi Place\) \(1\)](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Carver, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, 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, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Vice Chair Crowe, Commissioner French, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Robbins and Chairperson Stinnett

No: 2 - Commissioner Hammontree and Commissioner McCulley

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Hill and Commissioner Webb

Abstain: 0

9. [Resolution No. 22-08-017, Resolution to Approve the Amended and Restated Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement Regarding Partnership Park North and Partnership Park South Industrial Parks.](#)

Attachments: [Resolution to approve amended and restated agreement industrial parks \(Parks North & South\)](#)
[Amended and Restated Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement-IDB of Blount County \(from 1997 agreement\) \(Parks North & South\) \(1\)](#)
[Redline - Amended and Restated Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement-IDB of Blount County \(from 1997 agreement - Parks North & South\) \(1\)](#)

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: 17 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Vice Chair Crowe, Commissioner French, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Robbins and Chairperson Stinnett

No: 2 - Commissioner Hammontree and Commissioner McCulley

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Hill and Commissioner Webb

Abstain: 0

10. [Setting of a Zoning Public Hearing to Amend the Zoning Regulation for Suburbanizing and R1 Zoning Districts of Blount County, Tennessee.](#)

Attachments: [RESOLUTION - Zoning Reg for Suburbanizing and R1 AMENDED](#)
[Hasty, Akard & Bright 08-02-22](#)
[Hasty, Akard & Bright 08-01-22](#)
[RESOLUTION - Amending Zoning Ordinance 8-1-2022](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, seconded by Commissioner Bright, that the item 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, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Vice Chair Crowe, Commissioner French, Commissioner Hammontree, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McCulley, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Robbins and Chairperson Stinnett

No: 2 - Commissioner Caylor and Commissioner King

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Hill and Commissioner Webb

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 Commission Workshop meeting adjourned on Tuesday, August 9, 2022, at 9:08 p.m.