



Blount County Government

359 Court Street
Maryville, TN 37804-5906

Meeting Minutes - Draft

Beer Board

Commissioner Robbie Bennett
Commissioner Richard Carver
Commissioner Misty Davis
Commissioner Ron French
Commissioner Scott King
Commissioner Staci Martin
Commissioner Earl McMahan
Commissioner Steve Mikels
Commissioner Dawn Reagan

Tuesday, August 12, 2025

5:30 PM

Blount County Courthouse, Room 430

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

Zoom Meeting ID: 851 2812 9547

A. ROLL CALL

BE IT REMEMBERED, that a Blount County Beer Board meeting was held on Tuesday, August 12, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in the Blount County Courthouse of Maryville, Tennessee. The Blount County Beer Board Chairman Steve Mikels called the meeting to order. An electronic roll call was taken by Blount County Clerk Gaye Hasty. There were 8 members present and 1 absent. The Chairman declared that a quorum did exist. The following proceedings were held, to wit:

Present 8 - Commissioner Robbie Bennett, Commissioner Richard Carver, Commissioner Misty Davis, Commissioner Ron French, Commissioner Staci Martin, Commissioner Earl McMahan, Commissioner Steve Mikels, and Commissioner Dawn Reagan

Absent 1 - Commissioner Scott King

B. SETTING OF AGENDA.

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

Yes: 8 - Bennett, Carver, Davis, French, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, and Reagan

No: 0

Absent: 1 - King

Abstain: 0

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

1. [Minutes of Beer Board Meeting on July 17, 2025.](#)

Attachments: [Minutes July 17 2025](#)

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

Yes: 8 - Bennett, Carver, Davis, French, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, and Reagan

No: 0

Absent: 1 - King

Abstain: 0

D. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS ON AGENDA.

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

F. NEW BUSINESS.

1. [On and Off Premises Beer Permit Request for EZ Stop Food Marts, Inc. #34, 3531 US Highway 411S, Maryville, TN 37801.](#)

Attachments: [EZ Stop Food Mart 34 On-Off Premises Beer Permit Application](#)

[1-Public Notice of Beer Board 1st Reading](#)

[Notice Beer Permit Application](#)

[Public Notice of Beer Board Public Hearing](#)

The Chairman read the call out loud. Beer Board Attorney Craig Garrett was recognized to open the public hearing and administrate the oath to Tommy Hunt, representative of EZ Stop Food Marts, Inc. Tommy Hunt affirmed that the property owner was The Hunt Legacy Trust, and The Carol Hunt 2024 Descendants Trust Agreement. He further affirmed that the information contained in the application, including all supporting documentation and statistical data, was true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief. The request under consideration was for an on and off premises beer permit for an new gas station with a convenience store, located at 3531 US Highway 411 S, Maryville, TN 37801. Mr. Hunt affirmed that the GPS distance affidavit, provided by the Blount County Sheriff's Office, confirmed that the distance from the proposed location to the nearest church, school, or place of public gathering exceeds 1,000 feet. Attorney Garrett asked if any members of the Board had questions for the applicant. Hearing none, Attorney Garrett asked if there were any questions from the members of the public. There were none. Attorney Garrett closed the public hearing, and advised the Chairman that the application and supporting evidence met the legal criteria for the issuance of a beer permit. The Chairman thanked the attorney. A motion was made by Commissioner French, seconded by Commissioner Carver, that the request for an on and off premises beer permit be approved. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Bennett, Carver, Davis, French, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, and Reagan

No: 0

Absent: 1 - King

Abstain: 0

G. ADJOURNMENT.

A motion was made by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Carver, that the meeting be adjourned. The Chairman declared the meeting to be adjourned. The Blount County Beer Board adjourned on Tuesday, August 12, 2025, at 5:40 p.m.