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Meeting Minutes - Draft

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Thursday, June 18, 2026

6:00 PM

Blount County Courthouse, Room 430

ROLL CALL

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the Blount County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, June 18, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the Blount County Courthouse of Maryville, Tennessee. The meeting was called to order by Blount County Commission Chairman Jared Anderson. An electronic roll call was taken by Blount County Clerk Chief of Staff Brad Bryant. There were 19 members present, with the late arrival of Jessica Hannah, and 2 were absent. The Chairman declared that a quorum was present. The following proceedings were held, to wit:

- Present:** 19 - Commissioner Mike Akard, Commissioner Jared Anderson, Commissioner Robbie Bennett, Commissioner Dyran Bledsoe, Commissioner Brad Bowers, Commissioner Nick Bright, Commissioner Quentin Caldwell, Commissioner Richard Carver, Commissioner Mike Caylor, Commissioner Misty Davis, Commissioner Ron French, Commissioner John Giles, Commissioner Jessica Hannah, Commissioner Scott King, Commissioner Earl McMahan, Commissioner Steve Mikels, Commissioner Dawn Reagan, Commissioner Linda Webb, and Commissioner David Wells
- Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Jeff Jopling, and Commissioner Staci Martin

A. SETTING OF AGENDA.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bright, seconded by Commissioner Giles, that the agenda be set. The Chairman declared that if there was no objection, three items would be added to the agenda under G. New Business. Hearing no objection, an electronic vote was taken to set the agenda with the additional resolutions (items 12, 13 and 14). The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

B. GENERAL CONSENT CALENDAR.

A motion was made by Commissioner French, seconded by Commissioner Giles, that the General Consent Calendar be adopted. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

1. Minutes for Board of Commission in Regular Session on May 21, 2026.

Attachments: Minutes for BOC 5-21 meeting

The minutes were approved.

2. [Minutes of Zoning Public Hearing on May 14, 2026.](#)

Attachments: [Minutes of ZPH 5-14 meeting](#)

[File Summary](#)

The minutes were approved.

3. [Resolution No.26-06-012, A Resolution Honoring the Distinguished Career and Retirement of Curtis Moore.](#)

Attachments: [Proclamation Res Deputy CMoore](#)

The Resolution was adopted.

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

Attachments: [Bonds and Oath Resolution](#)

[Notary Bonds \(May 2026\)](#)

The Resolution was adopted.

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

Attachments: [Notaries to be elected \(May 2026\)](#)

The notaries were elected.

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

Attachments: [JailFacilityInspectionReport April 8. 2026](#)
[JailFacilityInspectionReport May 13, 2026](#)

The reports were received and filed.

7. [May 2026 Financial Reports. \(INFORMATION ONLY\)](#)

Attachments: [ARPA Utility Project Update May 2026](#)
[ARPA Tracking 5.31.26](#)
[May 2026 Expense Report](#)
[May 2026 Revenue Report](#)
[May Expense Report as of May 31, 2026](#)
[May Revenue Report as of May 31, 2026](#)
[U S Bank Report May 2026](#)

The reports were received and filed.

C. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.**D. BUDGET CONSENT CALENDAR.**

A motion was made by Commissioner Carver, seconded by Commissioner Wells, that the Budget Consent Calendar be adopted. Commissioner Akard requested that all the Budget Consent Calendar items (D.1 thru D.19) be considered individually.

1. [Resolution No. 26-06-010, Budget Increase - Highway Capital - \\$249,740.00 \(Appropriate highway capital funds to repair the swinging bridge For Dark Island located in Townsend.\) Forwarded to full Commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee. \(5-0\)](#)

Attachments: [Resolution - Dark Island Swinging Budget](#)
[Amedment - Dark Island Swinging Budget](#)
[Memo - Dark Island Swinging Budget](#)
[Backup - Richardson Construction](#)

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

2. [Resolution No. 26-06-015, Budget Increase - Education Capital - \\$145,000.00 \(Reclassify the Design fee for the Heritage Middle School Roof from General Purpose School funds to School Capital funds.\) Forwarded to full Commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee. \(5-0\)](#)

Attachments: [Resolution - HMS Roof Design Fees](#)
[Amendment - HMS Roof Design Fees](#)
[Memo - HMS Roof Design Fees](#)
[Backup - HMS Roof Design Fees](#)

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

3. [Resolution No. 26-06-016, Budget Increase - Public Defender - \\$85,024.00 \(Appropriate State Opioid Funds for the hire of a new position to provide opioid treatment and case management on behalf of the Public Defender's Office.\) Forwarded to full Commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee. \(5-0\)](#)

Attachments: [Resolution - Public Defender](#)
[Amendment - Public Defender](#)
[Memo - Public Defender](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, 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:

4. [Resolution No. 26-06-017, Budget Increase – Education Capital -\\$68,635.00 \(Appropriate education capital funds to construct a secure entrance at Friendsville Elementary School.\) Forwarded to full Commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee. \(5-0\)](#)

Attachments: [Resolution - FrES Secure Entrance](#)
[Amendment - FrES Secure Entrance](#)
[Memo - FrES Secure Entrance](#)
[Backup - FrES Secure Entrance](#)

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:

5. [Resolution No. 26-06-018, Budget Increase – Education Capital -\\$49,400.00 \(Appropriate education capital funds to improve and refinish flooring in the old locker bays at WBHS and HHS.\) Forwarded to full Commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee. \(5-0\)](#)

Attachments: [Resolution - WBHS & HHS Floor Improvements](#)
[Amendment - WBHS & HHS Flooring Improvements](#)
[Memo - WBHS & HHS Flooring Improvements](#)
[Backup - WBHS & HHS Flooring Improvements](#)

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

6. [Resolution No. 26-06-019, Budget Increase - Education Capital -\\$32,680.00 \(Appropriate education capital funds to install a guard shack and necessary utilities at ECCA.\) Forwarded to full Commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee. \(5-0\)](#)

Attachments: [Resolution - ECCA Guard Shack](#)
[Amendment - ECCA Guard Shack](#)
[Memo - ECCA Guard Shack](#)
[Backup - ECCA Guard Shack](#)

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

7. [Resolution No. 26-06-020, Budget Increase - Central Services -\\$215,462.62 \(Appropriate General County funds for the Interlocal Agreement to keep GSMNP open during the government shutdown.\) Forwarded to full Commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee. \(5-0\)](#)

Attachments: [Resolution - GSMNP Interlocal Agreement](#)
[Amendment - GSMNP Interlocal Agreement](#)
[Memo - GSMNP Interlocal Agreement](#)
[Backup - GSMNP Interlocal Agreement](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, 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:

E. ELECTIONS, APPOINTMENTS, AND CONFIRMATIONS.

1. [Parks and Recreation Board \(4-Year Term\) Mayoral Recommendation to Appoint Mark D. Anderson.](#)

Attachments: [Parks & Rec Commission 2026](#)
[Mark Anderson Resume](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Carver, seconded by Commissioner French, that the mayoral recommendation of the appointment be confirmed. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

G. NEW BUSINESS.

1. [Resolution No. 26-06-001, FY 26-27 Tax Rate Resolution. Forwarded to full Commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee. \(5-0\)](#)

Attachments: [FY26.27 Tax Levy Resolution Recommended](#)
[FY26.27 Tax Levy Exhibit Revenue Report](#)
[FY26.27 Tax Levy Exhibit Revenue Capital Report](#)
[Blount County Concurrence Letter](#)
[Tax Levy - Certified Tax Rate](#)

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:

2. [Resolution No. 26-06-002, FY 26-27 Appropriation Resolution. Forwarded to full Commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee. \(5-0\)](#)

Attachments: [FY26.27 Appropriation Resolution Recommended](#)
[FY26.27 Appropriation Budget Exhibit Recommended](#)
[FY26.27 Appropriation Budget Exhibit Recommended Capital](#)

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

3. [Resolution No. 26-06-003, FY 26-27 Capital Outlay Resolution. Forwarded to full Commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee. \(5-0\)](#)

Attachments: [FY26.27 Resolution Capital Outlay Resolution Recommended](#)
[Capital Plan FY26.27](#)

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

4. [Resolution No. 26-06-005, Interfund Loan - Debt Service - \\$4,000,000.00 \(Enter into an Interfund loan from Debt Service Fund to ARPA Fund to allow time for reimbursement from the State of Tennessee.\) Forwarded to full Commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee. \(5-0\)](#)

Attachments: [Resolution - General County Budget Transfer 151-127](#)
[Memo - General County Budget Transfer 151-127](#)

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:

5. [Resolution No. 26-06-006, Budget Increase - Various Departments - \\$1,657,653.98 \(Appropriate General County, School and Capital Funds to correct budget lines in the 25-26 Budget Year.\) Forwarded to full Commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee. \(5-0\)](#)

Attachments: [Resolution - Various Department Cleanup](#)
[Amendment - Various Department Cleanup](#)
[Memo - Various Department Cleanup](#)

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

6. [Resolution No. 26-06-007, Budget Increase - General Purpose School Fund -\\$1,343,290.21 \(Appropriate funds for the Tennessee State Grant Summer School Program, No matching funds are required.\) Forwarded to full Commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee. \(5-0\)](#)

Attachments: [Resolution - Summer Learning Camps Grant](#)
[Amendment - Summer Learning Camps Grant](#)
[Memo - Summer Learning Camps Grant](#)
[Backup - Summer Learning Camps Grant](#)

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

7. [Resolution No. 26-06-008, Budget Increase - Highway Capital -\\$648,846.78 \(Appropriate Highway Capital funds to upgrade four county signalized intersections.\) Forwarded to full Commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee. \(5-0\)](#)

Attachments: [Resolution - Traffic Signal Upgrade](#)
[Amendment - Traffic Signal Upgrade](#)
[Memo - Traffic Signal Upgrade](#)
[Backup - Traffic Signal Upgrade](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Bright, 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:

8. [Resolution No. 26-06-009, Budget Increase – Education Capital -\\$265,500.00 \(Appropriate education capital funds to replace fire alarm system at Mary Blount Elementary School.\) Forwarded to full Commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee. \(5-0\)](#)

Attachments: [Resolution - MBES Fire Alarm](#)
[Amendment - MBES Fire Alarm](#)
[Memo - MBES Fire Alarm](#)
[Backup - MBES Fire Alarm](#)

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

9. [Resolution No. 26-06-013, A Resolution Establishing Stormwater Quality Management Criteria in the Urbanized Area of Blount County.](#)

Attachments: [Stormwater 2026 Resolution 26-06-013](#)
[Illicit Discharge \(Ordinance\) WSPrevised draft2](#)
[Sediment and Erosion Control Resolution WSPrevised draft1](#)
[Resolution 09-06-003 Stormwater Quality Management WSPrevised draft1](#)
[Water Quality Buffer Resolution WSPrevised draft](#)
[Memorandum Form Craig Garrett \(Stormwater Resolution\)](#)
[TDEC Authority letter](#)
[TDEC Corrective Action Plan \(2.26.2026\)](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Caylor, seconded by Commissioner Wells, that the Resolution be adopted.

A motion was made by Commissioner Carver, seconded by Commissioner Caldwell, that the Resolution be postponed for a month to allow a representative from the Blount County Storm Water Department to appear for questions concerning the Resolutions (potential) restrictive implications. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have failed by the following vote:

A motion was made by Commissioner Caylor, seconded by Commissioner Wells, that the Resolution be adopted. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have failed by the following vote:

10. [Resolution No. 26-06-014, A Resolution of the Blount County Commission Establishing Compensation for Members of the Blount County Commission.](#)

Attachments: [Resolution as Amended - County Commission Pay Raise](#)
[Resolution - County Commission Pay Raise](#)

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

11. [Resolution No. 26-06-022, A Resolution of the Blount County Commission Providing for the Regulation of Data Centers and Crypto Currency Mining.](#)

Attachments: [Resolution as Amended on Data Centers](#)
[Resolution on Data Centers \(Original\)](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Reagan, 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:

12. [Resolution No. 26-06-021, Property Assessor - \(Request approval for a three-year contract with TREPP, INC. for commercial appraisals and appeals software.\) Forwarded to full Commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee. \(5-0\)](#)

Attachments: [Resolution - Property Assesor Multi-Year Agreement](#)
[Amendment No 1 - Property Assesor Multi-Year Agreement](#)

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

13. [Resolution No. 26-06-023, A Resolution to authorize and appropriate funds for an actuarial study of the cost associated with granting a hazardous duty supplemental benefit to certain public safety officers pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-36-212. Forwarded to full Commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee. \(5-0\)](#)

Attachments: [Resolution - TCRS Hazardous Pay](#)

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

14. [Resolution No. 26-06-024, Resolution to Identify a Cash Shortage of \\$26,129.50.](#)

Attachments: [Resolution - Harrison Construction Fraud](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner French, 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:

H. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND STATEMENTS.

I. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA.

J. ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business and hearing no objection, the Chairman declared the meeting to be adjourned. The Board of Commissioners, having convened in regular session on Thursday, June 18, 2026, adjourned at 8:19 p.m.