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Meeting Minutes

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Thursday, February 19, 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, February 19, 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 Gaye Hasty. There were 21 members present. The Chairman declared that a quorum was present. The following proceedings were held, to wit:

Present: 21 - 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 Jeff Jopling, Commissioner Scott King, Commissioner Staci Martin, Commissioner Earl McMahan, Commissioner Steve Mikels, Commissioner Dawn Reagan, Commissioner Linda Webb, and Commissioner David Wells

A. SETTING OF AGENDA.

A motion was made by Commissioner 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: 21 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Caldwell, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, King, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Abstain: 0

B. GENERAL CONSENT CALENDAR.

A motion was made by Commissioner McMahan, seconded by Commissioner Caldwell 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 of Commission in Regular Session on January 15, 2026.](#)

Attachments: [MeetingMinutes2026-Jan-15](#)

The Minutes were approved.

2. [Minutes of Zoning Public Hearing on January 8, 2026.](#)

Attachments: [Minutes of ZPH 2026-January-8.](#)

The Minutes were approved.

3. [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 Report was adopted.

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

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

The notaries were elected.

5. [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](#)

The reports were received and filed.

6. [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](#)

The reports were received and filed.

7. [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](#)

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 Bright, that the Budget Consent Calendar be adopted. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 21 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Caldwell, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, King, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Abstain: 0

1. [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](#)

This Resolution was adopted.

2. [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](#)

This Resolution was adopted.

E. ELECTIONS, APPOINTMENTS, AND CONFIRMATIONS.**F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.****G. NEW BUSINESS.**

- 1. [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 Akard, 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: 21 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Caldwell, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, King, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Abstain: 0

- 2. [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 Hannah, 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:

Yes: 21 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Caldwell, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, King, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Abstain: 0

3. [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 McMahan, 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: 21 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Caldwell, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, King, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Abstain: 0

4. [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 Hannah, that the Resolution be adopted. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 21 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Caldwell, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, King, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Abstain: 0

5. [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 Caldwell, that the Resolution be adopted. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 21 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Caldwell, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, King, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Abstain: 0

6. [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 French, seconded by Commissioner Reagan, that the Resolution be adopted.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hannah, seconded by Commissioner Mikels that it be postponed for a month. Commissioner French made two Points of Order; the first sought clarification that the Resolution is being postponed and not tabled. The second, the Chairman held that point was not well taken, as it was a factual dispute to be handled in debate. Commissioner Hannah withdrew the motion to postpone. There was no objection.

A motion was made by Commissioner Reagan, seconded by Commissioner Caldwell, that called for the previous question. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 17 - Anderson, Bennett, Bledsoe, Caldwell, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, King, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Webb, and Wells

No: 3 - Akard, Bowers, and Bright

Abstain: 1 - Jopling

Commissioner French raised a Point of Order and the Chair overruled it. An electronic vote was taken on the original motion to adopt the resolution. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 17 - Anderson, Bennett, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Caldwell, Carver, Caylor, French, Giles, Hannah, King, Martin, McMahan, Reagan, Webb, and Wells

No: 3 - Akard, Davis, and Jopling

Abstain: 1 - Mikels

7. [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 French, 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: 21 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Caldwell, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, King, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Abstain: 0

8. [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 Bright, that the Resolution be adopted. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 21 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Caldwell, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, King, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Abstain: 0

9. [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 Reagan, 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:

Yes: 13 - Anderson, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Caldwell, Carver, Caylor, Davis, Giles, Martin, Mikels, Webb, and Wells

No: 7 - Akard, French, Hannah, Jopling, King, McMahan, and Reagan

Absent: 1 - Bennett

Abstain: 0

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, February 19, 2026, adjourned at 8:04 p.m.