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Meeting Minutes - Draft

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Thursday, October 16, 2025 **6:00 PM** **Blount County Courthouse, Room 430**

Live stream via https://zoom.us/join
Zoom Meeting ID: 851 0674 0027

ROLL CALL

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the Blount County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, October 16, 2025, 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 15 members present, and 6 absent. The Chairman declared that a quorum was present. The following proceedings were held, to wit:

Present: 15 - Commissioner Mike Akard, Commissioner Jared Anderson, Commissioner Dyran Bledsoe, Commissioner Brad Bowers, Commissioner Nick Bright, Commissioner Quentin Caldwell, Commissioner Richard Carver, Commissioner Mike Caylor, Commissioner Misty Davis, Commissioner John Giles, Commissioner Jessica Hannah, Commissioner Staci Martin, Commissioner Dawn Reagan, Commissioner Linda Webb, and Commissioner David Wells

Absent: 6 - Commissioner Robbie Bennett, Commissioner Ron French, Commissioner Jeff Jopling, Commissioner Scott King, Commissioner Earl McMahan, and Commissioner Steve Mikels

A. SETTING OF AGENDA.

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

Yes: 15 - Akard, Anderson, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Caldwell, Carver, Caylor, Davis, Giles, Hannah, Martin, Reagan, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 6 - Bennett, French, Jopling, King, McMahan, and Mikels

Abstain: 0

B. GENERAL CONSENT CALENDAR.

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

Yes: 15 - Akard, Anderson, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Caldwell, Carver, Caylor, Davis, Giles, Hannah, Martin, Reagan, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 6 - Bennett, French, Jopling, King, McMahan, and Mikels

Abstain: 0

1. Minutes of Commission in Regular Session on September 18, 2025.

Attachments: Minutes 2025-Sep-18

The minutes were approved.

2. Approval of Bonds and Oaths.

Attachments: BONDS AND OATHS RESOLUTION
Deputy Sheriff Oaths 2025-Oct-16
Public Officials Bonds
Notary Public Bonds Oaths 2025-Oct-16

The Resolution was adopted.

3. Notaries to be Elected.

Attachments: 25-247 Notaries to be Elected 2025-Oct-16

The notaries were elected.

4. Receiving of Reports. (INFORMATION ONLY)

Attachments: Minutes of Beer Board 2025-Aug-12
Minutes of Board of Zoning Appeals 2025-Jun-26
Minutes of Budget Committee 2025-Aug-12
Minutes of Education Committee 2025-Sep-2
Public Records Requests 3rd Quarter Report 2025-Jul-Aug-Sep
Trustee Annual Report for FY24-2025
Trustee Monthly Report for August 2025

The reports were received and filed.

5. September 2025 Financial Reports. (INFORMATION ONLY)

Attachments: ARPA Utility Project Update September 2025
ARPA Tracking 9.30.25
FY25.26 Proposed Capital Plan
September 2025 Expense Report
September 2025 Revenue Report
YTD Expense Report as of September 30, 2025
YTD Revenue Report as of September 30, 2025
U S Bank Report September 2025

The reports were received and filed.

C. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

D. BUDGET CONSENT CALENDAR.

E. ELECTIONS, APPOINTMENTS, AND CONFIRMATIONS.

F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

1. Blount County 250th Anniversary Celebration Coordinating Committee ("the Blount 250 Committee") term to expire after December 31, 2026. Up to three (3) additional at-large members representing community organizations, appointed by the Board of County Commissioners.

Attachments: 2025-08-025 Resolution for 250th Year Celebrations

The Chairman opened the floor for nominations of at-large members representing community organizations to serve on the Blount 250 Committee. Commissioner Bright nominated Teresa Goddard-Rocco, Brian Daniels and Frank Graffeo. Commissioner Carver nominated Roy Shields. Commissioner Davis nominated Jasmine Satterfield. Commissioner Hannah nominated Harry Grothjahn. The Chairman asked if there were any further nominations. A motion was made by Commissioner Bowers that nominations cease. The Chair asked if there was any objection to nominations being ceased. There being no objection, the Chair declared the floor closed for nominations.

A roll call vote was taken by the County Clerk on the nominations. The Chairman declared Brian Daniels, Roy Shields, and Jasmine Satterfield appointed to serve on the Blount 250 Committee by the following vote:

To appoint Daniels: 12 - Akard, Anderson, Bright, Caldwell, Carver, Caylor, Davis, Giles, Hannah, Martin, Reagan, and Webb.

To appoint Graffeo: 1 - Anderson.

To appoint Grothjahn: 2 - Bowers, and Hannah.

To appoint Rocco: 3 - Anderson, Bledsoe, and Wells.

To appoint Shields: 13 - Akard, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Caldwell, Carver, Caylor, Davis, Giles, Martin, Reagan, Webb, and Wells.

To appoint Satterfield: 14 - Akard, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Caldwell, Carver, Caylor, Davis, Giles, Hannah, Martin, Reagan, Webb, and Wells.

Absent: 6 - Bennett, French, Jopling, King, McMahan, and Mikels

Abstain: 0

G. NEW BUSINESS.

1. Resolution No. 25-10-001, Budget Increase – Highway Dept. - $2,027,742.66 (Reallocate reimbursed state aid funds to the asphalt hot mix line in the highway fund.) Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee (4-0).

Attachments: Resolution - State Aid Asphalt Hot Mix

Amendment - State Aid Asphalt Hot Mix

Memo - State Aid Asphalt Hot Mix

Backup - State Aid Asphalt Hot Mix

A motion was made by Commissioner Bright, 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: 15 - Akard, Anderson, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Caldwell, Carver, Caylor, Davis, Giles, Hannah, Martin, Reagan, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 6 - Bennett, French, Jopling, King, McMahan, and Mikels

Abstain: 0

2. Resolution No. 25-10-002, Budget Increase - Schools - $216,904.52 (Appropriate one-time Public School Security Grant funds to enhance school safety, non-recurring state grant, no matching funds required.) Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee (4-0).

Attachments: Resolution - Public School Security Grant

Amendment - Public School Security Grant

Memo - Public School Security Grant

Backup - Public School Security Grant

A motion was made by Commissioner Bowers, 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: 15 - Akard, Anderson, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Caldwell, Carver, Caylor, Davis, Giles, Hannah, Martin, Reagan, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 6 - Bennett, French, Jopling, King, McMahan, and Mikels

Abstain: 0

3. Resolution No. 25-10-003, Budget Increase – BCSO - $78,467.88 (Appropriate Mental Health Transport grant funds to cover Blount County Sheriff's Office costs for non-inmate patient transports by AMR or other agencies, no matching funds required.) Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee (4-0).

Attachments: Resolution - BCSO MHT Grant
Amendment - BCSO MHT Grant
Grant Worksheet - BCSO MHT Grant
Award Letter - BCSO MHT Grant
Backup - BCSO MHT Grant
Grant Letter of Agreement - BCSO MHT Grant

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: 15 - Akard, Anderson, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Caldwell, Carver, Caylor, Davis, Giles, Hannah, Martin, Reagan, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 6 - Bennett, French, Jopling, King, McMahan, and Mikels

Abstain: 0

4. Resolution No. 25-10-004, Budget Increase – Elections - $25,000.00 (Appropriate general county funds to replace necessary election day printers.) Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee (4-0).

Attachments: Resolution - Election Day Printers
Amendment - Election Day Printers
Memo - Election Day Printers

A motion was made by Commissioner Bowers, 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: 15 - Akard, Anderson, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Caldwell, Carver, Caylor, Davis, Giles, Hannah, Martin, Reagan, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 6 - Bennett, French, Jopling, King, McMahan, and Mikels

Abstain: 0

5. Resolution No. 25-10-006, Central Services - (To apply for 2025 Historic Development Grant and agree to funding the match. Requires 50/50 match for courthouse eligible construction and maintenance expenses.) Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee (4-0).

Attachments: Resolution - Courthouse Grant
Grant Worksheet - Historical Development Grant

A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, 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: 15 - Akard, Anderson, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Caldwell, Carver, Caylor, Davis, Giles, Hannah, Martin, Reagan, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 6 - Bennett, French, Jopling, King, McMahan, and Mikels

Abstain: 0

6. Resolution No. 25-10-012, A Resolution to Appoint Judicial Commissioners.

Attachments: RESOLUTION-JC 2025

A motion was made by Commissioner Bowers, 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: 15 - Akard, Anderson, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Caldwell, Carver, Caylor, Davis, Giles, Hannah, Martin, Reagan, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 6 - Bennett, French, Jopling, King, McMahan, and Mikels

Abstain: 0

7. Resolution No. 25-10-013, A Resolution Adopted by the Blount County Commission Pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated Section 54-10-216 to Abandon and Vacate a Section of Right-Of-Way Along Blount Avenue, a County Maintained Road Located in Blount County, Tennessee, and Approve an Agreement With Adjacent Property Owner.

Attachments: Resolution (Blount Avenue right-of-way abandonment)
Exhibits 1 thru 4

A motion was made by Commissioner Carver, 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: 15 - Akard, Anderson, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Caldwell, Carver, Caylor, Davis, Giles, Hannah, Martin, Reagan, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 6 - Bennett, French, Jopling, King, McMahan, and Mikels

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, October 16, 2025, adjourned at 6:32 p.m.