



# Blount County Government

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## Meeting Minutes - Final

### Commission Workshop

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Tuesday, December 6, 2022

6:30 PM

Blount County Courthouse, Room 430

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

Zoom Meeting ID: 892 7240 7842

## ROLL CALL

**BE IT REMEMBERED**, that a Blount County Commission Workshop meeting was held on Tuesday, December 6, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. in the Blount County Courthouse of Maryville, Tennessee. Blount County Commission Workshop Chairman Ron French called the meeting to order. An electronic roll call was taken by Blount County Clerk Gaye Hasty. There were 18 members present and 3 absent. The Chairman declared that a quorum did exist. The following proceedings were held, to wit:

**Present:** 18 - Mike Akard, Jared Anderson, Dyran Bledsoe, Brad Bowers, Nick Bright, Richard Carver, Mike Caylor, Misty Davis, Ron French, John Giles, Jessica Hannah, Scott King, Staci Lawhorn, Earl McMahan, Steve Mikels, Tom Stinnett, Linda Webb and David Wells

**Absent:** 3 - Robbie Bennett, Jeff Jopling and Dawn Reagan

## A. SETTING OF AGENDA.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mikels, 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:** 18 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Chairperson French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner King, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Vice Chair Stinnett, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 3 - Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Jopling and Commissioner Reagan

**Abstain:** 0

**B. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.**

**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.**

1. [Commission Workshop Meeting Minutes for November 8, 2022.](#)

**Attachments:** [Minutes 2022-Nov-8](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Bright, seconded by Commissioner Lawhorn, that the minutes be approved. A voice vote was taken with all voting aye, none opposed. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed.

**D. CONSENT CALENDAR.**

A motion was made by Commissioner Bright, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, 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:** 18 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Chairperson French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner King, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Vice Chair Stinnett, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 3 - Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Jopling and Commissioner Reagan

**Abstain:** 0

1. [Resolution No. 22-12-012, Proclamation Honoring Jerry Orr for His Dedicated Service to the Citizens of Blount County, Tennessee.](#)

**Attachments:** [Proclamation res Jerry Orr](#)

2. [Resolution No. 22-12-013, Proclamation Honoring Terry Orr for His Dedicated Service to the Citizens of Blount County, Tennessee.](#)

**Attachments:** [Proclamation res Terry Orr](#)

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

**Attachments:** [OATHS AND BONDS RESOLUTION 22-12-011](#)

[Oaths of Deputy Sheriff 2022-Dec-15](#)

[Notary Public Bonds Oaths 2022-Dec-15](#)

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

**Attachments:** [Notaries to be Elected 2022-Dec-15](#)

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

**Attachments:** [Minutes of Audit Committee 2022-Oct-20](#)

[Minutes of Beer Board 2022-Sep-13](#)

[Minutes of Budget Committee 2022-Nov-8](#)

[Minutes of Education Committee 2022-Nov-1](#)

[Minutes of Finance Committee 2019-Feb-21](#)

[Minutes of Human Resources Committee 2022-Jul-19](#)

[Minutes of Insurance Committee 2022-Jul-19](#)

[Sheriff Annual Financial Report year end 6-30-22](#)

[Trustee Monthly Report October 2022](#)

a. [November 2022 Financial Reports \(Information Only\).](#)

**Attachments:** [Nov Expense Report](#)

[Nov Revenue Report](#)

[YTD Budget Report - Revenue - Nov 2022](#)

[YTD Budget Report - Expense - Nov 2022](#)

[US Bank Report Nov 2022](#)

[FY22.23 Capital Exhibit](#)

[ARPA Tracking Report](#)

[ARPA Utility Project Update](#)

6. [Certified Election Results for November 8, 2022 \(Information Only\).](#)

- Attachments:** [Receipt of Certified Election Results for 2022-Nov-08](#)  
[State and Federal General Election 2022-Nov-08](#)  
[City of Alcoa Election 2022-Nov-08](#)  
[Town of Louisville Election 2022- Nov-08](#)  
[City of Maryville Election 2022-Nov-08](#)  
[City of Friendsville Referendum Election 2022-Nov-08](#)

7. [2023 Schedule of Blount County Commission Committee Meetings.](#)

- Attachments:** [Public Notice - 2023 Committee Meetings](#)

a. [Budget Process Calendar for FY23-24](#)

- Attachments:** [FY23/24 Blount County Budget Process Calendar](#)

**E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.**

**F. NEW BUSINESS.**

**1. Budget Transfers, Increases and/or Decreases.**

- a. [Resolution No. 22-12-001, Budget Increase - BCSO - \\$160,500.00 \(to appropriate general fund balance for three patrol cars to support three COPS grant-funded deputies\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

- Attachments:** [Resolution BCSO COPS grant - vehicles](#)  
[Amendment BCSO vehicle funding](#)  
[Memo BCSO vehicle funding](#)  
[BCSO vehicle funding backup](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Mikels, seconded by Commissioner Carver, that the Resolution 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 Bledsoe, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Chairperson French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner King, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Vice Chair Stinnett, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 3 - Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Jopling and Commissioner Reagan

**Abstain:** 0

- b. [Resolution No. 22-12-002, Budget Increase - Education Capital Fund - \\$1,595,000.00 \(to appropriate capital funds for Fairview Roof project\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

**Attachments:** [Resolution Schools-Fairview Roof.pdf](#)  
[Amendment Schools-Fairview Roof](#)  
[Memo Schools-Fairview Roof](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Bright, 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:** 18 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Chairperson French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner King, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Vice Chair Stinnett, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 3 - Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Jopling and Commissioner Reagan

**Abstain:** 0

- c. [Resolution No. 22-12-003, Budget Increase - Education Capital Fund - \\$300,000.00 \(to appropriate Capital Project Contingency Funding\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

**Attachments:** [Resolution Schools Capital Project Contingencies](#)  
[Amendment Schools Capital Project Contingencies](#)  
[Memo Schools Capital Project Contingencies](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Bright, 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:** 18 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Chairperson French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner King, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Vice Chair Stinnett, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 3 - Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Jopling and Commissioner Reagan

**Abstain:** 0

- d. [Resolution No. 22-12-004, Budget Increase - Highway - \\$2,120,000.00 \(to appropriate highway fund balance for bridge projects\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

**Attachments:** [Resolution Highway Bridges](#)  
[Budget Amendment Highway Bridges](#)  
[Memo to Commission HWY Bridges 12.1.2022](#)  
[Clover Hill Documentation](#)  
[Big Springs Background](#)  
[Carr's Creek Documentation](#)  
[Old Tuckaleechee Documentation](#)  
[Nebo Road Slide](#)  
[Wildwood Documentation](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Carver, seconded by Commissioner Giles, 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 Bledsoe, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Chairperson French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner King, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Vice Chair Stinnett, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 3 - Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Jopling and Commissioner Reagan

**Abstain:** 0

- e. [Resolution No. 22-12-005, an update to Resolution No. 22-11-005, Budget Increase - General Services - \\$366,974.03 \(to appropriate AMR reserve account funds to be disbursed equally to the 11 first response agencies providing emergency services to Blount County\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(4-0-1\).](#)

**Attachments:** [Updated Resolution AMR Reserve Funds](#)  
[Updated Amendment AMR Reserves](#)  
[Memo AMR Reserve Funds](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Carver, seconded by Commissioner Mikels, 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 Bledsoe, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Davis, Chairperson French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner King, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Vice Chair Stinnett, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 3 - Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Jopling and Commissioner Reagan

**Abstain:** 1 - Commissioner Caylor

**2. Other Budget Items.**

- a. [Resolution No. 22-12-006, General County Purchasing Bid Increase \(Resolution to increase the threshold over which public advertisement and sealed competitive bids or proposals are required\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

**Attachments:** [RESOLUTION TO INCREASE THE THRESHOLD OVER WHICH PUBLIC ADVERTISEMENT AND SEALED COMPETITIVE BIDS OR PROPOSALS ARE REQUIRED 2022](#)  
[Bid Threshold Increase SB 2489 HB 2600](#)  
[Sheriff Memo of Support for bld increase](#)  
[Highway dept letter of support for bid increase](#)  
[School letter of support for bid increase](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Carver, seconded by Commissioner Giles, 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 Bledsoe, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Chairperson French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner King, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Vice Chair Stinnett, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 3 - Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Jopling and Commissioner Reagan

**Abstain:** 0

**3. Appointments.**

a. [Blount County Building Commissioner - Cameron Buckner.](#)

**Attachments:** [Building Commissioner Memo \(2022\)](#)  
[Highway Superintendent Memo 11.28.22](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Carver, 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 Bledsoe, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Chairperson French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner King, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Vice Chair Stinnett, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 3 - Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Jopling and Commissioner Reagan

**Abstain:** 0

b. [Public Records Commission - Historian, Mark D. Bennett.](#)

**Attachments:** [Memo to Commissioners \(BC Historian\) 2022](#)  
[Mark Bennett Resume](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Bright, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, 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 Bledsoe, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Chairperson French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner King, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Vice Chair Stinnett, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 3 - Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Jopling and Commissioner Reagan

**Abstain:** 0

c. [Resolution No. 22-12-017, A Resolution to Appoint Judicial Commissioners.](#)

**Attachments:** [RESOLUTION-JC 2022](#)

**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:** 18 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Chairperson French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner King, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Vice Chair Stinnett, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 3 - Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Jopling and Commissioner Reagan

**Abstain:** 0

4. [Resolution No. 22-12-014, Resolution Authorizing a Continuous Four \(4\) Year Reappraisal Cycle.](#)

**Attachments:** [Resolution\\_Reappr Plan 4 Yr 2027 9](#)  
[MOU\\_Reappr Plan 4 Yr 2027](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Mikels, 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 Bledsoe, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Chairperson French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner King, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Vice Chair Stinnett, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 3 - Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Jopling and Commissioner Reagan

**Abstain:** 0

5. [Resolution No. 22-12-015, A Resolution that Approves an Agreement Term Which Extends Beyond the End of the Fiscal Year for Group Organ and Tissue Transplant Insurance for Blount County, TN.](#)

**Attachments:** [Resolution for Transplant Policy effective 01 01 2023](#)  
[Organ Transplant Paperwork 1.1.23](#)  
[Minutes Insurance Com 2022-Nov-15](#)  
[Minutes HR Com 2022-Nov-15](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, 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 Bledsoe, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Chairperson French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner King, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Vice Chair Stinnett, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 3 - Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Jopling and Commissioner Reagan

**Abstain:** 0

**6. [Resolution No. 22-12-016, A Resolution that Approves an Agreement Term Which Extends Beyond the End of the Fiscal Year for the Stop Loss Insurance Carrier for Blount County, TN.](#)**

**Attachments:** [Resolution for Stop Loss Vendor effective 01 01 2023](#)  
[Proposal BlountCountyGovernment 127292](#)  
[Minutes Insurance Com 2022-Nov-15](#)  
[Minutes HR Com 2022-Nov-15](#)

**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:** 18 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Chairperson French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner King, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Vice Chair Stinnett, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 3 - Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Jopling and Commissioner Reagan

**Abstain:** 0

**7. [Resolution No. 22-12-018, Resolution to Urge the Tennessee General Assembly to Designate the City of Friendsville the Pink Marble Capital of Tennessee.](#)**

**Attachments:** [Resolution Declaring Friendsville Pink Marble Capital of Tennessee](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Bright, 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 Bledsoe, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Chairperson French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner King, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Vice Chair Stinnett, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 3 - Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Jopling and Commissioner Reagan

**Abstain:** 0

8. [Resolution No. 22-12-019, Resolution to Approve Lease Agreement Between Blount County, Tennessee, and U.S. Congressman Tim Burchett for Office Space in Blount County Courthouse.](#)

**Attachments:** [Burchett Office Resolution for 2023-25](#)  
[Congressman Office District Lease 2023-2025](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Mikels, 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:** 18 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Chairperson French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner King, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Vice Chair Stinnett, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 3 - Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Jopling and Commissioner Reagan

**Abstain:** 0

9. [Resolution No. 22-12-020, Resolution to Oppose Alcoa Wildwood Area Annexation.](#)

**Attachments:** [Resolution \(Alcoa Annexation\)](#)

**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 Bledsoe, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Chairperson French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner King, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Vice Chair Stinnett, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 3 - Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Jopling and Commissioner Reagan

**Abstain:** 0

**10.** [Resolution No. 22-12-021, Resolution to Approve Charter Amendment of Blount Memorial Hospital, Incorporated to Restructure Nominating Committee.](#)

**Attachments:** [Resolution \(BMH Charter Amendment\)](#)

[BMH amendment to charter \(JTA\)](#)

[BMH amendment to charter](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, seconded by Commissioner Bright, that the Resolution be forwarded to full commission.**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, seconded by Commissioner Mikels, that the Resolution be amended by striking the word "REMOVE" in the resolution heading and inserting the word "RESTRUCTURE". An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the amendment to have passed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 16 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Chairperson French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner King, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

**No:** 1 - Vice Chair Stinnett

**Absent:** 3 - Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Jopling and Commissioner Reagan

**Abstain:** 1 - Commissioner Carver

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Bright, that the Resolution attachment "Exhibit A" be amended as follows:

That the following language of the Charter of Incorporation of Blount Memorial Hospital, Incorporated, which is a portion of the language added to the Charter by the Charter Amendment made on October 23, 1984 shall be stricken in its entirety:

"The Nominating Committee shall be composed of seven (7) members, one (1) of whom shall be the President of the Board of Directors of Blount Memorial Hospital, Incorporated; of the remaining six (6) members, one shall be selected by the President or Chief Executive Officer of each of the following organizations: Blount County Medical Society, the largest industrial employer of Blount County, the largest labor union in Blount County, Blount County Farm Bureau; Blount County Chamber of Commerce; one of the following financial institutions: First Tennessee Bank, Maryville, First Federal Savings & Loan Association of Maryville, Blount National Bank of Maryville, Citizens Bank of Blount County, and American Fidelity Bank, or the successor of any said financial institutions herein named, who shall serve a term of one (1) year on a rotating basis in the order named. All members of the Nominating Committee shall be residents of Blount County, Tennessee.

The President of the Board of Directors of Blount Memorial Hospital, Incorporated, shall be the permanent Chairman of the Nominating Committee and shall annually convene the Nominating Committee for the purpose of making nominations to the respective electing bodies and shall also convene the Nominating Committee to nominate any vacancies which may occur in the Board of Directors of Blount Memorial Hospital, Incorporated. The Chairman shall be obligated to convene the Nominating Committee into session upon the request of four (4) members of the Nominating Committee."

This language shall be substituted in lieu thereof, the following:

"The Nominating Committee shall be composed of nine (9) members as follows:

1. One (1) member (or other appointee) of the Blount County Board of Commissioners appointed by said Board on an annual basis
2. One (1) member (or other appointee) of the Maryville City Council appointed by said Council on an annual basis
3. One (1) member (or other appointee) of the Alcoa City Commission appointed by said Commission on an annual basis
4. One member from each of the following organizations, each selected by the President or Chief Executive Officer of such organization:
  - a. Blount County Medical Society
  - b. The largest industrial employer of Blount County,
  - c. The largest labor union in Blount County,
  - d. Blount County Farm Bureau;
  - e. Blount County Chamber of Commerce;
  - f. One of the following financial institutions: First Horizon Bank, Maryville, First Federal Savings & Loan Association of Maryville, Blount National Bank of Maryville, Citizens Bank of Blount County, and American Fidelity Bank, or the successor of any said financial institutions herein named, who shall serve a term of one (1) year on a rotating basis in the order named.

The member of the Nominating Committee appointed by the Blount County Board of Commissioners shall be the permanent Chairman of the Nominating

Committee and shall annually convene the Nominating Committee for the purpose of making nominations to the respective electing bodies and shall also convene the Nominating Committee to nominate any vacancies which may occur in the Board of Directors of Blount Memorial Hospital, Incorporated. The Chairman shall be obligated to convene the Nominating Committee into session upon the request of five (5) members of the Nominating Committee."

Further, that the following language of the Charter of Incorporation of Blount Memorial Hospital, Incorporated, which is another portion of the language added to the Charter by the Charter Amendment made on October 23, 1984 shall be stricken in its entirety:

"All Directors of Blount Memorial Hospital, Incorporated, shall be nominated by a Nominating Committee as hereinafter designated, which nominations shall be made to the respective electing bodies on or before the 1st day of January each year."

This language shall be substituted in lieu thereof, the following:

"A Nominating Committee shall be created as hereinafter designated to suggest potential Directors for Blount Memorial Hospital, Incorporated, to the respective electing bodies on or before the 1st day of January each year."

Further, that the following language of the Charter of Incorporation of Blount Memorial Hospital, Incorporated, which is another portion of the language added to the Charter by the Charter Amendment made on October 23, 1984 shall be stricken in its entirety:

"In the event the Nominating Committee should fail or refuse to nominate a Director by the time herein specified, the electing body shall be free to select and elect a Director by nominations from the floor or by nomination by a standing Committee of the electing body and without reference to the Nominating Committee herein created."

This language shall be substituted in lieu thereof, the following:

"Notwithstanding the existence of the Nominating Committee, the electing body shall be free to select and elect a Director by nominations from the floor or by nomination from a standing Committee of the electing body and without reference to the Nominating Committee herein created or the nominations made by such Committee."

Further, the following language shall be inserted:

"Any Director may be removed as provided in T.C.A. § 48-58-109(b) regardless of any language in the By-Laws of the corporation.

All provisions of the original Charter of Incorporation not inconsistent herewith shall remain in full force and effect.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the President and Secretary of Blount Memorial Hospital, Incorporated, are hereby authorized and directed to apply for and obtain an amendment to the Charter of Incorporation of Blount Memorial Hospital, Incorporated, as hereinabove set out."

An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the amendment to have passed by the following vote:

**Yes:** 15 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner King, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

**No:** 2 - Chairperson French and Vice Chair Stinnett

**Absent:** 3 - Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Jopling and Commissioner Reagan

**Abstain:** 1 - Commissioner Carver

**A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, that the Resolution be amended by striking "nine (9)" members and inserting "ten (10)" members, and inserting this language: "5. One (1) ex-officio, non-voting member from the Board of Directors of Blount Memorial Hospital." An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the amendment to have passed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 16 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Chairperson French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner King, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

**No:** 1 - Vice Chair Stinnett

**Absent:** 3 - Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Jopling and Commissioner Reagan

**Abstain:** 1 - Commissioner Carver

**An electronic vote was taken to forward the Resolution as amended to full commission. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 15 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner King, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

**No:** 2 - Chairperson French and Vice Chair Stinnett

**Absent:** 3 - Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Jopling and Commissioner Reagan

**Abstain:** 1 - Commissioner Carver

11. [Resolution No. 22-12-022, A Resolution to Allow Safe Passage in Blount County, Tennessee for a Certain Visitor From the North Pole. \(This Resolution is Introduced in the Memory of the Late Commissioner Richard Williams, Jr.\)](#)

**Attachments:** [Santa Resolution 2022-Dec-15](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, 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:** 18 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Chairperson French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner King, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Vice Chair Stinnett, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 3 - Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Jopling and Commissioner Reagan

**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, December 6, 2022, at 7:54 p.m.**