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Meeting Minutes - Draft

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Thursday, September 21, 2023

6:30 PM

Blount County Courthouse, Room 430

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

Zoom Meeting ID: 823 7348 9276

ROLL CALL

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the Blount County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, September 21, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. in the Blount County Courthouse of Maryville, Tennessee. Blount County Clerk Gaye Hasty called the meeting to order. An electronic roll call was taken by the Clerk. There were 18 members present and 3 were absent. The following proceedings were held, to wit:

- Present:** 18 - Commissioner Mike Akard, Chairperson Jared Anderson, Commissioner Dyran Bledsoe, Commissioner Brad Bowers, Commissioner Nick Bright, Commissioner Richard Carver, Commissioner Mike Caylor, Commissioner Misty Davis, Commissioner John Giles, Commissioner Jessica Hannah, Commissioner Jeff Jopling, Commissioner Staci Martin, Commissioner Earl McMahan, Commissioner Steve Mikels, Commissioner Dawn Reagan, Commissioner Tom Stinnett, Commissioner Linda Webb, and Commissioner David Wells
- Absent:** 3 - Commissioner Robbie Bennett, Vice Chair Ron French, and Commissioner Scott King

ELECTION OF COUNTY COMMISSION CHAIRPERSON

The Clerk opened the floor for nominations of County Commission Chairperson.

Commissioner Akard nominated Jared Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Carver.

A motion was made by Commissioner Caylor, seconded by Commissioner Akard, that nominations cease. There was no objection. The Clerk declared the floor closed for nominations.

An electronic vote was taken on the nomination. The Clerk declared Jared Anderson elected as Chairman of the Board of Commissioners by the following vote:

Yes: 17 - Akard, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 3 - Bennett, French, and King

Abstain: 1 - Anderson

ELECTION OF COUNTY COMMISSION PRO TEMPORE

The Chair opened the floor for nominations of County Commission Pro Tempore.

Commissioner Giles nominated David Wells, seconded by Commissioner Carver. Commissioner Akard nominated Nick Bright, seconded by Commissioner Davis.

A motion was made by Commissioner Caylor that nominations cease. Hearing no objection, the Chair declared the floor closed for nominations.

A roll call vote was taken on the nominations for Commission Pro Tempore.

To elect David Wells: 5 - Carver, Giles, Martin, Reagan and Webb.

To elect Nick Bright: 11 - Akard, Anderson, Bledsoe, Bowers, Caylor, Davis, Hannah, Jopling, McMahan, Mikels and Stinnett.

Absent: 3 - Bennett, French, and King

Abstain: 2 - Bright and Wells.

The Chair declared Nick Bright elected as Pro Tempore of the Board of Commissioners.

ELECTION OF COUNTY COMMISSION PARLIAMENTARIAN

The Chair opened the floor for nominations of County Commission Parliamentarian.

Commissioner Bright nominated Mike Akard, seconded by Commissioner Bowers.

A motion was made by Commissioner Caylor, seconded by Commissioner Reagan, that nominations cease. Hearing no objection, the Chair declared the floor closed for nominations.

An electronic vote was taken on the nomination. The Chair declared Mike Akard elected as Parliamentarian of the Board of Commissioners by the following vote:

Yes: 17 - Anderson, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 3 - Bennett, French, and King

Abstain: 1 - Akard

A. SETTING OF AGENDA.

A motion was made by Commissioner Reagan, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that the agenda be set.

A motion was made by Commissioner Caylor, seconded by Commissioner Akard, that with unanimous consent, item F.7. "Resolution No. 23-09-005. Budget Increase - Highway Capital - \$200,000.00 (to accept and appropriate TEAP Grant funds for tire recycling; with a 80/20 split, with Blount County's portion at \$40,000.00)" be removed. With no objection, the Chair declared item F.7. to be removed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stinnett that items F.5. "Resolution No. 23-09-003. Budget Transfer - Highway Recycling Department - \$115,519.41 (transfer of Highway Administration funds to the new recycling accounts set up for FY24)", and F.6. "Resolution No. 23-09-004. Budget Increase - Highway Capital - \$560,576.80 (to appropriate funds for a slip repair that will provide permanent slope stabilization for the road platform on Munsey Hatcher Road)" be combined into one vote. With unanimous consent, the Chair declared those items to be combined for a single vote.

An electronic vote was taken to set the agenda as amended. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 18 - Akard, Anderson, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 3 - Bennett, French, and King

Abstain: 0

B. CONSENT CALENDAR.

A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, seconded by Commissioner Reagan, that the Consent Calendar be approved. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 18 - Akard, Anderson, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 3 - Bennett, French, and King

Abstain: 0

1. [A Proclamation Honoring Connie Huffman for 26 Years of Service to the Citizens of Blount County, Tennessee.](#)

Attachments: [Proclamation Connie Huffman BMH 23-09-012](#)

The Proclamation was read out loud by Commissioner Webb and presented to Connie Huffman by the County Mayor and commissioners.

2. [Minutes of Regular Commission Meeting on August 17, 2023.](#)

Attachments: [BOC Minutes 2023-Aug-17](#)

The minutes were approved.

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

Attachments: [BONDS AND OATHS RESOLUTION 23-09-011](#)

[Oath of Deputy Clerk 2023-09-21](#)

[Oath of Deputy Sheriff 2023-Sep-21](#)

[Notary Public Bonds Oaths 2023-Sep-21](#)

The Resolution was adopted.

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

Attachments: [Notaries to be Elected 2023-Sep-21](#)

The Notaries were elected.

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

Attachments: [Minutes of Budget Comm 2023-Aug-08](#)
[Minutes of CARES Comm 2023-Apr-25](#)
[Minutes of Education Comm 2023-May-02](#)
[Minutes of Planning Comm 2023-Jul-27](#)
[Records Requests 2023-Apr-Jun](#)
[Trustee Report August 2023](#)

The reports were received and filed.

6. [August 2023 Financial Reports. \(Information Only\)](#)

Attachments: [ARPA Utility Project Update August 2023](#)
[ARPA Tracking 8.31.23](#)
[FY23.24 Capital Exhibit](#)
[AUGUST 2023 EXPENSE REPORT](#)
[AUGUST 2023 REVENUE REPORT](#)
[YTD Expense Report as of August 31 2023](#)
[YTD Revenue Report as of August 31 2023](#)
[US BANK REPORT AUGUST 2023](#)

The reports were received and filed.

7. [Email Requirements and Guidelines for Blount County Government. \(Information Only\)](#)

Attachments: [Email Requirements & Guidelines \(2\)](#)

The information was received and filed.

C. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.**D. ELECTIONS, APPOINTMENTS, AND CONFIRMATIONS.****1. Confirmation of Mayoral Appointments.****a. [Animal Center Advisory Board \(1-Year Term\) 5 Commissioners: Mike Akard, Rick Carver, Jessica Hannah, Staci Martin and Linda Webb.](#)**

Attachments: [Animal Center Advisory Board Sept 2023](#)

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

Yes: 13 - Anderson, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Caylor, Davis, Giles, Jopling, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 3 - Bennett, French, and King

Abstain: 5 - Akard, Carver, Hannah, Martin, and Webb

b. [Human Resources Committee \(1-Year Term\) 1 Elected Official: Register of Deeds Phyllis Crisp.](#)

Attachments: [HR Committee 2023](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Bright, seconded by Commissioner Giles, that this appointment be confirmed. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 18 - Akard, Anderson, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 3 - Bennett, French, and King

Abstain: 0

c. [Technology Committee \(1-Year Term\): County Clerk Gaye Hasty, Trustee Scott Graves and Highway Rep. Adam Trent.](#)

Attachments: [IT Committee Sept 2023](#)

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

Yes: 18 - Akard, Anderson, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 3 - Bennett, French, and King

Abstain: 0

2. Commission Appointments.

a. [Education Committee \(1-Year Term\) 5-9 Commissioners: Mike Akard, Robbie Bennett, Brad Bowers, Nick Bright, Misty Davis, Jessica Hannah, Earl McMahan, Steve Mikels, and Dawn Reagan.](#)

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

Yes: 18 - Akard, Anderson, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 3 - Bennett, French, and King

Abstain: 0

- b. [Human Resources Committee \(1-Year Term\) 5 Commissioners*: Jared Anderson, Rick Carver, John Giles, Tom Stinnett, and David Wells. \(*Same commissioners that serve on Insurance Committee.\)](#)

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

Yes: 14 - Akard, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, Hannah, Jopling, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, and Webb

No: 0

Absent: 3 - Bennett, French, and King

Abstain: 4 - Anderson, Giles, Stinnett, and Wells

- c. [Insurance Committee \(1-Year Term\) 5 Commissioners*: Jared Anderson, Rick Carver, John Giles, Tom Stinnett, and David Wells. \(*Same commissioners that serve on H.R. Committee.\)](#)

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

Yes: 14 - Akard, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, Hannah, Jopling, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, and Webb

No: 0

Absent: 3 - Bennett, French, and King

Abstain: 4 - Anderson, Giles, Stinnett, and Wells

- d. [Technology Committee \(1-Year Term\) 3 Commissioners: Dyran Bledsoe, Rick Carver, and Jeff Jopling.](#)

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

Yes: 15 - Akard, Anderson, Bowers, Bright, Caylor, Davis, Giles, Hannah, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 3 - Bennett, French, and King

Abstain: 3 - Bledsoe, Carver, and Jopling

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.**F. NEW BUSINESS.**

1. [Request Approval for BCSO Grant Application - \\$15,000.00, no match \(to apply for Tennessee Corrections Institute \(TCI\) Training Equipment Grant\).](#)

Attachments: [BCSO TCI Trng Equip GRANT Worksheet](#)
[TCI Training Equipment Grant Scope 1.0 FY24](#)
[Backup Solicitation FY24 Training Equipment Grant RFA 7.24.23](#)

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

Yes: 18 - Akard, Anderson, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 3 - Bennett, French, and King

Abstain: 0

2. [Request Approval for Emergency Management Grant Application - \\$20,361.86, no match \(to apply for 2024 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant to fund training equipment for an exercise\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Emergency Management Hazardous Materials HMEP Grant worksheet 2024 hmep](#)
[Back up HMEP Application due 9 15 23](#)

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

Yes: 18 - Akard, Anderson, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 3 - Bennett, French, and King

Abstain: 0

3. [Resolution No. 23-09-001. Budget Increase - County Wide FY24 Budget Adjustments - \\$27,152.00 \(to appropriate funds for budget adjustments not initially budgeted in the current year\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution-FY23-24 Budget Adjustments](#)

[Amendment FY24 Budget Adjustments](#)

[Memo FY24 Budget Adjustments](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Carver, 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: 18 - Akard, Anderson, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 3 - Bennett, French, and King

Abstain: 0

4. [Resolution No. 23-09-002. Budget Increase - County Wide FY24 Re-appropriation of Capital and General Funds - \\$1,911,144.14 \(to re-appropriate the use of Capital and General Fund Balance from FY23 to FY24 for ongoing, approved purchases\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution-FY24 Re-appropriation](#)

[Amendment FY24 Re-appropriation](#)

[Memo FY24 Re-Appropriation](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, 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:

Yes: 18 - Akard, Anderson, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 3 - Bennett, French, and King

Abstain: 0

5. [Resolution No. 23-09-003. Budget Transfer - Highway Recycling Department - \\$115,519.41 \(transfer of Highway Administration funds to the new recycling accounts set up for FY24\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution Hwy Recycle Transfer](#)
[Amendment Hwy Recycle Transfer](#)
[Memo Hwy Recycle Transfer](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Bright, seconded by Commissioner Carver, that resolution numbers 23-09-003 (item F.5) and 23-09-004 (item F.6) be adopted. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 18 - Akard, Anderson, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 3 - Bennett, French, and King

Abstain: 0

6. [Resolution No. 23-09-004. Budget Increase - Highway Capital - \\$560,576.80 \(to appropriate funds for a slip repair that will provide permanent slope stabilization for the road platform on Munsey Hatcher Road\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution Hwy Munsey Hatcher](#)
[Amendment Hwy Munsey Hatcher Rd](#)
[Memo Munsey Hatcher Rd](#)
[Backup Hwy Munsey Hatcher Rd](#)

This Resolution was adopted by the action taken in item F.5.

7. [Resolution No. 23-09-005. Budget Increase - Highway Capital - \\$200,000.00 \(to accept and appropriate TEAP Grant funds for tire recycling; with a 80/20 split, with Blount County's portion at \\$40,000.00\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution Hwy Tire Grant](#)
[Amendment Hwy Tire Grant](#)
[Memo Hwy Tire Grant](#)
[Backup Hwy Tire Grant](#)

This Resolution was withdrawn at the setting of agenda.

8. [Resolution No. 23-09-006. Budget Increase - School Capital - \\$411,430.09 \(to accept and appropriate Public School Security Grant funds to enhance school safety; this is a one-time, non-recurring state grant\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution Public Safety Grant](#)
[Amendment Public Safety Grant](#)
[Memo Public School Safety Grant](#)

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:

Yes: 18 - Akard, Anderson, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 3 - Bennett, French, and King

Abstain: 0

9. [Resolution No. 23-09-007. Budget Increase - BCSO Capital - \\$145,000.00 \(to appropriate capital funds for the second round of new jail locks approved in the FY24 Capital Plan\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution BCSO Jail Locks](#)
[Amendment BCSO jail locks](#)
[Memo BCSO Jail locks](#)
[Quote for jail locks](#)
[Back up BCSO Capital resolution - FY23-24](#)

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: 18 - Akard, Anderson, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 3 - Bennett, French, and King

Abstain: 0

10. [Resolution No. 23-09-008. Budget Increase - Library Capital - \\$23,500.00 \(to appropriate capital funds for the architectural services for the Book Return Project; funded by the Foundation.\) Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution Library Book Drop Architectural Design](#)
[Blount County Library Book Drop - JAI Proposal 080923 REVISED \(3\)](#)
[ArchitectApproval 8.28.23](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Bowers, 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:

Yes: 18 - Akard, Anderson, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 3 - Bennett, French, and King

Abstain: 0

11. [Resolution No. 23-09-013, Resolution to Approve an Interlocal Agreement for I.T. Services Provided by Blount County Government. Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Technology Committee \(9-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution for Interlocal Agreement of Townsend IT Services](#)
[EXHIBIT A BCG-Interlocal Agreement for IT Services](#)
[Minutes of IT Comm 2023-Sep-05](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Jopling, 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:

Yes: 18 - Akard, Anderson, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 3 - Bennett, French, and King

Abstain: 0

12. [Resolution No. 23-09-014, Resolution to Approve Utility Easement Agreement Relative to Public Improvements.](#)

Attachments: [Resolution to Approve Utility Easement - S. Old Glory Road 2023](#)
[SBCUD Utility Easement UPDATED request on S. Old Glory Road](#)
[\(Mary Blount Elem\)](#)

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:

Yes: 18 - Akard, Anderson, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 3 - Bennett, French, and King

Abstain: 0

13. [Resolution No. 23-09-015, A Resolution Rejecting All Pending Nominations From the BMH Nominating Committee.](#)

Attachments: [Resolution Rejecting All Pending Nominating Committee Nominations](#)

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

Yes: 16 - Akard, Anderson, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Caylor, Davis, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 3 - Bennett, French, and King

Abstain: 2 - Carver, and Stinnett

14. [Resolution No. 23-09-016, A Resolution for a Forensic Audit of Blount Memorial Hospital, Inc. Financial Accounts.](#)

Attachments: [Resolution for Forensic Audit of BMH](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, seconded by Commissioner Davis, that the Resolution be adopted.

A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, seconded by Commissioner Bright, that the Resolution be amended as follows: 1) Remove the third WHEREAS statement "Tennessee State House of Representatives, Tennessee State Senate, Governor of Great State of Tennessee, and the Blount County Commission have recently clarified that Blount Memorial Hospital and all of its assets are indeed owned by the citizens of Blount County; and", and 2) Revise the NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED clause by striking the phrase "...complete forensic audit of all financial accounts concerning Blount Memorial Hospital and its non-profit management team BMH, Inc. to commence immediately without delay." and inserting the phrase "...demands an independent forensic audit or investigation to include, but not limited to, financial accounts, vendor contracts, payor or insurance contracts, and board or staff entities doing business with Blount Memorial Hospital and its non-profit managements team BMH, Inc. to commence immediately without delay."

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

Yes: 16 - Akard, Anderson, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Caylor, Davis, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 3 - Bennett, French, and King

Abstain: 2 - Carver, and Stinnett

An electronic vote was taken that the Resolution be adopted as amended. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 15 - Akard, Anderson, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Caylor, Davis, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, and Webb

No: 1 - Wells

Absent: 3 - Bennett, French, and King

Abstain: 2 - Carver, and Stinnett

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 Board of Commissioners having met in regular session on Thursday, September 21, 2023, adjourned at 7:41 p.m.