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Meeting Minutes - Draft

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Thursday, November 14, 2024

6:30 PM

Blount County Courthouse, Room 430

SPECIAL CALLED

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

Zoom Meeting ID: 890 9119 8424

ROLL CALL

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the Blount County Board of Commissioners met in special called session on Thursday, November 14, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. in the Blount County Courthouse of Maryville, Tennessee. Blount County Commission Chairman Jared Anderson called the meeting to order. An electronic roll call was taken by Blount County Clerk Gaye Hasty. There were 15 members present and 5 absent. The Chairman declared that a quorum was present. The following proceedings were held, to wit:

- Present:** 15 - Commissioner Jared Anderson, Commissioner Robbie Bennett, Commissioner Brad Bowers, Commissioner Nick Bright, Commissioner Richard Carver, Commissioner Mike Caylor, Commissioner John Giles, Commissioner Jessica Hannah, Commissioner Jeff Jopling, Commissioner Scott King, Commissioner Staci Martin, Commissioner Earl McMahan, Commissioner Steve Mikels, Commissioner Linda Webb, and Commissioner David Wells
- Absent:** 5 - Commissioner Mike Akard, Commissioner Dyran Bledsoe, Commissioner Misty Davis, Commissioner Ron French, and Commissioner Dawn Reagan

I, Mayor Ed Mitchell, pursuant to and in accordance with the authority vested in me by Tennessee Code Annotated § 5-5-105, hereby call a special meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Blount County, Tennessee (the "County"), for discussion and possible action regarding the Resolution to approve the Blount Memorial Hospital Lease Agreement; the Membership Agreement; the Blount Memorial Hospital, Incorporated Charter Amendment; the First Supplemental Trust Indenture; and related documents.

Attachments: [PUBLIC NOTICE - Special Called Meeting November 14 2024 re BMH](#)

The Chairman recognized the Clerk to read the call out loud.

A. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

B. [Resolution No. 24-11-016, Resolution to Approve the Blount Memorial Hospital Lease Agreement; The Membership Agreement; The Blount Memorial Hospital, Incorporated Charter Amendment; The First Supplemental Trust Indenture; and Related Documents.](#)

- Attachments:** [Blount County Commissioner Resolution re BMH-Prisma Definitive\(46008064\)](#)
[Hospital Lease Agreement - 907 E. Lamar Alexander Parkway, Maryville, TN - Blount County - Prisma \(MWE 11.3.24\)](#)
[Project True North - Membership Agreement \(Execution Version\)](#)
[BMH - Second A&R Charter \(BBS Draft\)\(45416177\)](#)
[BMH First Supplemental Trust Indenture \(2024\) 10228972.2](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner King, seconded by Commissioner Bright, that the Resolution be adopted.

The Chairman recognized Mayor Ed Mitchell who commended Chief Administrative Officer Randy Vineyard, the Blount Memorial Hospital Board Members, Blount Memorial Hospital Interim CEO Jonathan Smith, and the County Commission on their efforts to see this matter come to fruition.

Mr. Rex Burgdorfer presented Juniper Advisory's progress update.

Bass Berry and Sims PLC Jim Jenkins spoke about the management agreement. He highlighted such things as, the land lease; Prisma being the "sole member"; the makeup of the foundation board; the hospital's outstanding bonds; the 12-month retention of current BMH employees and physicians; a promise of \$275 million in capital investment; the initial 50-year contract term, with two 25-year renewal options; changes to signage, etc. stating "Prisma Health - Blount Memorial Hospital, Inc."; and the primary regulatory approval via a filing required with the Tennessee Attorney General.

The Chairman recognized BMH Board Vice Chair Matt Harrelson who informed the commission that the BMH Board met earlier that day and approved the agreements with Prisma Health.

The Chairman asked for unanimous consent to include the following revisions to the resolution: in the third whereas clause before the words "would assume" insert the words "or its affiliate"; and in the third point under now, therefore, be it resolved, replace the word "substantially" with "the substance of which is". Hearing no objection, the Chairman declared those changes to be incorporated therein. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the Resolution adopted by the following vote:

Yes: 15 - Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, King, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 5 - Akard, Bledsoe, Davis, French, and Reagan

Abstain: 0

ADJOURNMENT

The Chairman recognized Prisma Health CEO Mark O'Halla who gave closing statements about working with the County and the Hospital.

A motion was made that the meeting be adjourned. The Chairman declared the meeting to be adjourned. The special called meeting of the Blount County Board of Commissioners adjourned on Thursday, November 14, 2024, at 7:01 p.m.