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Meeting Minutes - Draft

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Thursday, May 16, 2024

6:30 PM

Blount County Courthouse, Room 430

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

Zoom Meeting ID: 831 4559 7498

ROLL CALL

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the Blount County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, May, 16, 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 19 members present and 2 absent. The following proceedings were held, to wit:

- Present:** 19 - Commissioner Mike Akard, Chairperson Jared Anderson, Commissioner Robbie Bennett, Commissioner Dyran Bledsoe, Commissioner Brad Bowers, Vice Chair Nick Bright, Commissioner Richard Carver, Commissioner Mike Caylor, Commissioner Misty Davis, Commissioner Ron French, Commissioner John Giles, Commissioner Jessica Hannah, Commissioner Jeff Jopling, Commissioner Staci Martin, Commissioner Earl McMahan, Commissioner Steve Mikels, Commissioner Dawn Reagan, Commissioner Tom Stinnett, and Commissioner David Wells
- Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Scott King, and Commissioner Linda Webb

A. SETTING OF AGENDA.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Bright, 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: 19 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 2 - King, and Webb

Abstain: 0

B. CONSENT CALENDAR.

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

Yes: 19 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 2 - King, and Webb

Abstain: 0

1. [Resolution No. 24-05-012, A Resolution of the Blount County Commission Honoring Deputy Greg McCowan of the Blount County Sheriff's Office.](#)

Attachments: [Resolution Honoring Deputy McCowan](#)

The Proclamation was read out loud by Blount County Mayor Ed Mitchell.

2. [Resolution No. 24-05-013, A Resolution of the Blount County Commission Recognizing, and Wishing a Quick Recovery to, Deputy Shelby Eggers of the Blount County Sheriff's Office.](#)

Attachments: [Resolution Recognizing Deputy Eggers](#)

The Proclamation was read out loud by Blount County Commission Chairman Jared Anderson.

3. [Resolution No. 24-05-014, A Proclamation Honoring Nurses Serving the Citizens of Blount County, Tennessee.](#)

Attachments: [Proclamation Honoring Nurses Week 24](#)

The Proclamation was presented during the May 7, 2024, Commission Workshop meeting.

4. [Minutes of Regular Commission Meeting on April 18, 2024.](#)

Attachments: [Minutes April 18 2024](#)

The minutes were approved.

5. [Minutes of Special Called Commission Meeting on May 7, 2024.](#)

Attachments: [Special Called Commission Meeting 5/7/24](#)

The minutes were approved.

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

Attachments: [24-05-011 BONDS AND OATHS RESOLUTION](#)
[Oaths of Deputy Sheriff 2024-May-16](#)
[Notary Public Bonds and Oaths 2024-May-16](#)

The Resolution was adopted.

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

Attachments: [Notaries to be Elected 2024-May-16](#)

The notaries were elected.

8. [Receiving of Reports. \(INFORMATION ONLY\)](#)

Attachments: [Jail Facility Inspection Report 2024-Apr-03](#)
[Minutes of Beer Board 2024-Mar-21](#)
[Minutes of Board of Zoning Appeals 2024-Feb-01](#)
[Minutes of Budget Comm 2024-Apr-09](#)
[Minutes of CARES Comm 2023-Oct-24](#)
[Minutes of Planning Comm 2024-Mar-28](#)

The reports were received and filed.

9. [April 2024 Financial Reports \(INFORMATION ONLY\)](#)

Attachments: [ARPA Utility Project Update April 2024](#)
[ARPA Tracking 4.30.24](#)
[FY23.24 Capital Exhibit Master](#)
[April 2024 Expense Report](#)
[April 2024 Revenue Report](#)
[YTD Expense Report as of April 30 2024](#)
[YTD Revenue Report as of April 30 2024](#)
[US Bank Report April 2024](#)

The reports were received and filed.

10. [Fiscal Confirmation Letter - ThreeStar Program. \(INFORMATION ONLY\)](#)

Attachments: [Three Star Details and Fiscal Review Letter 2024 \(2\)](#)

The information was received and filed.

11. [FY 24-25 Budget Recommendations. \(INFORMATION ONLY\)](#)

a. [FY24-25 Tax Rate Resolution. Referred to full commission for information only by the Budget Committee \(4-0\).](#)

Attachments: [FY24.25 Tax Levy Resolution Recommended](#)
[FY24.25 Revenue Budget Exhibit](#)

The Resolution was received and filed.

b. [FY24-25 Appropriation Resolution. Referred to full commission as amended for information only by the Budget Committee \(4-0\).](#)

Attachments: [FY24.25 Appropriation Resolution Recommended](#)
[FY24.25 Appropriation Budget Exhibit](#)

The Resolution was received and filed.

c. [FY24-25 Resolution to Establish Capital Outlay Priorities. Referred to full commission for information only by the Budget Committee \(4-0\).](#)

Attachments: [FY24.25 Resolution Capital Outlay Prioritization](#)
[FY24.25 Capital Outlay Exhibit](#)

The Resolution was received and filed.

C. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

D. ELECTIONS, APPOINTMENTS, AND CONFIRMATIONS.

- 1. [Board of Equalization \(2-Year Term\) Confirmation of Mayoral Appointments of Scott Blevins, Bruce Recktenwald, Amanda Stone, Steve Johnson, Darrell Tipton, and Bill Lowe \(Alternate\).](#)

Attachments: [Board of Equalization 2024](#)

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

Yes: 19 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 2 - King, and Webb

Abstain: 0

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

F. NEW BUSINESS.

- 1. [Resolution No. 24-05-001. Budget Increase – BCSO - \\$31,040.46 \(Appropriate Insurance recovery funds for a Sheriff’s Office vehicle that was involved in an accident and declared a total loss to go toward the replacement cost of the vehicle. Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(4-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution Vehicle Insurance Recovery](#)
[Amendment BCSO Vehicle Insurance Recovery](#)
[Memo BCSO Vehicle Insurance Recovery](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Giles, 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: 19 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 2 - King, and Webb

Abstain: 0

2. [Resolution No. 24-05-002. Budget Increase - Central Services, Park and Recreation - \\$1,575,000.00 \(Appropriate funds for site development at Everett Recreation Center and Athletic Complex, to include fully turfed, soccer and football fields with shock pad, goal posts, lighting and fencing.\) Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(4-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution Central Svs Park and Rec Turf](#)
[Amendment Central Svs Park and Rec Turf](#)
[Memo Central Svs Park and Rec Turf](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Bledsoe, 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: 19 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 2 - King, and Webb

Abstain: 0

3. [Resolution No. 24-05-003. Budget Increase – Schools Capital - \\$4,900,000.00 \(Appropriate fund balance from fund 177 for the construction/renovation of the Career Technical Education \(CTE\) Building at William Blount High School. Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(4-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution School Capital WBHS CTE 177](#)
[Amendment School Capital WBHS CTE 177](#)
[Memo School Capital WBHS CTE 177](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Martin, 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: 19 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 2 - King, and Webb

Abstain: 0

4. [Resolution No. 24-05-004. Budget Increase – Health Department – \\$480,000.00 \(Appropriate American Rescue Plan Funds for architectural services for the renovation or construction of a new Blount County Health Department Facility.\) Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(4-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution Health Dept ARPA Bldg](#)
[Amendment Health Dept ARPA Bldg](#)
[Memo Health Dept ARPA Bldg](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Reagan, 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: 19 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 2 - King, and Webb

Abstain: 0

5. [Resolution No. 24-05-005. County requests to enter into a grant contract with the Tennessee Department of Health for the purpose of participating in the Local Health Department Capital Investment Grant Program. The ARPA spending plan includes \\$2,000,000.00 in funds that have been set aside to match the \\$6,000,000.00 in Tennessee Department of Health funds for a health department facility. Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(4-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution Health Department Contract](#)
[Memo Health Department Contract](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Carver, 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: 19 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 2 - King, and Webb

Abstain: 0

6. [Resolution No. 24-05-006. Purchasing request to enter a multi-year contract for five years with Brinc Drones for the Blount County Sheriff's Department. The cost of the program is \\$18,999 per year, totaling \\$94,995 for 5 years, and is an all-inclusive program. If purchased separately, the kits start at \\$24,999 each and would not include free repair/replacement and loaner units. Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(4-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution Multi Yr Contract Brinc Drones BCSO](#)
[Memo Multi Yr Contract Brinc Drones for BCSO](#)
[Blount County Sheriff TN - L2 Safeguard \(2\)](#)
[Safeguard Deck Brinc 1.16 \(4\)](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Giles, 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: 19 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 2 - King, and Webb

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. With no objection, the Chairman declared the meeting to be adjourned. The Blount County Board of Commissioners having met in regular session on Thursday, May 16, 2024, adjourned at 7:01 p.m.