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Meeting Minutes - Final

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Thursday, November 21, 2024

6:30 PM

Blount County Courthouse, Room 430

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

Zoom Meeting ID: 868 5383 1537

ROLL CALL

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the Blount County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, November 21, 2024, at 7:15 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, with the late arrival of Nick Bright, and 2 were absent. The Chairman declared that a quorum was present. The following proceedings were held, to wit:

- Present:** 19 - Commissioner Mike Akard, Chairperson Jared Anderson, Commissioner Robbie Bennett, Commissioner Brad Bowers, Vice Chair Nick Bright, Commissioner Quentin Caldwell, 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 Linda Webb, and Commissioner David Wells
- Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Dyran Bledsoe, and Commissioner Scott King

A. SETTING OF AGENDA.

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

Yes: 18 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Caldwell, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 3 - Bledsoe, Bright, and King

Abstain: 0

B. CONSENT CALENDAR.

A motion was made by Commissioner Carver, seconded by Commissioner Giles, 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, Bennett, Bowers, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Webb, Wells, and Caldwell

No: 0

Absent: 3 - Bledsoe, Bright, and King

Abstain: 0

1. [Minutes of Regular Commission Meeting on October 17, 2024.](#)

Attachments: [Minutes of Regular BOC Meeting 2024-Oct-17](#)

The minutes were approved.

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

Attachments: [BONDS AND OATHS RESOLUTION 24-11-011](#)

[Oaths of Deputy Sheriffs 2024-Nov-21](#)

[Notary Public Bonds Oaths 2024-Nov-21](#)

The Resolution was adopted.

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

Attachments: [24-281 Notaries to be Elected 2024-Nov-21](#)

The notaries were elected.

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

Attachments: [Jail Facility Inspection Report 2024-Oct-02](#)
[Minutes of Beer Board 24-May-07 Meeting](#)
[Minutes of Board of Zoning Appeals 2024-Aug-01](#)
[Minutes of Education Committee 2024-Sep-03](#)
[Minutes of Planning Commission 2024-Aug-22](#)
[Minutes of Technology Committee 2024-Jan-18 Meeting](#)
[2024 Q3Report-Archives](#)
[Trustee Report September 2024](#)

The reports were received and filed.

5. [October 2024 Financial Reports. \(INFORMATION ONLY\)](#)

Attachments: [ARPA Utility Project Update October 2024](#)
[ARPA Tracking 10.31.24](#)
[FY24.25 Proposed Capital Plan](#)
[October 2024 Expense Report](#)
[October 2024 Revenue Report](#)
[YTD Expense Report as of October 31 2024](#)
[YTD Revenue Report as of October 31 2024](#)
[US Bank Report October 2024](#)

The reports were received and filed.

C. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.**D. ELECTIONS, APPOINTMENTS, AND CONFIRMATIONS.****E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.****F. NEW BUSINESS.**

1. [Emergency Management - \\$51,250.00 \(To apply for the 2024 State Homeland Security Grant to fund technology upgrades at the Blount County Emergency Operations Center as well as HAZMAT suits for area hazmat teams; no matching funds are required. Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [EMR Grant Application](#)
[Memo EMR Grant Application](#)

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

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

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Bledsoe, and King

Abstain: 0

2. [Information Technology - \\$14,232.20 \(To apply for the second round of the State and Local Cyber-security Grant from the Tennessee Department of Finance and Administration to cover costs of additional Managed Endpoint Detection licenses and for two new firewalls\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [IT Cyber-security Grant Application](#)

[IT Cyber-security Memo](#)

[Back up IT Cyber-security Justification Form](#)

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

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

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Bledsoe, and King

Abstain: 0

3. [Resolution 24-11-001, Budget Increase - Information Technology Capital - \\$198,825.20 \(Re-appropriate \\$93,825.20 from prior year to apply towards on going Data Processing Equipment expenses; and amend \\$105,000.00 of current year funds from the Justice Project administration to General Administration to pay Advizex invoices\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution 189 Capital Reappropriation and Transfer](#)

[Amendment 189 IT Capital Reappropriation](#)

[Amendment 189 IT Capital Transfer](#)

[Memo 189 IT Capital Reappropriation & Transfer](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Giles, seconded by Commissioner Wells, 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, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Webb, Wells, and Caldwell

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Bledsoe, and King

Abstain: 0

4. [Resolution 24-11-002, Budget Increase – BCSO - \\$197,697.50 \(Appropriate funds for awarded U.S. Department of Justice, Community Oriented Policing Services \(COPS\) grant monies, for the hiring of five additional deputies for a six-month period\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution BCSO COPS Grant Award](#)
[Amendment BCSO COPS Grant Award](#)
[Memo BCSO COPS Grant Award](#)
[Back up BCSO COPS Award Package FAW-185142](#)

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

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Bledsoe, and King

Abstain: 0

5. [Resolution 24-11-003, Budget Increase – BCSO Vehicles- \\$358,830.35 \(Appropriate fund balance for the purchase of five new patrol vehicles for the five deputies funded through the COPs grant, outfitting the vehicles with the required lighting package, and decals\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution BCSO COPS Vehicle Request](#)
[Amendment BCSO COPS Vehicle Request](#)
[Memo BCSO COPS Vehicle Request](#)
[Back up BCSO Vehicle inventory](#)
[Back up BCSO Vehicle quote](#)
[Back up BCSO Outfitting vehicle quote](#)
[Back up BCSO Equipment for a new deputy](#)

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

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Bledsoe, and King

Abstain: 0

6. [Resolution 24-11-004, Budget Increase – BCSO - \\$89,832.00 \(Appropriate awarded Mental Health Transport grant funds to cover charges to the Blount County Sheriff's Office from AMR \(or other secondary transport agency\) for the transport of non-inmate mental health patients\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution BCSO MHT Grant](#)
[Amendment BCSO MHT Grant](#)
[Memo BCSO MHT Grant](#)
[Back up BCSO MHT Grant Correction](#)
[Back up BCSO MHT Grant Information Worksheet 2024-25](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Carver, seconded by Commissioner Hannah, 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, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Webb, Wells, and Caldwell

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Bledsoe, and King

Abstain: 0

7. [Resolution 24-11-005, Budget Increase – Schools Capital - \\$753,693.00 \(Appropriate funds for the replacement of HVAC controls at Heritage Middle School, Union Grove Middle School and Samuel Everett School of Innovation\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution Schools 177 \(HVAC Controls\)](#)
[Amendment Schools 177 \(HVAC Controls\)](#)
[Memo Schools 177 \(HVAC Controls\)](#)
[Back up Schools 177 HVAC Controls](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Bright, seconded by Commissioner French, 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, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Webb, Wells, and Caldwell

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Bledsoe, and King

Abstain: 0

8. [Resolution 24-11-006, Budget Increase – Schools General Purpose Fund, \\$83,062.90 \(Appropriate funds for the receipt of State of Tennessee Special Education Preschool Grant to provide special education and related services to preschool students with disabilities\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution School State PreSchool Grant](#)
[Amendment School State PreSchool Grant](#)
[Memo School State PreSchool Grant](#)

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, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Webb, Wells, and Caldwell

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Bledsoe, and King

Abstain: 0

9. [Resolution 24-11-008, Budget Increase – Highway Capital - \\$120,957.25 \(Appropriate funds for the Hazard Mitigation Grant awarded by TEMA to repair flooding issues in and around Caldwell Road\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution HWY Capital Hazard Mitigation Grant](#)
[Amendment HWY Capital Hazard Mitigation Grant](#)
[Memo HWY Capital Hazard Mitigation Grant](#)

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

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Bledsoe, and King

Abstain: 0

10. [Resolution 24-11-009, Budget Increase – Information Technology - \\$100,000.00 \(Appropriate funds for the cost reimbursement grant awarded by the State of Tennessee Department of Economic Development for Broadband Ready services, equipment and education\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution IT Broadband Ready Grant](#)
[Amendment IT Broadband Ready Grant](#)
[Memo IT Broadband Ready Grant](#)
[IT Broadband Ready Grant Contract](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Carver, seconded by Commissioner Wells, 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, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Webb, Wells, and Caldwell

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Bledsoe, and King

Abstain: 0

11. [Resolution No. 24-12-014, A Resolution to Amend the Zoning Map of Blount County, Tennessee, From S \(Suburbanizing\) to C \(Commercial\) for a 2.962 Acre Parcel Located at 3013 E. Lamar Alexander Parkway. The Property is Identified as Tax Map 059 Parcel 041.00.](#)

Attachments: [Resolution to Amend Zoning at 3013 E Lamar](#)
[CC Public Hearing - TDT Ad 3013 E Lamar Alexander Pkwy](#)
[Request for ZPH - Sub-Com 3013 E Lamar Alex Pkwy](#)
[Draft Resolution - Sub-Com 3013 E Lamar Alex Pkwy](#)
[Report of Action 2024-Sep-26 - Sub-Com 3013 E Lamar Alex Pkwy](#)
[Staff Memo - Sub-Com 3013 E Lamar Alex Pkwy](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Carver, seconded by Commissioner French, that the date and time for a Zoning Public Hearing be set for Tuesday, December 10, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

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

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Bledsoe, and King

Abstain: 0

G. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND STATEMENTS.

H. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA.

I. ADJOURNMENT.

Hearing no objection, the Chairman declared the meeting to be adjourned. The Blount County Board of Commissioners having met in regular session on Thursday, November 21, 2024, adjourned at 7:44 p.m.