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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Commission Workshop

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Tuesday, August 12, 2025

6:00 PM

Blount County Courthouse, Room 430

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

Zoom Meeting ID: 856 9381 9558

ROLL CALL

BE IT REMEMBERED, that a Blount County Commission Workshop meeting was held on Tuesday, August 12, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the Blount County Courthouse of Maryville, Tennessee. Blount County Commission Workshop Chairman Nick Bright called the meeting to order. An electronic roll call was taken by Blount County Clerk Gaye Hasty. There were 21 members present, with the late arrivals of Jessica Hannah and Linda Webb, and none were absent. The Chairman declared that a quorum did exist. The following proceedings were held, to wit:

Present: 21 - Mike Akard, Jared Anderson, Robbie Bennett, Dyran Bledsoe, Brad Bowers, Nick Bright, Quentin Caldwell, Richard Carver, Mike Caylor, Misty Davis, Ron French, John Giles, Jessica Hannah, Jeff Jopling, Scott King, Staci Martin, Earl McMahan, Steve Mikels, Dawn Reagan, Linda Webb and David Wells

A. SETTING OF AGENDA.

A motion was made by Commissioner Carver, seconded by Vice Chair Anderson, that the agenda be set.

A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, seconded by Commissioner French, that a resolution be added that reestablishes the Public Services Committee and establishes a Public Services Appeals Committee. Hearing no objection, the Chairman declared the item be added under G. New Business as item 10.

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

Yes: 21 - Commissioner Akard, Vice Chair Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Bowers, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Caldwell, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Abstain: 0

B. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.****1. [Commission Workshop Meeting Minutes for July 10, 2025.](#)**

Attachments: [Minutes 2025-Jul-10](#)

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

Yes: 21 - Commissioner Akard, Vice Chair Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Bowers, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Caldwell, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Abstain: 0

D. GENERAL CONSENT CALENDAR.

A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, seconded by Commissioner Giles, that the General 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: 21 - Commissioner Akard, Vice Chair Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Bowers, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Caldwell, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Abstain: 0

1. [Resolution No. 25-08-026, A Proclamation Honoring Geneva Williams Harrison.](#)

Attachments: [Geneva Williams Harrison Proclamation 25-08-021](#)

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

Attachments: [BONDS AND OATHS RESOLUTION 25-08-011](#)
[OATH OF DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK 2025-AUG-21](#)
[OATH OF DEPUTY SHERIFF 2025-AUG-21](#)
[NOTARY PUBLIC BONDS AND OATHS 2025-AUG-21](#)

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

Attachments: [Notaries to be Elected 2025-Aug-21](#)

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

Attachments: [Minutes of Beer Board Meeting 2025-Jun-19](#)
[Minutes of Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting 2024-Nov-7](#)
[Minutes of Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting 2025-Mar-6](#)
[Minutes of Budget Public Hearing 2025-Jun-12](#)
[Minutes of Budget Committee Meeting 2025-Jun-12](#)
[Minutes of Human Resources Committee Meeting 2024-Jul-16](#)
[Minutes of Insurance Committee Meeting 2024-Jul-16](#)
[Minutes of Planning Commission Meeting 2025-May-22](#)
[Minutes of Planning Commission Meeting 2025-Jun-26](#)
[Minutes of Technology Committee Meeting 2024-Oct-17](#)
[Chancery Court Annual Financial Report FY24-25](#)
[County Clerk Annual Financial Report FY24-25](#)
[Register of Deeds Annual Financial Report FY24-25](#)
[Sheriff Annual Financial Report FY24-25](#)
[Trustee Monthly Report June 2025](#)

a. [July 2025 Financial Reports. \(INFORMATION ONLY\)](#)

Attachments: [ARPA Utility Project Update July 2025](#)
[ARPA Tracking 7.31.25](#)
[FY25.26 Proposed Capital Plan](#)
[July 2025 Expense Report](#)
[July 2025 Revenue Report](#)
[YTD Expense Report as of July 31, 2025](#)
[YTD Revenue Report as of July 31, 2025](#)
[US Bank Report July 2025](#)

5. [Blount County Highway Department Handbook. \(INFORMATION ONLY\)](#)

Attachments: [Memo - BCHD Employee Handbook](#)
[BCHD Employee Handbook 7.2.2024 Atty Approved](#)

6. [Blount County Public Library Handbook. \(INFORMATION ONLY\)](#)

Attachments: [Memo - BCPL Employee Handbook](#)
[BCPL Employee Handbook](#)

7. [Blount County Sheriff's Office Handbook. \(INFORMATION ONLY\)](#)

Attachments: [Memo - Changes to BCSO Handbook](#)
[BCSO Handbook](#)

8. [2025 Annual Inflation Adjustment of the Financial Assurance for City of Alcoa, City of Maryville, and Blount County Landfills, Permits Nos. DML050000091 and SNL050000105 Original, Vertical & Lateral Expansion Phases 1-7, as required by the Regulations of TDEC's Division of Solid Waste Management.](#)

Attachments: [2025 Inflation Adj Notice for AlcoaMaryvilleBlountCountyLandfill Packet](#)

E. BUDGET CONSENT CALENDAR.

A motion was made by Commissioner French, seconded by Commissioner Carver, that the Budget Consent Calendar be forwarded to full commission.

A motion was made by Commissioner Akard to consider items E.a, E.b and E.c individually. The Chairman declared those three items would be removed from the Budget Consent Calendar and considered individually.

An electronic vote was taken that the Budget Consent Calendar items E.d, E.e, E.f, E.g, and E.h be forwarded to full commission. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 21 - Commissioner Akard, Vice Chair Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Bowers, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Caldwell, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Abstain: 0

- a. [Resolution No. 25-08-013, Budget Increase – BCS -\\$125,000.00 \(Appropriate education capital funds to set aside funds for Contingencies for multiple planned projects for FY25-26.\) Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution - BCS Contingency Fees](#)
[Amendment - BCS Contingency Fees](#)
[Memo - BCS Contingency Fees](#)
[Backup - BCS Contingency Fees](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Martin, 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: 21 - Commissioner Akard, Vice Chair Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Bowers, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Caldwell, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Abstain: 0

- b. [Resolution No. 25-08-014, Budget Increase – BCS -\\$200,000.00 \(Appropriate education capital funds to purchase culinary equipment for the newly built culinary building at William Blount High School.\) Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution - WB Culinary Equipment](#)
[Amendment - WB Culinary Equipment](#)
[Memo - WB Culinary Equipment](#)
[Backup - WB Culinary Equipment](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Martin, 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: 20 - Vice Chair Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Bowers, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Caldwell, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Abstain: 1 - Commissioner Akard

- c. [Resolution No. 25-08-015, Budget Increase – BCS -\\$45,264.00 \(Appropriate education capital funds to purchase new fuel truck for school maintenance department.\) Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution - BCS Fuel Truck purchase](#)
[Amendment - BCS Fuel Truck purchase](#)
[Memo - BCS Fuel Truck purchase](#)
[Backup - BCS Fuel Truck purchase](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Reagan, 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: 21 - Commissioner Akard, Vice Chair Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Bowers, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Caldwell, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Abstain: 0

- d. [Resolution No. 25-08-016, Budget Increase – Elections -\\$35,000.00 \(Appropriate one-time general county funds for already supported Voting machine maintenance.\) Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution - Voting Machine Maintenance](#)
[Amendment - Voting Machine Maintenance](#)
[Memo - Voting Machine Maintenance](#)
[Backup - Voting Machine Maintenance](#)

Item forwarded to full commission per action taken above in "E. Budget Consent Calendar".

- e. [Resolution No. 25-08-017, Budget Increase – Health Department -\\$9,065.02 \(Accept and appropriate FY26 State DGA Grant for Health Department personnel and operations; these funds are reimbursed by the State.\) Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution - DGA Grant True up](#)
[Amendment - DGA Grant True Up](#)
[Memo - DGA Grant True Up](#)
[Backup - DGA Grant True Up](#)

Item forwarded to full commission per action taken above in "E. Budget Consent Calendar".

- f. [Resolution No. 25-08-018, Budget Increase – Highway - \\$7,785.72 \(Appropriate Highway Capital funds to purchase a tractor mounted blower.\) Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution - Tractor Mounted Blower](#)
[Amendment - Tractor Mounted Blower](#)
[Memo - Tractor Mounted Blower](#)
[Backup - Tractor Mounted Blower](#)

Item forwarded to full commission per action taken above in "E. Budget Consent Calendar".

- g. [Resolution 25-08-019, Library - Request approval for a three-year contract with AtoZ Database. \(This contract will secure pricing over the life of the contract and provide a savings of 10% over the three-year contract.\) Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution - Library - AtoZ Contract](#)
[Memo - Library - AtoZ Contract](#)
[Backup - Library - AtoZ Contract](#)

Item forwarded to full commission per action taken above in "E. Budget Consent Calendar".

- h. [Emergency Management Grant Application - \\$23,000.00 - \(To apply for FY26 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant.\) Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Grant Applicaton - 2026 HMEP Grant](#)
[Grant Worksheet - 2026 HMEP Grant](#)
[Grant Narrative - 2026 HMEP Grant](#)

Item forwarded to full commission per action taken above in "E. Budget Consent Calendar".

F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.**G. NEW BUSINESS.****1. Budget Transfers, Increases and/or Decreases.**

- a. [Resolution No. 25-08-001, Interfund Loan – Debt Service - \\$15,529,489.00 \(Enter into an Interfund loan from Debt Service Fund to ARPA Fund to allow time for reimbursement from the State of Tennessee.\) Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution - General County Budget Transfer 151-127](#)
[Memo - General County Budget Transfer 151-127](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Reagan, seconded by Commissioner Webb, 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: 21 - Commissioner Akard, Vice Chair Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Bowers, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Caldwell, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Abstain: 0

- b. [Resolution No. 25-08-002, Budget Increase – Various Departments - \\$11,683,214.83 \(Re-appropriate funds from prior year to support the ongoing Capital projects.\) Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution - Reappropriations](#)
[Amendment - Reappropriations](#)
[Memo - Reappropriations](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner McMahan, seconded by Commissioner Reagan, 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: 21 - Commissioner Akard, Vice Chair Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Bowers, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Caldwell, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Abstain: 0

- c. [Resolution No. 25-08-003, Budget Increase – BCS -\\$1,818,407.60 \(Appropriate state grant funds to pay one-time teacher bonus pay, No matching funds required.\) Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution - Teacher Bonus](#)

[Amendment - Teacher Bonus](#)

[Memo - Teacher Bonus](#)

[Backup - Teacher Bonus](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Giles, seconded by Commissioner French, that the Resolution be forwarded to full commission. Commissioners Bennett, Martin and Reagan declared they would abstain due to cause. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

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

No: 0

Abstain: 3 - Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Martin and Commissioner Reagan

- d. [Resolution No. 25-08-004, Budget Increase - Central Services - \\$1,073,567.00 \(Appropriate General County funds and enter into a five-year contract with Sports Facilities Company, LLC to manage Eagleton Ballpark.\) Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution - Eagleton Management Contract](#)

[Amendment - Eagleton Management Project](#)

[Memo - Eagleton Management Project](#)

[Backup - Eagleton Management Contract](#)

[Backup - Eagleton Feasibility Study June 2025](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Reagan, seconded by Commissioner French, 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: 21 - Commissioner Akard, Vice Chair Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Bowers, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Caldwell, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Abstain: 0

- e. [Resolution No. 25-08-005, Budget Increase – BCS -\\$709,078.00 \(Appropriate education capital funds to replace outdated HVAC controls at both Carpenters Middle School and William Blount 9th Grade Academy.\) Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(4-1\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution - BCS HVAC Controls CMS WB9th](#)

[Amendment - BCS HVAC Controls CMS WB9th](#)

[Memo - BCS HVAC Controls CMS WB9th](#)

[Backup - BCS HVAC Controls CMS WB9th](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner French, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, 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: 21 - Commissioner Akard, Vice Chair Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Bowers, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Caldwell, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Abstain: 0

- f. [Resolution No. 25-08-006, Budget Increase – BCS -\\$600,000.00 \(Appropriate general purpose school funds to purchase 1,937 Chromebooks for grades 1st, 5th and 9th. These Chromebooks are replaced every 4 years and follow the students.\) Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution - BCS Chromebooks](#)

[Amendment - BCS Chromebooks](#)

[Memo - BCS Chromebooks](#)

[Backup - BCS Chromebooks](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner McMahan, 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: 21 - Commissioner Akard, Vice Chair Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Bowers, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Caldwell, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Abstain: 0

- g. [Resolution No. 25-08-007, Budget Increase – BCS -\\$550,000.00 \(Appropriate education capital funds to set aside funds for unplanned HVAC replacement costs for FY25-26.\) Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(4-1\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution - HVAC replacements](#)

[Amendment - HVAC replacements](#)

[Memo - HVAC replacements](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Reagan, seconded by Commissioner French, 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 - Vice Chair Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Caldwell, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

No: 2 - Commissioner Akard and Commissioner King

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Bledsoe and Commissioner Mikels

Abstain: 0

- h. [Resolution No. 25-08-008, Budget Increase – Highway - \\$544,490.91 \(Appropriate Highway Capital funds to purchase new Paver.\) Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution - Highway Paver](#)

[Amendment - Highway Paver](#)

[Memo - Highway Paver](#)

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

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Bledsoe and Commissioner Mikels

Abstain: 0

- i. [Resolution No. 25-08-009, Budget Increase – BCS -\\$437,992.00 \(Appropriate education capital funds to replace gym floors at both Fairview Elementary and Friendsville Elementary.\) Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution - BCS Gym Floors](#)

[Amendment - BCS Gym Floors](#)

[Memo - BCS Gym Floors](#)

[Backup - BCS Gym Floors](#)

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

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Bledsoe and Commissioner Mikels

Abstain: 0

- j. [Resolution No. 25-08-010, Budget Increase – BCS -\\$419,979.63 \(Appropriate education capital funds to replace fire alarm system at ECCA.\) Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution - ECCA Fire Alarm Replacement](#)
[Amendment - ECCA Fire Alarm Replacement.docx](#)
[Memo - ECCA Fire Alarm Replacement.docx](#)
[Backup - ECCA Fire Alarm Replacement.docx](#)

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

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Bledsoe and Commissioner Mikels

Abstain: 0

- k. [Resolution No. 25-08-012, Budget Increase – BCS -\\$300,000.00 \(Appropriate education capital funds to set aside funds for Architect fees for multiple planned projects for FY25-26.\) Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution - BCS Architect Fees](#)
[Amendment - BCS Architect Fees](#)
[Memo - BCS Architect Fees](#)
[Backup - BCS Architect Fees](#)

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

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Bledsoe and Commissioner Mikels

Abstain: 0

2. Other Budget Items.

3. Appointments.

4. [Resolution No. 25-08-027, A Resolution Amending the Blount County, TN Employee Handbook of Policies and Work Rules.](#)

Attachments: [RESOLUTION AMENDING THE BLOUNT COUNTY EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK OF POLICIES AND WORK RULES](#)
[Exhibit A - Proposed BCG Employee Handbook](#)

[Memo - 2025 Summary of Proposed Employee Handbook Changes](#)

[HR Committee Minutes 2025-Jul-15](#)

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

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Bledsoe and Commissioner Mikels

Abstain: 0

5. [Resolution No. 25-08-021, A Resolution to Adopt the Medical Premium Rate Structure for Blount County, TN Effective January 1, 2026.](#)

Attachments: [MEDICAL PREMIUM RATE STRUCTURE EFFECTIVE 2026-JAN-01](#)

[CBIZ Presentation Medical - 7.15.25](#)

[Insurance Committee Minutes 2025-Jul-15](#)

[HR Committee Minutes 2025-Jul-15](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chair Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Carver, that the Resolution be forwarded to full commission. Commissioners Bennett and Martin declared they would abstain due to cause. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 17 - Commissioner Akard, Vice Chair Anderson, Commissioner Bowers, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Caldwell, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Bledsoe and Commissioner Mikels

Abstain: 2 - Commissioner Bennett and Commissioner Martin

6. [Resolution No. 25-08-022, A Resolution to Adopt the Dental Premium Rate Structure for Blount County, TN Effective January 1, 2026.](#)

Attachments: [DENTAL PREMIUM RATE STRUCTURE EFFECTIVE 2026-JAN-1](#)

[CBIZ Presentation Dental - 7.15.25-2](#)

[Insurance Committee Minutes 2025-Jul-15](#)

[HR Committee Minutes 2025-Jul-15](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner McMahan, seconded by Commissioner Davis, that the Resolution be forwarded to full commission. Commissioners Bennett, Martin and Reagan declared they would abstain due to cause. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 16 - Commissioner Akard, Vice Chair Anderson, Commissioner Bowers, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Caldwell, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Bledsoe and Commissioner Mikels

Abstain: 3 - Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Martin and Commissioner Reagan

7. [Resolution No. 25-08-023, A Resolution Authorizing Purchasing to Auction Surplus Vehicles and Assets With a Value Greater Than One Thousand Dollars \(\\$1,000.00\).](#)

Attachments: [Updated Resolution - Surplus Property 8.4.2025](#)

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

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Bledsoe and Commissioner Mikels

Abstain: 0

8. [Resolution No. 25-08-024, A Resolution to Approve Temporary Workspace Agreement Relative to Pipeline Improvements.](#)

Attachments: [Resolution to Approve Temporary Workspace Agreement former Blount County Childrens Home 2025](#)
[TWS Agreement Blount County 036.00 w East TN Gas](#)
[Survey for TWS Agreement with East TN Gas](#)
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[Garrett Memo 07-24-25](#)

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

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Bledsoe and Commissioner Mikels

Abstain: 0

9. [Resolution No. 25-08-025, A Resolution to Establish a Coordinating Committee for Blount County's Celebration Efforts to Honor the 250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence](#)

Attachments: [2025-08-025 Resolution for 250th Year Celebrations](#)

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

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Bledsoe and Commissioner Mikels

Abstain: 0

10. [Resolution No. 25-08-027, A Resolution to Reestablish the Public Services Committee and Establish a Public Services Appeals Committee.](#)

Attachments: [Reestablish the Public Services Appeals Committee Resolution No 01-04-012](#)
[TCA 5-1-115](#)
[Resolution No 01-04-012 TCA 5-1-115](#)
[Resolution No 21-04-018](#)

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

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Bledsoe and Commissioner Mikels

Abstain: 0

H. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND STATEMENTS.

I. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA.

J. ADJOURNMENT.

A motion was made that the meeting be adjourned. Hearing no objection, the Chairman declared the meeting to be adjourned. The Blount County Commission Workshop meeting adjourned on Tuesday, August 12, 2025, at 8:02 p.m.