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Meeting Minutes - Draft

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Thursday, December 18, 2025

6:00 PM

Blount County Courthouse, Room 430

ROLL CALL

Present: 17 - Commissioner Mike Akard, Commissioner Jared Anderson, Commissioner Robbie Bennett, Commissioner Dyran Bledsoe, Commissioner Brad Bowers, Commissioner Nick Bright, Commissioner Quentin Caldwell, Commissioner Richard Carver, Commissioner Mike Caylor, Commissioner Misty Davis, Commissioner John Giles, Commissioner Jeff Jopling, Commissioner Staci Martin, Commissioner Earl McMahan, Commissioner Dawn Reagan, Commissioner Linda Webb, and Commissioner David Wells

Absent: 4 - Commissioner Ron French, Commissioner Jessica Hannah, Commissioner Scott King, and Commissioner Steve Mikels

A. SETTING OF AGENDA.

set the agenda

Yes: 17 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Caldwell, Carver, Caylor, Davis, Giles, Jopling, Martin, McMahan, Reagan, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 4 - French, Hannah, King, and Mikels

Abstain: 0

B. GENERAL CONSENT CALENDAR.

adopted

Yes: 17 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Caldwell, Carver, Caylor, Davis, Giles, Jopling, Martin, McMahan, Reagan, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 4 - French, Hannah, King, and Mikels

Abstain: 0

1. Minutes of Commission in Regular Session on November 20, 2025.

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

approved

2. Approval of Bonds and Oaths.

Attachments: [25-12-011 BONDS AND OATHS RESOLUTION](#)

[Sheriff Deputies Oath 2025-Dec-18](#)

[Notary Public Bonds Oaths 2025-Dec-18](#)

adopted

3. Notaries to be Elected.

Attachments: [Notaries to be Elected 2025-Dec-18](#)

nominated

4. Receiving of Reports. (INFORMATION ONLY)

Attachments: [Jail Inspection Report 2025-Sep-18](#)

[Jail Inspection Report 2025-Oct-8](#)

[Jail Inspection Report 2025-Nov-5](#)

[Minutes of Board of Zoning Appeals 2025-Sep-4](#)

[Minutes of Budget Committee 2025-Oct-9](#)

[Minutes of Education Committee 2025-Sep-30](#)

[Minutes Planning Commission 2025-Oct-23](#)

received and filed

5.

Attachments: [ARPA Utility Project Update November 2025](#)
[ARPA Tracking 11.30.25](#)
[FY25.26 Proposed Capital Plan](#)
[November 2025 Expense Report](#)
[November 2025 Revenue Report](#)
[YTD Expense Report as of November 30, 2025](#)
[YTD Revenue Report as of November 30, 2025](#)
[U S Bank Report November 2025](#)
[Active Contracts Report](#)

received and filed

6. 2026 Schedule of Blount County Commission Committee Meetings.

Attachments: [Public Notice - 2026 Committee Meetings](#)

received and filed

7.

Attachments: [FY25-26 Budget Calendar](#)

received and filed

8. Blount County Fire Protection District Board of Commissioners Interim Appointment of Quentin Caldwell, Seat 2. (INFORMATION ONLY)

Attachments: [Quentin Caldwell Seat 2](#)

received and filed

9. Blount County Fire Protection District Board of Commissioners Interim Appointment of Nick Bright, Seat 3. (INFORMATION ONLY)

Attachments: [Nick Bright Seat 3](#)

received and filed

C. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

D. BUDGET CONSENT CALENDAR.

adopted

Yes: 17 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Caldwell, Carver, Caylor, Davis, Giles, Jopling, Martin, McMahan, Reagan, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

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Abstain: 0

1.

Attachments: [Resolution - HMS HVAC Units](#)
[Amendment - HMS HVAC Units](#)
[Memo - HMS HVAC Units](#)
[Backup - HMS HVAC Units](#)

adopted

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No: 0

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Abstain: 0

2.

Attachments: [Resolution - Auto Auction](#)
[Amendment -Auto Auction](#)
[Backup - Auto Auction](#)

adopted

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No: 0

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Abstain: 0

3.

Attachments: [Resolution - UGM Concession & PES Portable Roof Replacement](#)
[Amendment - UGM Concession & PES Portable Roof Replacement](#)
[Memo - UGM Concession & PES Portable Roof Replacement](#)
[Backup - UGM Concession & PES Portable Roof Replacement](#)

adopted

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No: 0

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Abstain: 0

4.

Attachments: [Resolution - Multiyear Contract for Fleet Software](#)
[Memo - BCSO Multiyear Contract for Fleet Software](#)
[Backup - BCSO Multiyear Contract for Fleet Software](#)
[Backup - Highway Multiyear Contract for Fleet Software](#)
adopted

E. ELECTIONS, APPOINTMENTS, AND CONFIRMATIONS.

1. Industrial Development Board and Health & Educational Facilities Board Member (6-Year Term). Reappointment of Gary Hensley, former City Manager, City of Maryville.

Attachments: [Blount County - Board Member Appointment - November 2025](#)
[Gary Hensly bio](#)

approved

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No: 0

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Abstain: 0

2. Industrial Development Board and Health & Educational Facilities Board Member (6-Year Term) to Fill Vacancy of Joe Dawson.

Choose to either:

A) Accept the proposed ranking of the following Community Leaders:

1. Jewell Overton, Director of Support Services and Radiation Effects, ProNova Solutions
2. Tracy Queen, General Manager, ICC International
3. David Shanks, President, Shanks and Associates

B) Reorder the candidates; or

C) Select a recommended candidate.

Attachments: [Blount County - Board Member Appointment - November 2025](#)
[Jewell Overton bio](#)
[Tracy Queen bio](#)
[David Shanks bio](#)

approved

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No: 0

Absent: 4 - French, Hannah, King, and Mikels

Abstain: 0

3. Public Service Appellate Board (2-Year Term) Appointments: Steve Garner; Denver Hunt; Susan Mills; Stanley Best; and Arthur King.

Attachments: [Public Service Appellate Board](#)

approved

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No: 0

Absent: 4 - French, Hannah, King, and Mikels

Abstain: 0

4. Solid Waste Authority (4-Year Term) Appointments: Brittney Whipple; Carl Walker; Sam Correll; and Brian Baldwin.

Attachments: [Solid Waste 2025](#)

approved

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Abstain: 0

F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

G. NEW BUSINESS.

- 1.

Attachments: [Resolution - HHS Baseball & Softball Field Lighting](#)

[Amendment - HHS Baseball & Softball Field Lighting](#)

[Memo - HHS Baseball & Softball Field Lighting](#)

[Backup - HHS Baseball & Softball Field Lighting](#)

adopted

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Abstain: 0

2. Resolution No. 25-12-012, A Resolution to Allow Safe Passage in Blount County, Tennessee, for a Certain Visitor From the North Pole. (This Resolution is Introduced in Memory of the Late Commissioner Richard Williams, Jr.)

Attachments: [Santa Resolution](#)

adopted

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No: 0

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Abstain: 0

H. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND STATEMENTS.

I. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA.

J. ADJOURNMENT.