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Meeting Minutes - Draft

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Thursday, August 21, 2025

6:00 PM

Blount County Courthouse, Room 430

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

Zoom Meeting ID: 842 0944 2775

ROLL CALL

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the Blount County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, August 21, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the Blount County Courthouse of Maryville, Tennessee. The meeting was called to order by Blount County Commission Chairman Jared Anderson. An electronic roll call was taken by Blount County Clerk Gaye Hasty. There were 21 members present, with the late arrivals of Commissioners Jessica Hannah and Staci Martin, and none absent. The Chairman declared a quorum present. The following proceedings were held, to wit:

Present: 21 - Commissioner Mike Akard, Chairperson Jared Anderson, Commissioner Robbie Bennett, Commissioner Dyran Bledsoe, 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 Scott King, Commissioner Staci Martin, Commissioner Earl McMahan, Commissioner Steve Mikels, Commissioner Dawn Reagan, Commissioner Linda Webb, and Commissioner David Wells

A. SETTING OF AGENDA.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner King, seconded by Commissioner Akard, that Item G.5., Resolution No. 25-08-005, be withdrawn from the agenda. Hearing no objection, the Chairman declared Item G.5. to be withdrawn.

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

B. GENERAL CONSENT CALENDAR.

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

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

1. [Minutes of Commission in Regular Session on July 17, 2025.](#)

Attachments: [Minutes 2025-Jul-17](#)

The minutes were approved.

2. [Minutes of Zoning Public Hearing on July 10, 2025.](#)

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

The minutes were approved.

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

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

The Resolution was adopted.

4. [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](#)

The Resolution was adopted.

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

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

The notaries were elected.

6. [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](#)

The information was received and filed.

7. [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](#)

The information was received and filed.

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

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

The information was received and filed.

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

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

The information was received and filed.

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

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

The information was received and filed.

11. [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](#)

The information was received and filed.

C. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

D. BUDGET CONSENT CALENDAR.

There being no objection, the Chairman declared that the revised Resolution No. 25-08-016, reflecting the budget appropriation and amount, would be incorporated into the record.

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

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

1. [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 Application - 2026 HMEP Grant](#)
[Grant Worksheet - 2026 HMEP Grant](#)
[Grant Narrative - 2026 HMEP Grant](#)

The request to apply for the grant was approved.

2. [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](#)

The Resolution reflecting the budget appropriation and amount was adopted.

3. [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](#)

The Resolution was adopted.

4. [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](#)

The Resolution was adopted.

5. [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](#)

The Resolution was adopted.

E. ELECTIONS, APPOINTMENTS, AND CONFIRMATIONS.

F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

G. NEW BUSINESS.

1. [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 Vice Chair Bright, seconded by Commissioner McMahan, that the Resolution be adopted. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

2. [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 Davis, seconded by Commissioner Giles, that the Resolution be adopted. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

3. [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 Akard, 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: 18 - Akard, Anderson, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Caldwell, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, King, McMahan, Mikels, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Abstain: 3 - Bennett, Martin, and Reagan

4. [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 Davis, 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: 21 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Caldwell, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, King, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Abstain: 0

5. [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](#)

The Resolution was withdrawn at the setting of agenda.

6. [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 Webb, that the Resolution be adopted. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

7. [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 Hannah, seconded by Commissioner Carver, that the Resolution be adopted.

A motion was made by Commissioner Caylor, seconded by Commissioner Akard, that the Resolution be amended by reducing the amount from \$550,000 to \$275,000.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mikels, seconded by Commissioner Wells, that moved the previous question. An electronic vote was taken to end debate. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

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

No: 3 - Akard, Bright, and Caylor

Abstain: 0

An electronic vote was taken on the motion to amend the Resolution. The Chairman declared the motion to have failed by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Akard, Caylor, Giles, and King

No: 17 - Anderson, Bennett, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Caldwell, Carver, Davis, French, Hannah, Jopling, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Webb, and Wells

Abstain: 0

A motion was made by Commissioner Mikels, seconded by Commissioner Hannah, that moved the previous question. An electronic vote was taken to end debate. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 17 - Anderson, Bennett, Bledsoe, Bowers, Caldwell, Carver, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Webb, and Wells

No: 4 - Akard, Bright, Caylor, and King

Abstain: 0

An electronic vote was taken on the original motion that the Resolution be adopted. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

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

No: 3 - Akard, Caylor, and King

Abstain: 0

8. [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 French, 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: 21 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Caldwell, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, King, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Abstain: 0

9. [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 Giles, 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: 21 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Caldwell, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, King, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Abstain: 0

10. [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 Carver, seconded by Commissioner Akard, that the Resolution be adopted. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

11. [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 Reagan, seconded by Commissioner Davis, that the Resolution be adopted. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

12. [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 Davis, 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: 20 - Anderson, Bennett, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Caldwell, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, King, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Webb, and Wells

No: 1 - Akard

Abstain: 0

13. [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 Carver, seconded by Commissioner Davis, that the Resolution be adopted. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

14. [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 Akard, 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: 21 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Caldwell, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, King, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Abstain: 0

15. [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 French, that the Resolution be adopted. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

16. [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 Commissioner Davis, 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, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Caldwell, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, King, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Abstain: 2 - Bennett, and Martin

17. [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 Bowers, seconded by Commissioner Giles, that the Resolution be adopted. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

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

No: 0

Abstain: 3 - Bennett, Martin, and Reagan

18. [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 Giles, seconded by Commissioner Davis, that the Resolution be adopted. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

19. [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](#)
[image001](#)
[Garrett Memo 07-24-25](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner McMahan, seconded by Commissioner Davis, that the Resolution be adopted. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

20. [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 Commissioner Akard, seconded by Commissioner Davis, that the Resolution be adopted. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

21. [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 Giles, seconded by Commissioner Davis, that the Resolution be adopted. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

H. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND STATEMENTS.

I. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA.

J. ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business and hearing no objection, the Chairman declared the meeting to be adjourned. The Board of Commissioners, having convened in regular session on Thursday, August 21, 2025, adjourned at 8:01 p.m.