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Meeting Minutes - Draft

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Tuesday, March 24, 2026

6:00 PM

Blount County Courthouse, Room 430

ROLL CALL

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the Blount County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, March 24, 2026 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 Chief of Staff Brad Bryant. There were 19 members present 2 Absent. The Chairman declared that a quorum was present. The following proceedings were held, to wit:

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

A. SETTING OF AGENDA.

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

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Bennett, and Jopling

Abstain: 0

Did Not Vote: 1 - Mikels

B. GENERAL CONSENT CALENDAR.

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

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Bennett, and Jopling

Abstain: 0

1. [Resolution No. 26-03-012, A Proclamation Honoring Blount County, Tennessee State 4-H Hippology & Horse Bowl Contest Award Recipients](#)

Attachments: [Proclamation 4-H Horse Program](#)

The proclamation was presented by Commissioner French and Commissioner Bright to honor Blount County, Tennessee State 4-H for their accomplishments as recipients of the Hippology and Horse Bowl Contest awards. The Proclamation was adopted.

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

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Bennett, and Jopling

Abstain: 0

2. [Minutes for Board of Commission in Regular Session on February 19, 2026.](#)

Attachments: [2-19 Full Board Meeting Minutes](#)

The Minutes were approved.

3. [Minutes of February 12, 2026 Zoning Public Hearing.](#)

Attachments: [Minutes for February ZPH Meeting](#)

The Minutes were approved.

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

Attachments: [BONDS AND OATHS RESOLUTION](#)
[NOTARY PUBLIC BONDS AND OATHS](#)

The Resolution was adopted.

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

Attachments: [Notaries to be Elected](#)

The notaries were elected.

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

Attachments: [Jail Facility Inspection Report 2026-Feb-04](#)
[Minutes of Beer Board 2026-Jan-15](#)
[Minutes for Budget Committee Dec-11-2025](#)
[Minutes for Education Committee Nov-4-2025](#)
[Minutes for Planning Commission Jan-22-2026](#)
[Minutes for Public Service Committee Jan-6-2026](#)
[Trustee Report for January 2026](#)

The reports were received and filed.

7. [February 2026 Financial Reports \(INFORMATION ONLY\)](#)

Attachments: [ARPA Tracking 2.28.26](#)
[ARPA Utility Project Update February 2026](#)
[February 2026 Expense Report](#)
[February 2026 Revenue Report](#)
[YTD Expense Report as of February 28, 2026](#)
[YTD Revenue Report as of February 28, 2026](#)
[U S Bank Report February 2026](#)

The reports were received and filed.

C. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.**D. BUDGET CONSENT CALENDAR.**

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

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Bennett, and Jopling

Abstain: 0

1. [Resolution 26-03-003, Budget Increase - Library - \\$23,632.72 \(Purchasing requests a multi-year contract for the Blount County Library for two years with BIBLIOTHECA to cover all repairs and maintenance for the book sorter.\) Referred to full Commission with a favorable recommendation by the budget committee \(4-0\)](#)

Attachments: [Resolution - BIBLIOTHECA Multiyear Contract](#)
[Amendment - BIBLIOTHECA Multiyear Contract](#)
[Memo - BIBLIOTHECA Multiyear Contract](#)
[Backup - BIBLIOTHECA Multiyear Contract](#)
[Quote - BIBLIOTHECA Multiyear Contract](#)

The Resolution was adopted.

E. ELECTIONS, APPOINTMENTS, AND CONFIRMATIONS.

1. [Blount Memorial Foundation, Inc. Board of Directors Mayoral Recommendation of Heather Martin to Fulfill the Term of the Vacancy by Kelly Love.](#)

Attachments: [Blount Memorial Foundation Inc. Board Appointment - Heather Martin](#)
[Heather Martin Resume](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Reagan, seconded by Commissioner Davis, that the Appointment be approved. 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, King, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Bennett, and Jopling

Abstain: 0

2. [Veterans Affairs Committee \(4-Year Term\) Appointment of Samuel Shore, Denise Weston, Cyé Miles, and Lloyd Hansen.](#)

Attachments: [Veterans Committee Minutes 2026-Jan-7](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Carver, seconded by Commissioner Caldwell, that the Appointments be approved. 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, King, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Bennett, and Jopling

Abstain: 0

F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

G. NEW BUSINESS.

1. [Request approval for Tennessee State Government Opioid Abatement Council Community Grants Cycle 3 for the Helen Ross McNabb Center for up to \\$2,500,000.00 annually for three years. No matching funds are required. Referred to full Commission with a favorable recommendation by the budget committee. \(4-0\)](#)

Attachments: [Grant Worksheet - McNabb Center](#)

[Memo - McNabb Center](#)

[Backup - McNabb Center](#)

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

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Bennett, and Jopling

Abstain: 0

2. [Resolution 26-03-001, Budget Increase – Schools - \\$261,456.96 \(Appropriate Education Capital funds to replace kitchen equipment at Heritage High School, William Blount 9th Grade Academy, Montvale Elementary and Walland Elementary.\) Referred to full Commission with a favorable recommendation by the budget committee \(4-0\)](#)

Attachments: [Resolution - Food Service Equipment](#)

[Amendment - Food Service Equipment](#)

[Memo - Food Service Equipment](#)

[Backup - Food Service Equipment](#)

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

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Bennett, and Jopling

Abstain: 0

3. [Resolution 26-03-002, Budget Increase – Schools - \\$86,525.46 \(Appropriate Education Capital funds to purchase twenty-one network devices to replace outdated equipment.\) Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the budget committee. \(4-0\)](#)

Attachments: [Resolution - Network Devices](#)
[Amendment - Network Devices](#)
[Memo - Network Devices](#)
[Backup - Network Devices](#)

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

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Bennett, and Jopling

Abstain: 0

4. [Setting of a Zoning Public Hearing with the suggested date for May 14, 2026 at 5:45PM to Amend the Zoning Map of Blount County Tennessee, from R-1\(Rural District 1\) to RAC \(Rural Arterial Commercial District\) for a 3.758 Acre Portion of a 5.069 Acre Tract of Land Located 4750 E Lamar Alexander Pkwy, Blount County, TN \(Tax map 060, parcel 182.16\).](#)

Attachments: [Draft Resolution for 4750 E Lamar Alexander Pkwy](#)
[Request for a Zoning Public Hearing to amend Zoning Map](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner McMahan, seconded by Commissioner Akard, that the date and time for the Zoning Public Hearing be confirmed for Thursday, May 14, 2026 at 5:45 p.m. 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, Giles, Hannah, King, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Bennett, and Jopling

Abstain: 1 - French

5. [Resolution No. 26-03-013, A Resolution Authorizing the Use of Cooperative Purchasing Agreements for the Benefit of All County Departments.](#)

Attachments: [Resolution for Cooperative Purchasing 03.24.26 \(1\)](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner French, 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: 18 - Akard, Anderson, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Caldwell, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, King, Martin, McMahan, Reagan, Webb, and Wells

No: 1 - Mikels

Absent: 2 - Bennett, and Jopling

Abstain: 0

6. [Resolutions No. 26-03-014, A Resolution to Approve Interlocal Agreement Between the Town of Louisville, Blount County, Tennessee, the Sheriff of Blount County, Tennessee and Blount County General Sessions Court.](#)

Attachments: [26-03-014 Resolution Louisville Interlocal Agreement 2026 \(1\)](#)
[Interlocal Agreement with the County and Town of Louisville - 2026](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Wells, 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, King, Martin, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Bennett, and Jopling

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 Tuesday, March 24, 2026, adjourned at 6:35 p.m.