



# Blount County

359 Court Street  
Maryville, TN 37804-5906

## Meeting Minutes

### Audit Committee

*Susanne Davis - Chairperson*  
*Andy Allen*  
*Ron French*  
*Lee Gowan*  
*Amy Paganelli*

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Thursday, November 16, 2017

5:30 PM

Blount County Courthouse, Room 430

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### ROLL CALL

**BE IT REMEMBERED**, that a meeting of the Blount County Audit Committee was held on Thursday, November 16, 2017, at 5:30 p.m., at the Blount County Courthouse in Maryville, Tennessee. County Clerk Gaye Hasty called the meeting to order. An electronic roll call was taken by Gaye Hasty, County Clerk. There were 5 present and 0 absent. County Clerk Gaye Hasty declared a quorum to exist. The following proceedings were held, to-wit:

**Present** 5 - Commissioner Andy Allen, Chairperson Susanne Davis, Commissioner Ron French, Committee Member Lee Gowan, and Committee Member Amy Paganelli

### ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

Commissioner Allen nominated Susanne Davis for Chairperson of the Audit Committee. The nomination was seconded by Commissioner French. Clerk Hasty asked if there were any further nominations. There were no other nominations made. A motion to close nominations was made by Ron French. A voice vote was taken with County Clerk Gaye Hasty declaring the motion passed and nominations for Chair closed. A voice vote was taken on the nomination of Susanne Davis as Chairperson of the Audit Committee. County Clerk Gaye Hasty declared Susanne Davis elected as Chairperson of the Audit Committee.

### ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN.

Commissioner French nominated Lee Gowan as Vice Chairman. The nomination was seconded by Committee Member Paganelli. Commissioner French made a motion to close nominations. A voice vote was taken on the motion to close nominations. Chairperson Davis declared the motion passed and nominations closed. An electronic vote was taken on the election of Lee Gowan as Vice Chairman. Chairperson Davis declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

**Yes:** 5 - Commissioner Allen, Chairperson Davis, Commissioner French, Committee Member Gowan, and Committee Member Paganelli

**No:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

### A. SETTING OF AGENDA.

A motion was made by Commissioner French, seconded by Committee Member Paganelli, to set the agenda. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

**Yes:** 5 - Commissioner Allen, Chairperson Davis, Commissioner French, Committee Member Gowan, and Committee Member Paganelli

**No:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

**B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.**

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

**Yes:** 5 - Commissioner Allen, Chairperson Davis, Commissioner French, Committee Member Gowan, and Committee Member Paganelli

**No:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

1. [September 21, 2017, Audit Committee Meeting Minutes.](#)

**Attachments:** [Audit Committee Meeting Minutes Sept-21-2017.pdf](#)

**C. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS ON AGENDA.**

**D. NEW BUSINESS.**

1. [Presentation Regarding Blount Memorial Hospital, Inc., Annual Financial Report for Years Ended June 30, 2017 and 2016.](#)

**Attachments:** [Blount Memorial Annual Financial Report June 30 2017 & 2016.pdf](#)

Mike Parton, CPA, of Coulter & Justus Accounting Firm, gave a presentation regarding the Blount Memorial Hospital, Inc., Annual Financial Report for Years Ended June 30, 2017 and 2016.

A motion was made by Committee Member Gowan, seconded by Commissioner French, to forward to the full Commission a recommendation that the Blount Memorial Foundation have an annual audit every year going forward, and that the audit be conducted by a different firm than the firm conducting the hospital audit. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

**Yes:** 5 - Commissioner Allen, Chairperson Davis, Commissioner French, Committee Member Gowan, and Committee Member Paganelli

**No:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

A motion was made by Committee Member Gowan, seconded by Commissioner French, to forward to the full Commission a recommendation that the Blount Memorial Foundation Board of Directors be a separate Board of Directors than the Hospital Board of Directors and no one Board member serve on both boards. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

**Yes:** 5 - Commissioner Allen, Chairperson Davis, Commissioner French, Committee Member Gowan, and Committee Member Paganelli

**No:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

A motion was made by Committee Member Gowan, seconded by Committee Member Paganelli, to forward to the full Commission a recommendation that Blount Memorial Hospital look at selecting a different auditing firm by taking proposals through RFP's, and that the Audit Committee have input regarding who is chosen to be the auditors. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

**Yes:** 5 - Commissioner Allen, Chairperson Davis, Commissioner French, Committee Member Gowan, and Committee Member Paganelli

**No:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

## **E. ADJOURNMENT.**

Commissioner French made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Allen seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken with Chairperson Susanne Davis declaring the motion passed and the meeting adjourned. The Audit Committee adjourned on November 16, 2017, at 6:46 p.m.