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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Commission Workshop

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Thursday, October 9, 2025

6:00 PM

Blount County Courthouse, Room 430

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

Zoom Meeting ID: 816 5176 4142

ROLL CALL

BE IT REMEMBERED, that a Blount County Commission Workshop meeting was held on Thursday, October 9, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the Blount County Courthouse of Maryville, Tennessee. Blount County Commission Chairman Jared Anderson called the meeting to order. An electronic roll call was taken by Blount County Clerk Chief of Staff Brad Bryant. There were 11 members present and 10 Absent. The Chairman declared that a quorum did exist. The following proceedings were held, to wit:

Present: 11 - Mike Akard, Jared Anderson, Robbie Bennett, Brad Bowers, Nick Bright, Quentin Caldwell, Mike Caylor, Misty Davis, John Giles, Jessica Hannah and Jeff Jopling

Absent: 10 - Dyran Bledsoe, Richard Carver, Ron French, 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 Giles, seconded by Vice Chair Anderson, that the agenda be set. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 11 - Vice Chair Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Caldwell, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling and Commissioner Akard

No: 0

Absent: 10 - Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner French, Commissioner King, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

Abstain: 0

B. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

1. [Commission Workshop Meeting Minutes for August 12, 2025.](#)

Attachments: [Minutes 2025-Sept-11](#)

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

Yes: 11 - Commissioner Akard, Vice Chair Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Caldwell, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah and Commissioner Jopling

No: 0

Absent: 10 - Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner French, Commissioner King, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

Abstain: 0

D. GENERAL CONSENT CALENDAR.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Anderson, 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: 11 - Commissioner Akard, Vice Chair Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Caldwell, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah and Commissioner Jopling

No: 0

Absent: 10 - Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner French, Commissioner King, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

Abstain: 0

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

Attachments: [BONDS AND OATHS RESOLUTION](#)
[Deputy Sheriff Oaths 2025-Oct-16](#)
[Public Officials Bonds](#)
[Notary Public Bonds Oaths 2025-Oct-16](#)

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

Attachments: [25-247 Notaries to be Elected 2025-Oct-16](#)

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

Attachments: [Minutes of Beer Board 2025-Aug-12](#)
[Minutes of Board of Zoning Appeals 2025-Jun-26](#)
[Minutes of Budget Committee 2025-Aug-12](#)
[Minutes of Education Committee 2025-Sep-2](#)
[Public Records Requests 3rd Quarter Report 2025-Jul-Aug-Sep](#)
[Trustee Annual Report for FY24-2025](#)
[Trustee Monthly Report for August 2025](#)

4. [September 2025 Financial Reports. \(INFORMATION ONLY\)](#)

Attachments: [ARPA Utility Project Update September 2025](#)
[ARPA Tracking 9.30.25](#)
[FY25.26 Proposed Capital Plan](#)
[September 2025 Expense Report](#)
[September 2025 Revenue Report](#)
[YTD Expense Report as of September 30, 2025](#)
[YTD Revenue Report as of September 30, 2025](#)
[U S Bank Report September 2025](#)

E. BUDGET CONSENT CALENDAR.

A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, seconded by Commissioner Caldwell, that the Budget Consent Calendar be forwarded to full commission. A motion was made by Commissioner Akard to consider items E1 through E4 separately. The Chairman declared those four items would be removed from the Budget Consent Calendar and considered individually.

1. [Resolution No. 25-10-002, Budget Increase - Schools - \\$216,904.52 \(Appropriate one-time Public School Security Grant funds to enhance school safety, non-recurring state grant, no matching funds required.\) Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(4-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution - Public School Security Grant](#)
[Amendment - Public School Security Grant](#)
[Memo - Public School Security Grant](#)
[Backup - Public School Security Grant](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Caylor, 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: 11 - Commissioner Akard, Vice Chair Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Caldwell, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah and Commissioner Jopling

No: 0

Absent: 10 - Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner French, Commissioner King, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

Abstain: 0

2. [Resolution No. 25-10-003, Budget Increase – BCSO - \\$78,467.88 \(Appropriate Mental Health Transport grant funds to cover Blount County Sheriff's Office costs for non-inmate patient transports by AMR or other agencies, no matching funds required.\) Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(4-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution - BCSO MHT Grant](#)
[Amendment - BCSO MHT Grant](#)
[Grant Worksheet - BCSO MHT Grant](#)
[Award Letter - BCSO MHT Grant](#)
[Backup - BCSO MHT Grant](#)
[Grant Letter of Agreement - BCSO MHT Grant](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Giles, 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: 11 - Commissioner Akard, Vice Chair Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Caldwell, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah and Commissioner Jopling

No: 0

Absent: 10 - Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner French, Commissioner King, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

Abstain: 0

3. [Resolution No. 25-10-004, Budget Increase – Elections - \\$25,000.00 \(Appropriate general county funds to replace necessary election day printers.\) Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(4-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution - Election Day Printers](#)
[Amendment - Election Day Printers](#)
[Memo - Election Day Printers](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Giles, seconded by Vice Chair Anderson, 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: 11 - Commissioner Akard, Vice Chair Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Caldwell, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah and Commissioner Jopling

No: 0

Absent: 10 - Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner French, Commissioner King, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

Abstain: 0

4. [Resolution No. 25-10-005, Budget Increase - Schools - \\$20,000.00 \(Appropriate funds for Blount County Schools transfer to Blount County Government for interim CFO services.\) Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(4-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Amendment - Temporary CFO Supplement](#)
[Resolution - Temporary CFO Supplement](#)
[Memo - Temporary CFO Supplement](#)
[School Resolution - Temporary CFO Supplement](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Giles, seconded by Commissioner Caylor, that the Resolution be forwarded to full commission. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have failed by the following vote:

Yes: 10 - Commissioner Akard, Vice Chair Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Caldwell, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah and Commissioner Jopling

No: 1 - Commissioner Bowers

Absent: 10 - Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner French, Commissioner King, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

Abstain: 0

F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

G. NEW BUSINESS.

1. Budget Transfers, Increases and/or Decreases.

- a. [Resolution No. 25-10-001, Budget Increase – Highway Dept. - \\$2,027,742.66 \(Reallocate reimbursed state aid funds to the asphalt hot mix line in the highway fund.\) Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(4-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution - State Aid Asphalt Hot Mix](#)
[Amendment - State Aid Asphalt Hot Mix](#)
[Memo - State Aid Asphalt Hot Mix](#)
[Backup - State Aid Asphalt Hot Mix](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chair Anderson, 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: 11 - Commissioner Akard, Vice Chair Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Caldwell, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah and Commissioner Jopling

No: 0

Absent: 10 - Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner French, Commissioner King, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

Abstain: 0

2. Other Budget Items.

- a. [Resolution No. 25-10-006, Central Services - \(To apply for 2025 Historic Development Grant and agree to funding the match. Requires 50/50 match for courthouse eligible construction and maintenance expenses.\) Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(4-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution - Courthouse Grant](#)
[Grant Worksheet - Historical Development Grant](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chair Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Caylor, 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: 11 - Commissioner Akard, Vice Chair Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Caldwell, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah and Commissioner Jopling

No: 0

Absent: 10 - Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner French, Commissioner King, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

Abstain: 0

3. Appointments.

4. [Resolution No. 25-10-012, A Resolution to Appoint Judicial Commissioners.](#)

Attachments: [RESOLUTION-JC 2025](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chair Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Giles, 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: 11 - Commissioner Akard, Vice Chair Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Caldwell, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah and Commissioner Jopling

No: 0

Absent: 10 - Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner French, Commissioner King, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

Abstain: 0

5. [Resolution No. 25-10-013, A Resolution Adopted by the Blount County Commission Pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated Section 54-10-216 to Abandon and Vacate a Section of Right-Of-Way Along Blount Avenue, a County Maintained Road Located in Blount County, Tennessee, and Approve an Agreement With Adjacent Property Owner.](#)

Attachments: [Resolution \(Blount Avenue right-of-way abandonment\)](#)

[Exhibits 1 thru 4](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Caylor, 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: 11 - Commissioner Akard, Vice Chair Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Caldwell, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah and Commissioner Jopling

No: 0

Absent: 10 - Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner French, Commissioner King, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

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 Thursday, October 9, 2025, at 6:36 p.m.