



# Blount County Government

359 Court Street  
Maryville, TN 37804-5906

## Meeting Minutes

### Board of Commissioners

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Thursday, May 16, 2019

5:30 PM

Blount County Courthouse, Room 430

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#### Special Called

#### ROLL CALL

**BE IT REMEMBERED**, that the Blount County Board of Commissioners met in special session on Thursday, May 16, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. in Room 430 at the Blount County Courthouse in Maryville, Tennessee. Blount County Commission Chairman Ron French called the meeting to order. The roll call was taken by Blount County Clerk Gaye Hasty. There were 19 present and 2 absent, with the late arrivals of Commissioners Robbie Bennett, Brad Bowers, Steve Mikels and Brian Robbins. The following proceedings were held, to wit:

- Present:** 19 - Commissioner Mike Akard, Commissioner Jared Anderson, Commissioner Robbie Bennett, Commissioner Brad Bowers, Commissioner Nick Bright, Vice Chair Richard Carver, Commissioner Dodd Crowe, Chairperson Ron French, Commissioner James Hammontree, Commissioner Jackie Hill, Commissioner Tom Hood, Commissioner Jeff Jopling, Commissioner Scott King, Commissioner Staci Lawhorn, Commissioner Steve Mikels, Commissioner Dawn Reagan, Commissioner Brian Robbins, Commissioner Tom Stinnett, and Commissioner Linda Webb
- Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Mike Caylor, and Commissioner Joe McCulley

- A. [I, Mayor Ed Mitchell, pursuant to and in accordance with the authority vested in me by Tennessee Code Annotated § 5-5-105, hereby call the Board of County Commissioners of Blount County, Tennessee, for the purpose to review and discuss information to be provided by Blount Memorial Hospital, Inc. relative to the proposed refinancing of Blount County's General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2013A, which refinanced certain outstanding debt of the County relating to Blount Memorial Hospital. No legislative action is expected to be taken at this meeting.](#)

**Attachments:** [Special Called Meeting 5-16-19 re BMH](#)  
[Blount Memorial Financing Alternatives 5.13.19 Workshop](#)

The Chairman called upon Blount Memorial Hospital CEO Don Heinemann. Mr. Heinemann introduced Ms. Holly Houston-Benedict of Ponder & Co., the financial advisory firm contracted by BMH to research options for debt refinancing and swaps of Series 2013A Bonds. Ms. Benedict presented the commission with a plan of finance overview options for BMH.

There was no action taken.

**B. ADJOURNMENT.**

With no further business, the Chairman declared the special called meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m. on Thursday, May 16, 2019.