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Meeting Minutes - Final

Commission Workshop

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Tuesday, March 12, 2024

6:30 PM

Blount County Courthouse, Room 430

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

Zoom Meeting ID: 872 5709 2112

ROLL CALL

BE IT REMEMBERED, that a Blount County Commission Workshop meeting was held on Tuesday, March 12, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. in the Blount County Courthouse of Maryville, Tennessee. Blount County Commission Workshop Chairman Nick Bright called the meeting to order. An electronic roll call was taken by Blount County Clerk Gaye Hasty. There were 16 members present and 5 were absent, with the late arrival of Commissioner Jeff Jopling. The Chairman declared that a quorum did exist. The following proceedings were held, to wit:

Present: 16 - Mike Akard, Jared Anderson, Dyran Bledsoe, Nick Bright, Richard Carver, Misty Davis, Ron French, John Giles, Jessica Hannah, Jeff Jopling, Staci Martin, Earl McMahan, Steve Mikels, Dawn Reagan, Tom Stinnett and David Wells

Absent: 5 - Robbie Bennett, Brad Bowers, Mike Caylor, Scott King and Linda Webb

A. SETTING OF AGENDA.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Reagan, that the agenda be set. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 15 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bledsoe, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Stinnett and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 6 - Commissioner Bennett, Vice Chair Bowers, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King and Commissioner Webb

Abstain: 0

B. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

1. [Commission Workshop Meeting Minutes for February 6, 2024.](#)

Attachments: [1913_M_Commission_Workshop_24-02-06_Meeting_Minutes](#)

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

Yes: 15 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bledsoe, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Stinnett and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 6 - Commissioner Bennett, Vice Chair Bowers, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King and Commissioner Webb

Abstain: 0

D. CONSENT CALENDAR.

A motion was made by Commissioner Carver, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that the 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: 15 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bledsoe, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Stinnett and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 6 - Commissioner Bennett, Vice Chair Bowers, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King and Commissioner Webb

Abstain: 0

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

Attachments: [BONDS AND OATHS RESOLUTION 24-03-011](#)
[Oaths of Deputy Sheriff 2024-03-21](#)
[Notary Public Bonds Oaths 2024-03-21](#)

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

Attachments: [Notaries to be Elected 2024-03-21](#)

3. [Receiving of Reports \(Information Only\).](#)

Attachments: [E-911 Budget FY2024-25](#)
[JailFacilityInspectionReport 2024-Feb-28](#)
[JailFacilityInspectionReport 2024-Mar-06](#)
[Minutes of Budget Comm 2024-Feb-6](#)
[Minutes of Education Comm 2023-Oct-30](#)
[Minutes of Planning Comm 2023-Dec-4](#)
[Minutes of Planning Comm 2024-Jan-25](#)
[Q2 FY24 Perishables Report](#)
[Trustee Report January 2024](#)
[Trustee Report February 2024](#)

4. [February 2024 Financial Reports \(Information Only\).](#)

Attachments: [ARPA Utility Project Update February 2024](#)
[ARPA Tracking 2.29.24](#)
[FY23.24 Capital Exhibit Master](#)
[February 2024 Expense Report](#)
[February 2024 Revenue Report](#)
[YTD Expense Report as of February 29 2024](#)
[YTD Revenue Report as of February 29 2024](#)
[US Bank Report February 2024](#)

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

F. NEW BUSINESS.

1. Budget Transfers, Increases and/or Decreases.

- a. [Resolution No. 24-03-001. Budget Increase - Extended School Program - \\$505,895.00 \(Accept and appropriate Tennessee Department of Human Services Child Care Stabilization Grant; this is round three of the American Rescue Plan Act for Child Care Discretionary Supplemental funds\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution Extended School Fund Grant](#)
[Amendment Extended School Fund Grant](#)
[Memo Extended School Fund Grant](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, 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: 15 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bledsoe, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Stinnett and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 5 - Commissioner Bennett, Vice Chair Bowers, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner King and Commissioner Webb

Abstain: 1 - Commissioner Reagan

- b. [Resolution No. 24-03-002. Budget Increase – Library - \\$76,320.00 \(Reappropriate the first half of the funds from the foundation contributions for the automated materials handling system\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution Library Materials Handler](#)
[Amendment Library Materials Handler](#)
[Memo Library Materials Handler](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Reagan, seconded by Commissioner Carver, 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: 16 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bledsoe, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Stinnett and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 5 - Commissioner Bennett, Vice Chair Bowers, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner King and Commissioner Webb

Abstain: 0

- c. [Resolution No. 24-03-003. Budget Increase – BCSO, Motor Vehicles - \\$70,725.00 \(Appropriate funds to purchase a replacement vehicle to preserve and memorialize the patrol vehicle assigned to the fallen deputy\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution BCSO replacement vehicle](#)
[Amendment BCSO replacement vehicle](#)
[Memo BCSO replacement vehicle](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Commissioner Akard, 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: 16 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bledsoe, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Stinnett and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 5 - Commissioner Bennett, Vice Chair Bowers, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner King and Commissioner Webb

Abstain: 0

- d. [Resolution No. 24-03-004. Budget Increase – Elections - \\$54,000.00 \(Appropriate funds to increase the pay rate for early voting poll workers from the 2010 rates taking them from \\$10.00 to \\$12.00 an hour for poll workers\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(3-2\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution Elections poll workers](#)
[Amendment Elections poll workers](#)
[Memo Elections poll workers](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner McMahan, seconded by Commissioner French, that the Resolution be forwarded to full commission.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Commissioner French, that the Resolution be amended to change the pay rate of poll workers to \$15 per hour and officers to \$18 per hour. The motion was withdrawn because the Resolution caption did not reflect the correct hourly rates as cited in the memo.

An electronic vote was taken on the motion that the Resolution be forwarded to full commission. The Chairman declared the motion to have failed by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Commissioner Bledsoe, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Stinnett and Commissioner Wells

No: 8 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner Mikels and Commissioner Reagan

Absent: 5 - Commissioner Bennett, Vice Chair Bowers, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner King and Commissioner Webb

Abstain: 0

2. Other Budget Items.

3. Appointments.

a. [Planning Commission - Confirmation of Mayoral Appointment of Joshua Sullins to fill vacancy of Ed Stuckey, term to expire on October 31, 2025.](#)

Attachments: [Memo-2024 PC Recommendation \(Sullins\)](#)
[Josh Sullins Resume 2024](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Reagan, seconded by Commissioner Akard, that the appointment be forwarded to full commission. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 14 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bledsoe, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner French, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Stinnett and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 5 - Commissioner Bennett, Vice Chair Bowers, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner King and Commissioner Webb

Abstain: 2 - Commissioner Giles and Commissioner McMahan

b. [Planning Commission - Confirmation of Mayoral Appointment of Steve Myers to fill vacancy of Roy Gamble, term to expire on February 15, 2026.](#)

Attachments: [Memo-2024 PC Recommendation \(Myers\)](#)
[Steve Myers Bio](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, seconded by Commissioner Wells, that the appointment be forwarded to full commission. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 16 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bledsoe, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Stinnett and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 5 - Commissioner Bennett, Vice Chair Bowers, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner King and Commissioner Webb

Abstain: 0

4. [Resolution No. 24-03-013, A Resolution to Approve an Amended and Restated Charter for Blount Memorial Hospital, Inc.](#)

Attachments: [Resolution 24-03-013 Approving Charter Amendment BMH 2024 charter](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, seconded by Commissioner 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: 16 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bledsoe, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Stinnett and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 5 - Commissioner Bennett, Vice Chair Bowers, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner King and Commissioner Webb

Abstain: 0

5. [Resolution No. 24-03-014, A Resolution Approving the Execution and Delivery of a Management Agreement With Blount Memorial Hospital, Incorporated, Related to the Operation and Management of Blount Memorial Hospital and Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of Documents Relating to the Settlement of Litigation With Blount Memorial Hospital, Incorporated.](#)

Attachments: [Resolution 24-03-014 Approving Execution of Management Agreement](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, seconded by Commissioner Wells, 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: 16 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bledsoe, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Stinnett and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 5 - Commissioner Bennett, Vice Chair Bowers, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner King and Commissioner Webb

Abstain: 0

6. [Resolution No. 24-03-015, A Resolution Approving the Documents Related to the Sale of Substantially All of the Assets of Blount Memorial Transitional Care Center, a/k/a Transitional Care Center at Morningview Village and Morningview Village, a/k/a Morningview Village Senior Community and Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of Such Documents.](#)

Attachments: [Resolution 24-03-015 Approving Execution of APA and Addendum - Ocoee](#)
[Addendum to Asset Purchase Agreement with Ocoee\(37371151\)](#)
[Asset Purchase Agreement \(Partially Executed\)-36O0264](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, seconded by Commissioner 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: 16 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bledsoe, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Stinnett and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 5 - Commissioner Bennett, Vice Chair Bowers, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner King and Commissioner Webb

Abstain: 0

G. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND STATEMENTS.

H. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA.

I. ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting to be adjourned. The Blount County Commission Workshop meeting adjourned on Tuesday, March 12, 2024, at 7:02 p.m.