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Meeting Minutes - Final

Commission Workshop

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Tuesday, November 7, 2023

6:30 PM

Blount County Courthouse, Room 430

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

Zoom Meeting ID: 854 4321 1488

ROLL CALL

BE IT REMEMBERED, that a Blount County Commission Workshop meeting was held on Tuesday, November 7, 2023, 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 Deputy Clerk Lauri Bell. There were 20 members present and 1 was absent, with the late arrivals of Commissioners Mike Akard and Robbie Bennett. The Chairman declared that a quorum did exist. The following proceedings were held, to wit:

- Present:** 20 - Jared Anderson, Mike Akard, Robbie Bennett, Dyran Bledsoe, Brad Bowers, Nick Bright, Richard Carver, Mike Caylor, Misty Davis, Ron French, John Giles, Jessica Hannah, Jeff Jopling, Staci Martin, Earl McMahan, Steve Mikels, Dawn Reagan, Tom Stinnett, Linda Webb and David Wells
- Absent:** 1 - Scott King

A. SETTING OF AGENDA.

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

Yes: 19 - Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Bledsoe, Vice Chair Bowers, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Stinnett, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Bennett and Commissioner King

Abstain: 0

B. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

- 1. [Commission Workshop Meeting Minutes for October 10, 2023.](#)

Attachments: [1818_M_Commission_Workshop_23-10-10_Meeting_Minutes](#)

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

Yes: 19 - Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Bledsoe, Vice Chair Bowers, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Stinnett, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Bennett and Commissioner King

Abstain: 0

D. CONSENT CALENDAR.

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

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Bennett and Commissioner King

Abstain: 0

1. [Update on the Blount County Schools Drug Education Program to be Presented During the Commission Meeting on November 16, 2023. \(Information Only\)](#)

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

Attachments: [BONDS AND OATHS RESOLUTION 23-11-011](#)
[Oaths of Deputy Sheriff 2023-Nov-16](#)
[Notary Public Bonds Oaths 2023-Nov-16](#)

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

Attachments: [Notaries to be Elected 2023-Nov-16](#)

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

Attachments: [Jail Facility Inspection Report for October 2023](#)
[Minutes of Budget Committee 2023-Oct-10](#)
[Minutes of Education Committee 2023-Sep-26](#)
[Minutes of Planning Commission 2023-Aug-24](#)
[Minutes of Technology Committee 2023-September-05](#)
[Records Requests 2023 Jul-Sep](#)
[Sheriff Office Annual Financial Report - year end June 2023](#)

a. [October 2023 Financial Reports. \(Information Only\)](#)

- Attachments:** [ARPA Utility Project Update October 2023](#)
[ARPA Tracking 10.31.23](#)
[FY23.24 Capital Exhibit Master](#)
[OCTOBER 2023 EXPENSE REPORT](#)
[OCTOBER 2023 REVENUE REPORT](#)
[YTD EXPENSE REPORT AS OF OCTOBER 31 2023](#)
[YTD REVENUE REPORT AS OF OCTOBER 31 2023](#)
[US BANK REPORT OCTOBER 2023](#)

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

F. NEW BUSINESS.

1. Budget Transfers, Increases and/or Decreases.

- a. [Resolution No. 23-11-001. Budget Transfer - BCSO, Drug Task Force Building - \\$608,644.50 \(Transfer Justice and Treasury reserve funds to the correct accounts to realign funds for the Drug Task Force building construction project\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

- Attachments:** [Resolution DTF Building Project](#)
[Amendment-BCSO DTF Asset Forfeiture funds for vehicles](#)
[Amendment-BCSO Vehicle Budget to Replenish DTF Project](#)
[Memo-BCSO DTF building project](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Giles, 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: 20 - Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bledsoe, Vice Chair Bowers, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Stinnett, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner King

Abstain: 0

- b. [Resolution No. 23-11-002. Budget Increase - BCSO, Drug Task Force Building - \\$279,706.67 \(Re-appropriate funds from prior year to support the ongoing Drug Task Force Building Project\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution-DTF Re-appropriation of funds from YE22-23](#)
[Amendment-DTF Re-appropriation of funds from YE22-23](#)
[Memo-DTF Re-appropriation of Funds from YE22-23](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Carver, seconded by Commissioner Webb, 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: 20 - Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bledsoe, Vice Chair Bowers, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Stinnett, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner King

Abstain: 0

- c. [Resolution No. 23-11-003. Budget Increase - BCSO, Smartphones for Deputies - \\$52,500.00 \(Appropriate funds approved during FY24 budget process to purchase Smart Phones for BCSO deputies\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution BCSO Smartphones](#)
[Amendment BCSO Smartphones](#)
[Memo BCSO Smartphones](#)
[Backup Capital resolution - FY23-24](#)
[Smart Phone cost overview](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Carver, 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: 20 - Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bledsoe, Vice Chair Bowers, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Stinnett, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner King

Abstain: 0

- d. [Resolution No. 23-11-004. Budget Increase - General County Capital -\\$20,755,210.00 \(Appropriate funds for the Eagleton Ball Park Renovation Project\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution Eagleton Capital Outlay](#)
[Amendment Eagleton Capital Outlay](#)
[Memo Eagleton Capital Outlay](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner French, 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: 19 - Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bledsoe, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Stinnett, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner King

Abstain: 1 - Vice Chair Bowers

2. Other Budget Items.

- a. [Resolution No. 23-11-005. Purchasing requests a multi-year contract with Advizex for the IT Department to replace server and storage equipment for the County's two data centers \(at end of life\) to enhance cyber protection and disaster recovery; contract will run through FY28. Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution-Purchasing Advizex multi year contract](#)
[Memo-Purchasing Advizex MultiYear Contract](#)
[Backup-Purchasing Advizex MultiYear Contract](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Carver, seconded by Commissioner Reagan, 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: 20 - Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bledsoe, Vice Chair Bowers, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Stinnett, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner King

Abstain: 0

- b. [Request approval for Circuit Court Courtroom Security Grant Application - \\$10,288.32, no match \(To apply for funds to install new cameras in entrance, 2nd and 3rd floor holding cells\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Grant Application Circuit Court Cameras](#)
[Memo Grant Application Circuit Court cameras](#)

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

Yes: 20 - Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bledsoe, Vice Chair Bowers, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Stinnett, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner King

Abstain: 0

3. Appointments.

- a. [Board of Zoning Appeals \(4-Year Term\) Reappointment of Stanley Headrick.](#)

Attachments: [Recommendation to Reappoint Stan Headrick to BZA 2023-27](#)
[Bio of Stan Headrick Redacted](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chair Bowers, seconded by Commissioner Reagan, 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: 20 - Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bledsoe, Vice Chair Bowers, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Stinnett, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner King

Abstain: 0

b. [Blount County Planning Commission \(4-Year Term\) Reappointment of Bruce McClellan.](#)

Attachments: [Recommendation to Reappoint Bruce McClellan Planning 2023-27](#)
[Bruce McClellan resume 2011](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Carver, seconded by Commissioner French, 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: 20 - Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bledsoe, Vice Chair Bowers, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Stinnett, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner King

Abstain: 0

c. [Blount County Sheriff's Merit Board \(Staggered Terms\) Reappointments of Gary Hall \(2024\), Richard Julian \(2024\), Art King \(2026\), Michael Rasher \(2026\), and Roger Robinson \(2026\).](#)

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

Yes: 20 - Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bledsoe, Vice Chair Bowers, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Stinnett, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner King

Abstain: 0

4. [Resolution No. 23-11-012, A Resolution Naming the Eastbound Bridge Toward Townsend on U.S. Highway 321 in Blount County, Tennessee, PFC Clayton E. Narveson Memorial Bridge.](#)

Attachments: [Resolution for PFC Clayton Edward Narveson Memorial Bridge](#)
[Clayton Edward Narveson Obituary 2023 - Cremation By Grandview](#)
[IMG_0909](#)
[IMG_0915](#)
[RES 23-03-012 The Clayton Narveson WWII Iwo Jima Survivor Memorial Bridge](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Carver, 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: 20 - Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bledsoe, Vice Chair Bowers, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Stinnett, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner King

Abstain: 0

5. [Setting a Zoning Public Hearing for Tuesday, December 5, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. to Amend the Zoning Resolution of Blount County, Tennessee, by Modifying Article 13 to Revise the Definition of Daycare Center.](#)

Attachments: [Memo Day Care Draft to CC_102423](#)
[Draft Resolution Daycare](#)
[Report of Action 2023-Sep-28](#)
[Alcoa Reg Plan Com Resolution 2023-Oct-19](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, seconded by Commissioner McMahan, that the setting of a Zoning Public Hearing be forwarded to full commission. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 20 - Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bledsoe, Vice Chair Bowers, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Stinnett, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner King

Abstain: 0

G. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND STATEMENTS.

H. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA.

I. ADJOURNMENT.

A motion was made that the meeting be adjourned. The Chairman declared the meeting to be adjourned. The Blount County Commission Workshop meeting adjourned on Tuesday, November 7, 2023, at 7:04 p.m.