



Blount County Government

359 Court Street
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Meeting Minutes - Final

Budget Committee

Mayor Ed Mitchell, Chairperson
Commissioner Jared Anderson
Commissioner Nick Bright
Commissioner Mike Caylor
Committee Member Sharon Hannum

Thursday, April 10, 2025

5:00 PM

Blount County Courthouse, Room 430

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

Zoom Meeting ID: 843 2825 0577

A. ROLL CALL

Present 3 - Commissioner Jared Anderson, Commissioner Nick Bright, and Chairperson Ed Mitchell
Absent 2 - Commissioner Mike Caylor, and Committee Member Sharon Hannum

B. EMERGENCY ANNOUNCEMENTS

C. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS ON AGENDA

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. [March 11, 2025 Budget Committee Minutes](#)

Attachments: [March 11, 2025 Budget Committee Minutes](#)

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

Yes: 3 - Anderson, Bright, and Mitchell

No: 0

Abstain: 0

E. FINANCE - TRANSFERS, INCREASES, DECREASES

1. [Resolution 25-04-001, Budget Increase - BCSO - \\$167,700.00 \(Appropriate Sheriff Training Funds to enter into a contract for engineering services for the design of a new firing range training center\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(3-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution - BCSO Range House](#)
[Amendment - BCSO Range House](#)
[Memo-BCSO Range House](#)
[Backup-BCSO Summary of Tasks and Proposed Professional fees](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Bright, that the Resolution be forwarded to full commission with a favorable recommendation. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Anderson, Bright, and Mitchell

No: 0

Abstain: 0

2. [Resolution 25-04-002, Budget Increase – Library - \\$49,997.90 \(Appropriate funds from Library Fund Balance to increase the Capital Maintenance & Repair expense account for the replacement of the chiller compressors\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(3-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution-Library Chiller Compressor Replacement](#)
[Amendment-Library Chiller Compressor Replacement](#)
[Memo-Library Chiller Compressor Replacement](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Bright, that the Resolution be forwarded to full commission with a favorable recommendation. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Anderson, Bright, and Mitchell

No: 0

Abstain: 0

3. [Resolution 25-04-003, Budget Increase – Library - \\$14,469.27 \(Appropriate funds from Library Fund Balance to cover increased utility expenses for the library for current year; increase likely due to the Book Return Construction Project and cold temperatures\).](#)
[Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(3-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution-Library Utility Increase](#)
[Amendment-Library Utility Increase](#)
[Memo-Library Utility Increase](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Bright, that the Resolution be forwarded to full commission with a favorable recommendation. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Anderson, Bright, and Mitchell

No: 0

Abstain: 0

4. [Resolution 25-04-004, Budget Increase – Veterans - \\$19,545.18 \(Appropriate funds to cover retirement payout and provide one-month training overlap to the department\).](#)
[Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(3-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution - Veteran Retirement Overlap](#)
[Amendment - Veteran Retirement Overlap](#)
[Memo - Veteran Retirement Overlap](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Bright, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, that the Resolution be forwarded to full commission with a favorable recommendation. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Anderson, Bright, and Mitchell

No: 0

Abstain: 0

5. [Resolution 25-04-005, Budget Increase – General Services Capital - \\$32,890.00 \(Appropriate capital funds for architectural services for the Courthouse plumbing project\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(3-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution-General Svs Capital Plumbing](#)
[Amendment-General Svs Capital Plumbing](#)
[Memo-General Svs Capital Plumbing](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Bright, that the Resolution be forwarded to full commission with a favorable recommendation. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Anderson, Bright, and Mitchell

No: 0

Abstain: 0

F. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTIONS

1. [Resolution 25-04-006, BCSO - A Resolution to add correctional officers to the mandatory retirement provisions established pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-36-205 \(effective 1 July 2025\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(3-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution BCSO adding COs to Bridge](#)
[Backup-BCSO 2025 Sheriff Bridge Benefit Analysis](#)
[Backup-BCSO History of retirement benefit for Post Certified-Patrol deputies](#)
[Backup- BCSO New law affecting Corrections Officers' retirement](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Bright, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, that the Resolution be forwarded to full commission with a favorable recommendation. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Anderson, Bright, and Mitchell

No: 0

Abstain: 0

2. [BCSO Tennessee Highway Safety Office \(THSO\) Grant Applications - \\$185,000.00, No matching funds required on reoccurring grant. Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(3-0\).](#)

Attachments: [BCSO THSO Grant Information Worksheet Network Coordinator](#)
[BCSO THSO Grant Info Wrksht Police Traffic Svcs](#)
[MotorcycleDUIDistracted](#)
[Memo-BCSO THSO Grants](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Bright, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, that the Request be forwarded to full commission with a favorable recommendation. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Anderson, Bright, and Mitchell

No: 0

Abstain: 0

3. [Emergency Management Grant Application - \\$381,945.00 \(To re-apply for the Hazard Mitigation Grant originally brought for consideration in November 2022; to fund three trailer-mounted generators for the operation centers at Blount County, Maryville and Alcoa; \(A 12.5% match or \\$47,743.12 is required\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(3-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Grant Worksheet EMA Trailer mounted generator](#)
[EMA Trailer Mounted Generator Project Application](#)
[Memo-EMA Trailer Mounted Generator Project](#)
[Backup-EMA Trailer Mounted Generator Project Worksheet](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Bright, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, that the Request be forwarded to full commission with a favorable recommendation. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Anderson, Bright, and Mitchell

No: 0

Abstain: 0

4. [Blount County Penny Valuation for FY25-26 memorandum \(INFORMATION ONLY\)](#)

Attachments: [Penny Valuation Memo FY 25-26](#)

G. FINANCIAL REPORTS

1. [March 2025 Financial Reports \(INFORMATION ONLY\)](#)

Attachments: [ARPA Utility Project Update March 2025](#)
[ARPA Tracking 3.31.25](#)
[FY24.25 Capital Plan Exhibit](#)
[March 2025 Expense Report](#)
[March 2025 Revenue Report](#)
[YTD Expense Report as of March 31, 2025](#)
[YTD Revenue Report as of March 31, 2025](#)
[US Bank Report March 2025](#)

H. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 5:07 pm.