

Blount Co. Agriculture Ext.
1219 McArthur Road
Blount Co. Operations Center
Maryville, TN 37804
April 4, 2025

Honorable Members
Blount County Board of Commissioners
359 S. Court Street
Maryville, TN 37804-5906

Dear Commissioners:

Regarding the Blount County Agriculture Extension Committee 2025 appointments, there's a need to fill a vacancy with the departure of Farm Woman, Rachel Hall who completed her final term. For your consideration, I offer the following individual and have included a brief resume below.

1. Appoint Farm Woman, Salena Waters to begin a first two-year term. This seat on the committee is vacant.

I offer the following regarding the qualifications for Mrs. Waters to serve in this capacity. Additional biographical information for Salena is on the accompanying page.

- Mrs. Waters, resides on a beef cattle and forage farm in Maryville with her husband Andy. She therefore has a vested personal/family interest in home & farm activities related to the agriculture community in Blount County.

Thank you for entertaining this request. If I may be of assistance please contact me at 982-6430 or e-mail jawilson@utk.edu.

Respectfully Yours,
John A. Wilson
John Wilson
County Director

April 2025

Biographical information for proposed appointee to the Blount County Agricultural Extension Committee:

Salena Waters

333 Coulter Rd.

Maryville, TN 37804

C: 865-257-3903 **Email** Salena.Waters@na.denso.com

Education:

- B.S. Vocal Music Performance from David Lipscomb University, Nashville, TN
- MBA Marketing from Strayer University

Career:

20 Years

- Supervisor, MRO | Machine, Repairs & Operations, North American Purchasing Group, DENSO Manufacturing

Farm Experience: 11+ years

- Hay and Alfalfa crop harvest, sales, and support
- Mowing, Tedding Raking, Square baling, Loading, Hauling, etc.
- Cattle management
- Feeding, vaccinations, ear tags, fence-building, chief bottle-feeder, etc.

Community involvement:

- Pleasant Grove Baptist Church
- Children's Choir director
- Children's Bible class teacher
- Deacons' Wives Ministry
- Kitchen & Events Committee
- Farm Bureau Women
- Various volunteer activities
- Mission work

Languages:

- English – Native
- Portuguese (Brazilian) – Fluent
- Spanish – Conversant