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Meeting Minutes - Draft

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Thursday, June 19, 2025

6:00 PM

Blount County Courthouse, Room 430

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

Zoom Meeting ID: 884 0723 1716

ROLL CALL

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the Blount County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, June 19, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the Blount County Courthouse of Maryville, Tennessee. Blount County Commission Chairman Jared Anderson called the meeting to order. An electronic roll call was taken by Blount County Clerk Gaye Hasty. There were 17 members present, with the late arrivals of Jessica Hannah, Jeff Jopling, and David Wells, and 4 were absent. The Chairman declared that a quorum was present. The following proceedings were held, to wit:

- Present:** 17 - Chairperson Jared Anderson, Commissioner Robbie Bennett, Commissioner Brad Bowers, Vice Chair Nick Bright, Commissioner Quentin Caldwell, Commissioner Richard Carver, Commissioner Misty Davis, Commissioner Ron French, Commissioner John Giles, Commissioner Jessica Hannah, Commissioner Jeff Jopling, Commissioner Scott King, Commissioner Earl McMahan, Commissioner Steve Mikels, Commissioner Dawn Reagan, Commissioner Linda Webb, and Commissioner David Wells
- Absent:** 4 - Commissioner Mike Akard, Commissioner Dyran Bledsoe, Commissioner Mike Caylor, and Commissioner Staci Martin

A. SETTING OF AGENDA.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Bright, seconded by Commissioner French, that the agenda be set as published. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 14 - Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Caldwell, Carver, Davis, French, Giles, King, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, and Webb

No: 0

Absent: 7 - Akard, Bledsoe, Caylor, Hannah, Jopling, Martin, and Wells

Abstain: 0

B. GENERAL CONSENT CALENDAR.

A motion was made by Commissioner Carver, seconded by Commissioner Giles, that the General Consent Calendar be adopted. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 16 - Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Caldwell, Carver, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, King, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, and Webb

No: 0

Absent: 5 - Akard, Bledsoe, Caylor, Martin, and Wells

Abstain: 0

1. [Minutes of Commission on May 15, 2025.](#)

Attachments: [Minutes of Commission 2025-May-15](#)

The minutes were approved.

2. [Minutes of Public Hearing on May 13, 2025.](#)

Attachments: [Minutes of Public Hearing 2025-May-13](#)

The minutes were approved.

3. [Minutes of Zoning Public Hearing on May 8, 2025.](#)

Attachments: [Minutes of Zoning Public Hearing 2025-May-8](#)

The minutes were approved.

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

Attachments: [BONDS AND OATHS RESOLUTION 25-06-011](#)
[Oath of Deputy Clerk 2025-06-19](#)
[Oath of Deputy Sheriff 2025-06-19](#)
[Public Officials Bonds 2025-06-19](#)
[Notary Public Bonds Oaths 2025-06-19](#)

The Resolution was adopted.

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

Attachments: [Notaries to be Elected 2025-06-19](#)

The notaries were elected.

6. [Receiving of Reports. \(FOR INFORMATION ONLY\)](#)

Attachments: [Audit Committee 24-11-12 Meeting Minutes](#)
[Education Committee 25-04-01 Meeting Minutes](#)
[Beer Board 25-04-17 Meeting Minutes](#)
[Trustee Report April 2025](#)

The reports were received and filed.

7. [May 2025 Financial Reports. \(FOR INFORMATION ONLY\)](#)

Attachments: [ARPA Utility Project Update May 2025](#)
[ARPA Tracking 5.31.25](#)
[FY24.25 Capital Plan Exhibit](#)
[May 2025 Expense Report](#)
[May 2025 Revenue Report](#)
[YTD Expense Report as of May 31, 2025](#)
[YTD Revenue Report as of May 31, 2025](#)
[US Bank Report May 2025](#)

The reports were received and filed.

8. [Tuckaleechee Utility District of Blount County, Tennessee, Order Appointing Commissioner Michael Talley to Serve a 4-Year Term. \(FOR INFORMATION ONLY\)](#)

Attachments: [Appointment-Tuckaleechee Utility Board- Michael Talley](#)

The mayoral appointment was received and filed.

9. [Regional Comprehensive Plan 2024 for Blount County, Tennessee. \(INFORMATION ONLY\)](#)

Attachments: [Memorandum on Actions by County Commission on Resolution](#)

[Memo to CC_comp plan resolution_060525](#)

[Attach1_Comp Plan draft resolution for County Commission](#)

[Attach2_Exhibit A BlountCo-Comp Plan approved by PC_02272025](#)

[Attach3_Comp plan PC resolution_signed](#)

The Chairman clarified that the Regional Comprehensive Plan 2024 could be considered in the future by the full commission with the options to either: 1) pass the resolution as written; 2) reject the resolution; or 3) consider a revision of the amendment proposed by the Planning Commission.

C. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

D. BUDGET CONSENT CALENDAR.

A motion was made by Commissioner Carver, seconded by Commissioner Caldwell, that the Budget Consent Calendar be adopted. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 16 - Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Caldwell, Carver, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, King, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, and Webb

No: 0

Absent: 5 - Akard, Bledsoe, Caylor, Martin, and Wells

Abstain: 0

1. [Resolution No. 25-06-005, Budget Increase - Central Services - \\$49,556.20 \(Appropriate General County Capital funds to upgrade Courthouse security cameras\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(4-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution - Central Svs Capital Camera Upgrade](#)

[Amendment - Central Svs Capital Camera Upgrade](#)

[Memo - Central Svs Capital Camera Upgrade](#)

The Resolution was adopted.

2. [Resolution No. 25-06-008, Budget Increase - Schools - \\$15,500.00 \(Appropriate Education Capital funds to construct new office space in Central Office due to increased staff\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(4-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution - Schools Central Office Construction](#)
[Amendment - Schools Central Office Construction](#)
[Memo - Schools Central Office Construction](#)
[Backup - Schools Central Office Construction](#)

The Resolution was adopted.

3. [Resolution No. 25-06-009, Budget Increase - Schools - \\$44,420.00\(Appropriate Education Capital funds to install new fencing at William Blount High School CTE and around the new retention pond\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(4-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution - Schools WBHS Fencing](#)
[Amendment - Schools WBHS Fencing](#)
[Memo - Schools WBHS Fencing](#)
[Backup - Schools WBHS Fencing](#)

The Resolution was adopted.

4. [Resolution No. 25-06-010, Budget Increase – Schools - \\$9,380 \(Appropriate Education Capital funds to repair the roof on Fairview Elementary School’s portable building\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(4-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution - Schools Fairview Portable Roof Replacement](#)
[Amendment - Schools Fairview Portable Roof Replacement](#)
[Memo - Schools Fairview Portable Roof Replacement](#)
[Backup - Schools Fairview Portable Roof Replacement](#)

The Resolution was adopted.

5. [Resolution No. 25-06-015, Budget Increase – Schools – \\$1,499.15 \(Appropriate General Purpose School Funds to cover loan payments to General County\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(4-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution - Schools Debt Service](#)
[Amendment - Schools Debt Service](#)
[Memo - Schools Debt Service](#)

The Resolution was adopted.

6. [Resolution No. 25-06-016, Information Technology - \(Request approval for a three year contract with Cogent Communications, LLC for primary Internet Services. This contract provides savings of \\$24,480 over the three year term\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(4-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution - Multi-Year Contract Cogent](#)

[Memo - Multi-Year Contract Cogent](#)

[Backup - Multi-Year Contract Cogent](#)

The Resolution was adopted.

7. [Resolution No. 25-06-017, Information Technology - \(Request approval for a three year contract with IRIS Networks for Backup Internet Services. This contract will provide savings of \\$8,100 over the three year term\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(4-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution - Multi-Year Contract IRIS](#)

[Memo - Multi-Year Contract IRIS](#)

[Backup - Multi-Year Contract IRIS](#)

The Resolution was adopted.

E. ELECTIONS, APPOINTMENTS, AND CONFIRMATIONS.

1. [Confirmation of Mayoral Appointment for Blount County Purchasing Agent Kari Barrett.](#)

Attachments: [Memo to Commission Purchasing Agent Kari Barrett June 2025](#)

[Kari Barrett Resume](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner French, seconded by Commissioner McMahan, that the appointment be confirmed. An electronic vote was taken.
The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:**

Yes: 16 - Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Caldwell, Carver, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, King, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, and Webb

No: 0

Absent: 5 - Akard, Bledsoe, Caylor, Martin, and Wells

Abstain: 0

F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

1. [Blount County Public Library Board of Trustees \(3-Year Term\) Appointment of 2 Members: Anna Graham \(educational and leadership experience, served on the Director search committee\); Megahn Womack \(fund raising experience\); Kathleen Christy \(retired reference librarian - BCPL\); Dawn Russell \(educator\); and Kyle Anderson \(name submitted by Nick Bright\).](#)

Attachments: [BCPL trustee applications and resumes for County Commission consideration](#)
[Graham Trustee Info](#)
[Womack Trustee Info](#)
[Christy Trustee Info](#)
[Russell Trustee Info](#)
[Kyle Anderson Resume](#)

The Chairman opened the floor for nominations to the Blount County Public Library Board of Trustees. Commissioner Bright nominated Kyle Anderson. Commissioner Webb nominated Anna Graham. Commissioner French nominated Kathleen Christy. With no objection, the Chairman declared the floor would be closed for nominations. Hearing none, the Chairman asked the Clerk that a roll call vote be taken on the nominations. The members were to vote for two nominees. The following roll call vote was taken:

To appoint Kyle Anderson: 14 - Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Caldwell, Carver, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, King, McMahan, and Mikels.

To appoint Anna Graham: 7 - Bright, Giles, King, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, and Webb.

To appoint Kathleen Christy: 11 - Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Caldwell, Carver, Davis, French, Hannah, Jopling, Reagan, and Webb.

The Chairman declared Kyle Anderson and Kathleen Christy elected to the Blount County Public Library Board of Trustees.

G. NEW BUSINESS.

1. [Resolution No. 25-06-004, Budget Increase - Central Services -\\$510,000.00 \(Appropriate General County Capital funds to modernize Courthouse elevators\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(4-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution - Central Svs Courthouse Elevators](#)
[Amendment - Central Svs Courthouse Elevators](#)
[Memo - Central Svs Courthouse Elevators](#)
[Backup - 1954 Elevator](#)
[Backup - 1975 Elevator](#)

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

Yes: 16 - Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Caldwell, Carver, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, King, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, and Webb

No: 0

Absent: 5 - Akard, Bledsoe, Caylor, Martin, and Wells

Abstain: 0

2. [Resolution No. 25-06-006, Budget Increase – Schools - \\$2,449,384.34 \(Appropriate Education Capital funds for capitalized expenses incurred in the current fiscal year\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(4-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution - BCS 141-177 Changes](#)
[Amendment - BCS 141-177 Changes](#)
[Memo - BCS 141-177 Changes](#)
[Backup - BCS 141-177 Changes](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner McMahan, seconded by Commissioner Davis, that the Resolution be adopted. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 16 - Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Caldwell, Carver, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, King, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, and Webb

No: 0

Absent: 5 - Akard, Bledsoe, Caylor, Martin, and Wells

Abstain: 0

3. [Resolution No. 25-06-007, Budget Increase – Schools - \\$1,343,290.21 \(Appropriate Tennessee State grant funds for the 2025 Summer School Program\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(4-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution - Summer School 2025](#)
[Amendment - Summer School 2025](#)
[Memo - Summer School 2025](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Giles, that the Resolution be adopted. Commissioner Reagan abstained from voting for cause. An electronic vote was taken on the motion to adopt the Resolution. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 16 - Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Caldwell, Carver, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, King, McMahan, Mikels, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 4 - Akard, Bledsoe, Caylor, and Martin

Abstain: 1 - Reagan

4. [Resolution No. 25-06-001 - FY 25-26 Tax Rate Resolution. Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(4-0\).](#)

Attachments: [FY25.26 Tax Levy Resolution Recommended](#)
[FY25.26 Tax Levy Exhibit Revenue Report](#)
[FY25.26 Tax Levy Exhibit Revenue Report Capital](#)

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

Yes: 17 - Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Caldwell, Carver, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, King, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 4 - Akard, Bledsoe, Caylor, and Martin

Abstain: 0

5. [Resolution No. 25-06-002 - FY 25-26 Appropriation Resolution. Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(4-0\).](#)

Attachments: [FY25.26 Appropriation Resolution Recommended](#)
[FY25.26 Appropriation Budget Exhibit](#)
[FY25.26 Appropriation Budget Exhibit Capital](#)

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

Yes: 17 - Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Caldwell, Carver, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, King, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 4 - Akard, Bledsoe, Caylor, and Martin

Abstain: 0

6. [Resolution No. 25-06-003 - FY 25-26 A Resolution Establishing Capital Outlay Priorities. Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(4-0\).](#)

Attachments: [FY25.26 Resolution Capital Outlay Prioritization Resolution Recommended](#)
[FY25.26 Capital Outlay Exhibit](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner McMahan, seconded by Commissioner Caldwell, that the Resolution be adopted. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 17 - Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Caldwell, Carver, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, King, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 4 - Akard, Bledsoe, Caylor, and Martin

Abstain: 0

7. [Resolution No. 25-06-012, A Resolution to Enter Into a Binding Memorandum of Understanding for the Highway Department.](#)

Attachments: [Board of Regents MOU Resolution May 2025](#)
[Binding MOU with Bristol 321 Partners LLC](#)
[Memo Re Board of Regents Funds](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner French, seconded by Commissioner Carver, that the Resolution be adopted.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hannah, seconded by Commissioner Davis, that the Resolution be postponed. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have failed by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Davis, and Hannah

No: 15 - Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Caldwell, Carver, French, Giles, Jopling, King, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Webb, and Wells

Absent: 4 - Akard, Bledsoe, Caylor, and Martin

Abstain: 0

An electronic vote was taken on the motion that the Resolution be adopted. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 15 - Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Caldwell, Carver, French, Giles, Jopling, King, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Webb, and Wells

No: 2 - Davis, and Hannah

Absent: 4 - Akard, Bledsoe, Caylor, and Martin

Abstain: 0

8. [Resolution No. 25-06-013, A Resolution of the Blount County Legislative Body Adopting the Revised Blount County Hazard Mitigation Plan.](#)

Attachments: [Resolution for Blount County Hazard Mitigation Plan 2025](#)
[Blount County Hazard Mitigation Plan 2024 Final](#)

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

Yes: 17 - Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Caldwell, Carver, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, King, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 4 - Akard, Bledsoe, Caylor, and Martin

Abstain: 0

9. [Resolution No. 25-06-014, A Resolution of the Blount County Commission to Establish a Blount County Historical Commission.](#)

Attachments: [Blount County Historical Commission Resolution](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner McMahan, seconded by Commissioner Mikels, that the Resolution be adopted. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 17 - Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Caldwell, Carver, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, King, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 4 - Akard, Bledsoe, Caylor, and Martin

Abstain: 0

10. [Setting a Date and Time for a Zoning Public Hearing to Amend the Zoning Resolution of Blount County, Tennessee by Modifying Section 7.20.C to Revise the Open Space Requirement of Cluster Developments.](#)

Attachments: [Memo Re Amendment to Zoning Regs - Sec7.20.C Open Space Requirement of Cluster Developments](#)
[Resolution Draft open space](#)
[Minutes of Planning Commission 2025-Mar-27](#)
[Alcoa Regional Planning Commission Resolution](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Commissioner Hannah, that the Zoning Public Hearing be set for Thursday, July 10, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 17 - Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Caldwell, Carver, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, King, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 4 - Akard, Bledsoe, Caylor, and Martin

Abstain: 0

H. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND STATEMENTS.

I. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA.

J. ADJOURNMENT.

The Chairman declared that, with no further business or objection, the meeting would be adjourned. Hearing none, the Blount County Board of Commissioners, having met in regular session on Thursday, June 19, 2025, adjourned at 6:55 p.m.