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Meeting Minutes

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Thursday, September 15, 2022

6:30 PM

Blount County Courthouse, Room 430

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

Zoom Meeting ID: 871 9727 3780

ROLL CALL

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the Blount County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, September 15, 2022, at 6:30 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 19 members present and 2 absent. The Chairman declared that a quorum did exist. The following proceedings were held, to wit:

- Present:** 19 - Chairperson Jared Anderson, Commissioner Robbie Bennett, Commissioner Dyran Bledsoe, Commissioner Brad Bowers, Commissioner Nick Bright, Commissioner Richard Carver, Commissioner Mike Caylor, Commissioner Misty Davis, Vice Chair Ron French, Commissioner John Giles, Commissioner Jessica Hannah, Commissioner Jeff Jopling, Commissioner Scott King, Commissioner Staci Lawhorn, Commissioner Earl McMahan, Commissioner Steve Mikels, Commissioner Dawn Reagan, Commissioner Linda Webb, and Commissioner David Wells
- Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Mike Akard, and Commissioner Tom Stinnett

A. SETTING OF AGENDA.

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

Yes: 19 - Anderson, Bennett, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Akard, and Stinnett

Abstain: 0

B. CONSENT CALENDAR.

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

Yes: 19 - Anderson, Bennett, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Akard, and Stinnett

Abstain: 0

1. [Minutes of Regular Commission Meeting on August 18, 2022.](#)

Attachments: [Minutes 2022-Aug-18](#)

The minutes were approved.

2. [Minutes of Called Commission Meeting on September 1, 2022.](#)

Attachments: [Minutes 2022-Sep-01](#)

The minutes were approved.

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

Attachments: [BONDS AND OATHS RESOLUTION 22-09-011](#)

[Oaths of Deputy Assessors](#)

[Oaths of Deputy Clerks](#)

[Oaths of Deputy Sheriff](#)

[Oaths of Deputy Trustees](#)

[Public Officials Oaths and Bonds 2022](#)

[Notary Public Bonds and Oaths 2022-Sep-15](#)

The Resolution was adopted.

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

Attachments: [Notaries to be Elected 2022-Sep-15](#)

The notaries were elected.

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

Attachments: [JailFacilityInspectionReport 2022-Jul-21](#)
[JailFacilityInspectionReport 2022-Aug-18](#)
[Minutes of Animal Center Advisory Board Meeting 2022-May-31](#)
[Minutes of Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting 2022-Apr-07](#)
[Minutes of Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting 2022-Aug-4](#)
[Minutes of Budget Committee Meeting 2022-Aug-09](#)
[Minutes of Education Committee Meeting 2022-May-31](#)
[Minutes of Planning Commission Meeting 2022-Jul-28](#)
[Records Requests2022_Q2Report](#)

The reports were received and filed.

6. [August 2022 Financial Reports \(Information Only\).](#)

Attachments: [FY22.23 Capital Exhibit REVISED 9.1.22](#)
[ARPA Tracking 9.1.22](#)
[US Bank Report August 2022](#)
[August 2022 Expenses](#)
[August 2022 Revenue](#)
[YTD Budget Report - Expenses - August 2022](#)
[YTD Budget Report - Revenue - August 2022](#)

The reports were received and filed.

7. [Certified Election Results \(Information Only\).](#)

- Attachments:** [Receipt of Election Results for 2022-Aug-04 Election](#)
[Republican Primary Election 2022-Aug-04](#)
[Democratic Primary Election 2022-Aug-04](#)
[State Judicial Retention Election 2022-Aug-04](#)
[Blount County General Election 2022-Aug-04](#)
[State General Election 2022-Aug-04](#)
[Alcoa City Primary School District Election 2022-Aug-04](#)
[Municipal Election - City of Friendsville 2022-Aug-04](#)
[Maryville City Special School District Election 2022-Aug-04](#)
[Municipal Election - City of Townsend 2022-Aug-4](#)

The reports were received and filed.

C. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

D. ELECTIONS, APPOINTMENTS, AND CONFIRMATIONS.

1. Commission Appointments.

A motion was made by Commissioner Reagan, seconded by Commissioner French, that the appointments in items D.1.a thru D.1.i be approved. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 18 - Anderson, Bennett, Bledsoe, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Akard, and Stinnett

Abstain: 1 - Bowers

a. [Audit Committee \(2-Year Term\) Reappointment of Jared Anderson, Ron French and Tim Eichhorn.](#)

The appointments were approved per the action taken above in D.1.

b. [Beer Board \(2-year Term\) Appointment of Misty Davis and Earl McMahan; Reappointment of Robbie Bennett, Rick Carver, Ron French, Scott King, Staci Lawhorn, Steve Mikels and Dawn Reagan.](#)

The appointments were approved per the action taken above in D.1.

- c. [Board of Zoning Appeals \(5-Year Term\) Reappointment of Alternate Member John Rush.](#)

Attachments: [John Rush 2022 Reappointment Request \(1\)](#)

The appointment was approved per the action taken above in D.1.

- d. [Education Committee \(1-Year Term\) Appointment of Misty Davis, Jessica Hannah and Earl McMahan; Reappointment of Mike Akard, Robbie Bennett, Brad Bowers, Nick Bright, Steve Mikels and Dawn Reagan.](#)

The appointments were approved per the action taken above in D.1.

- e. [Finance Committee \(4-Year Term\) Appointment of Jared Anderson, Staci Lawhorn and Tom Stinnett.](#)

Attachments: [Finance Committee Recommendation](#)

The appointments were approved per the action taken above in D.1.

- f. [Human Resources Committee \(1-Year Term\) Appointment of John Giles and David Wells; Reappointment of Jared Anderson, Rick Carver and Tom Stinnett. *Same commissioners that serve on Insurance Committee.](#)

The appointments were approved per the action taken above in D.1.

- g. [Insurance Committee \(1-Year Term\) Appointment of John Giles and David Wells; Reappointment of Jared Anderson, Rick Carver and Tom Stinnett. *Same commissioners that serve on H.R. Committee.](#)

The appointments were approved per the action taken above in D.1.

- h. [Information Technology Committee \(1-Year Term\) Appointment of Dyrán Bledsoe; Reappointment of Rick Carver and Jeff Jopling.](#)

The appointments were approved per the action taken above in D.1.

- i. [Veterans Affairs Committee \(4-Year Term\) Appointment of Steve Mikels.](#)

The appointment was approved per the action taken above in D.1.

2. Confirmation of Mayoral Appointments.

- a. [Animal Center Advisory Board \(1-Year Term\) Appointment of Jessica Hannah, Staci Lawhorn and Linda Webb; Reappointment of Mike Akard and Rick Carver.](#)

Attachments: [Animal Center Advisory Board Recommendations.pdf](#)

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

Yes: 16 - Anderson, Bennett, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Jopling, King, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Akard, and Stinnett

Abstain: 3 - Carver, Hannah, and Lawhorn

b. [Human Resources Committee \(1-Year Term\) Reappointment of Register of Deeds Phyllis Crisp.](#)

Attachments: [Human Resource Committee](#)

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

Yes: 19 - Anderson, Bennett, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Akard, and Stinnett

Abstain: 0

c. [Information Technology Committee \(1-Year Term\) Reappointment of County Clerk Gaye Hasty, Trustee Scott Graves and Highway Rep. Adam Trent.](#)

Attachments: [IT Committee Sept 2022](#)

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

Yes: 19 - Anderson, Bennett, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Akard, and Stinnett

Abstain: 0

d. [Parks & Recreation Commission \(4-Year Term\) Reappointment of Brad Bowers.](#)

Attachments: [Parks and Rec Commission 2022](#)

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

Yes: 18 - Anderson, Bennett, Bledsoe, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Akard, and Stinnett

Abstain: 1 - Bowers

e. [Planning Commission \(4-Year Term\) Appointment of Nick Bright, John Giles, Jessica Hannah, David Wells and Dyran Bledsoe.](#)

Attachments: [Planning Commission Appt. 2022](#)

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

Yes: 14 - Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, and Webb

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Akard, and Stinnett

Abstain: 5 - Bledsoe, Bright, Giles, Hannah, and Wells

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

F. NEW BUSINESS.

1. [Resolution No. 22-09-001, Budget Increase, Library Building Improvements \\$946,980.00 \(To appropriate funds for the Library re-roofing project. The County will be reimbursed \\$378,792.00 from Maryville and Alcoa making Blount County's portion \\$568,188.00\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(4-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution Library Roof Replacement Increase](#)
[Amendment Library Roof](#)
[Memo Library roof replacement increase](#)
[Bid Response - Eskola, LLC](#)
[Grant memo](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Reagan, 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: 19 - Anderson, Bennett, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Akard, and Stinnett

Abstain: 0

2. [Resolution No. 22-09-002, Budget Increase, General Services \\$95,000.00 \(To appropriate funds for a Comprehensive Plan for Growth and Development for Blount County to aid in planning future growth.\)](#). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee (4-0).

Attachments: [Resolution Planning & Development Growth Study Increase](#)
[Amendment Planning & Development Study Increase](#)
[Memo Planning & Development Growth Study Increase](#)

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

Yes: 19 - Anderson, Bennett, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Akard, and Stinnett

Abstain: 0

3. [Resolution No. 22-09-003, Budget Increase, Emergency Management \\$51,635.00 \(To appropriate funds for purchase of a new vehicle for Emergency Management. Grant funds will pay for \\$20,000.00 of the vehicle cost.\)](#). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee (4-0).

Attachments: [Resolution Emergency Management Vehicle](#)
[Amendment Emergency Management Vehicle](#)
[Memo Emergency Management Vehicle](#)
[EMA truck quote](#)

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

Yes: 19 - Anderson, Bennett, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Akard, and Stinnett

Abstain: 0

4. [Resolution No. 22-09-004, Budget Increase, Blount County Animal Center \\$12,852.20 \(To use funds in the donation reserve account to purchase an additional commercial washing machine.\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(4-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution Animal Center Washer Increase](#)
[Amendment Animal Center Washer Increase](#)
[Memo Animal Center Washer Increase](#)
[Proposal Animal Center Washer](#)

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

Yes: 19 - Anderson, Bennett, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Akard, and Stinnett

Abstain: 0

5. [Resolution No. 22-09-005, Budget Increase, Recycling Center \\$23,000.00 \(To increase funds for the Recycling Center compactor and reduce funds for Highway Equipment to appropriately reflect fund use.\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(4-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution recycling compactor](#)
[Amendment Recycling Compactor Increase](#)
[Memo Recycling Compactor Increase](#)

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

Yes: 19 - Anderson, Bennett, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Akard, and Stinnett

Abstain: 0

6. [Resolution No. 22-09-006, ARPA Funding Transfer \(A resolution authorizing Blount County to accept the transfer of the City of Friendsville's designated American Rescue Plan Funds for utility projects.\)](#). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee (4-0).

Attachments: [Resolution ARPA Funding](#)
[Memo ARPA Funding](#)

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

Yes: 18 - Anderson, Bennett, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, McMahan, Reagan, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Akard, and Stinnett

Abstain: 1 - Mikels

7. [Discussion / Possible Action Regarding the November 8, 2022 \(Election Day\) Workshop Meeting](#).

A motion was made by Commissioner Mikels, seconded by Commissioner King, that the meeting date for the Commission Workshop Committee remain as Tuesday, November 8, 2022. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 18 - Anderson, Bennett, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Hannah, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, McMahan, Mikels, Reagan, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Akard, and Stinnett

Abstain: 1 - Webb

G. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND STATEMENTS.

H. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA.

I. ADJOURNMENT.

The Chairman declared the meeting to be adjourned. The Blount County Board of Commissioners meeting in regular session adjourned on Thursday, September 15, 2022, at 6:56 p.m.