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Meeting Minutes - Draft

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Thursday, July 18, 2024

6:30 PM

Blount County Courthouse, Room 430

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

Zoom Meeting ID: 844 3273 1920

ROLL CALL

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the Blount County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, July 18, 2024, 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 18 members present and 3 absent. The following proceedings were held, to wit:

- Present:** 18 - Commissioner Mike Akard, Chairperson Jared Anderson, Commissioner Robbie Bennett, Commissioner Dyran Bledsoe, Commissioner Brad Bowers, Vice Chair Nick Bright, Commissioner Richard Carver, Commissioner Mike Caylor, Commissioner Misty Davis, Commissioner Ron French, Commissioner John Giles, Commissioner Jeff Jopling, Commissioner Scott King, Commissioner Staci Martin, Commissioner Steve Mikels, Commissioner Tom Stinnett, Commissioner Linda Webb, and Commissioner David Wells
- Absent:** 3 - Commissioner Jessica Hannah, Commissioner Earl McMahan, and Commissioner Dawn Reagan

A. SETTING OF AGENDA.

A motion was made by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Vice Chair Bright, 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: 18 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Jopling, King, Martin, Mikels, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 3 - Hannah, McMahan, and Reagan

Abstain: 0

B. CONSENT CALENDAR.

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

Yes: 18 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Jopling, King, Martin, Mikels, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 3 - Hannah, McMahan, and Reagan

Abstain: 0

1. [Minutes of Regular Commission Meeting on June 20, 2024.](#)

Attachments: [Minutes BOC Regular Meeting 2024-Jun-20](#)

The minutes were approved.

2. [Minutes of Zoning Public Hearing on July 09, 2024.](#)

Attachments: [Minutes Zoning Public Hearing 2024-Jul-09](#)

The minutes were approved.

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

Attachments: [BONDS AND OATHS RESOLUTION 24-07-011](#)

[Oaths of Deputy Sheriff 2024-Jul-18](#)

[Notary Public Bonds Oaths 2024-Jul-18](#)

The Resolution was adopted.

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

Attachments: [Notaries to be Elected 2024-Jul-18](#)

The notaries were elected.

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

Attachments: [Minutes of Beer Board 2024-Apr-18](#)
[Minutes of Budget Committee 2024-Jun-10](#)
[Minutes of BZA 2024-Apr-04](#)
[Minutes of Planning Commission 2024-Apr-25](#)
[Trustee Report June 2024](#)
[Clerk & Master Annual Financial Report FY23-2024](#)
[Co Clerk Annual Financial Report FY23-2024](#)
[Register of Deeds Annual Financial Report FY2023-24](#)

The reports were received and filed.

6. [June 2024 Financial Reports. \(INFORMATION ONLY\)](#)

Attachments: [ARPA Utility Project Update June 2024](#)
[ARPA Tracking 6.30.24](#)
[FY23.24 Capital Exhibit Master](#)
[June 2024 Expense Report](#)
[June 2024 Revenue Report](#)
[YTD Expense Report as of June 30 2024](#)
[YTD Revenue Report as of June 30 2024](#)
[US Bank Report June 2024](#)

The reports were received and filed.

C. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.**D. ELECTIONS, APPOINTMENTS, AND CONFIRMATIONS.****1. [I.T. Committee Appointment of Blount County Schools Technology Supervisor Chad Morrison to fill the County School Representative Vacancy of John Herron.](#)**

Attachments: [2980_001](#)

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

Yes: 18 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Jopling, King, Martin, Mikels, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 3 - Hannah, McMahan, and Reagan

Abstain: 0

2. [Smoky Mountain Tourism Development Authority \(6 year term\) Board Member Re-Appointment of Boyce Smith.](#)

Attachments: [Blount County Commission Request - 2024](#)

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

Yes: 18 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Jopling, King, Martin, Mikels, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 3 - Hannah, McMahan, and Reagan

Abstain: 0

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

F. NEW BUSINESS.

1. [BCSO Grant Application - \\$1,575,000.00, \(To apply for FY25 School Security Officer Grant for 21 SROs at \\$75,000.00 each; no matching funds are required\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Grant Worksheet BCSO SRO](#)
[Memo Solicitation BCSO SRO Grant](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Carver, seconded by Commissioner Webb, that the grant application request be approved. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 18 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Jopling, King, Martin, Mikels, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 3 - Hannah, McMahan, and Reagan

Abstain: 0

2. [BCSO Grant Application - \\$625,000.00 \(To apply for COPS Officer Hiring Program Grant, \\$125,000 per deputy for up to five deputies over three years; County match of at least 25% \(\\$208,333\), or more if elect for benefits, over three years\). If approved BCSO would request vehicles for the deputies. Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Grant Worksheet BCSO COPS Hiring Grant](#)
[Memo BCSO COPS Hiring grant](#)

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

Yes: 18 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Jopling, King, Martin, Mikels, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 3 - Hannah, McMahan, and Reagan

Abstain: 0

3. [BCSO Grant Application - \\$200,000.00 \(To apply for funds to purchase a Virtra Virtual Training Simulator that provides training scenarios, namely de-escalation; No matching funds are required\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Grant Worksheet BCSO COPS Training Simulator](#)
[Memo BCSO COPS training simulator](#)

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

Yes: 18 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Jopling, King, Martin, Mikels, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 3 - Hannah, McMahan, and Reagan

Abstain: 0

4. [BCSO Grant Application - \\$25,000.00 \(To apply for non-inmate Emergency Mental Health Transport Program; No matching funds are required\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Grant Worksheet BCSO MHT](#)
[Memo solicitation BCSO MHT Grant](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Carver, seconded by Commissioner Webb, that the grant application request be approved. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 18 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Jopling, King, Martin, Mikels, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 3 - Hannah, McMahan, and Reagan

Abstain: 0

5. [Resolution No. 24-07-001, Budget Increase FY24-25 - BCSO -\\$123,000.00 \(Appropriate funds approved during FY24-25 Budget process to purchase twenty-eight rifles \(\\$83,000\) and ten AEDs \(\\$40,000\) nearing end of useful life\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution BCSO FY24-25 Add Req Rifles and AEDs](#)
[Amendment BCSO FY24-25 Add Req Rifles and AEDs](#)
[Memo BCSO FY25 FY24-25 Add Req Rifles and AEDs](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Mikels, 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: 18 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Jopling, King, Martin, Mikels, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 3 - Hannah, McMahan, and Reagan

Abstain: 0

6. [Resolution No. 24-07-002, Budget Increase - BCSO - \\$70,725.00 \(Appropriate funds to replace a vehicle involved in an incident involving gunfire\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution BCSO Replacement Vehicle](#)
[Amendment BCSO Replacement Vehicle](#)
[Memo BCSO Replacement Vehicle](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Mikels, 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: 18 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Jopling, King, Martin, Mikels, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 3 - Hannah, McMahan, and Reagan

Abstain: 0

7. [Resolution No. 24-07-003, Budget Increase - Various Departments - \\$8,932,091.96 \(Re-appropriate funds from prior year to support the ongoing Capital projects\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution-FY24-25 Re-appropriation](#)
[Amendment-FY24-25 Re-appropriation](#)
[Memo FY24-25 Re-appropriation](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Wells, 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: 18 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Jopling, King, Martin, Mikels, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 3 - Hannah, McMahan, and Reagan

Abstain: 0

8. [Resolution No. 24-07-004, Budget Increase – General Construction Capital - \\$100,000.00 \(Appropriate contingency funds to support FY24-25 capital projects\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution 189 FY24-25 Capital Contingency](#)
[Amendment 189 FY24-25 Capital Contingency](#)
[Memo 189 FY24-25 Capital Contingency](#)

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

Yes: 18 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Jopling, King, Martin, Mikels, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 3 - Hannah, McMahan, and Reagan

Abstain: 0

9. [Resolution No. 24-07-005, Budget Increase – Highway - \\$248,396.18 \(Appropriate funds to repair the bridge on Whites Mill Road\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution HWY Whites Mill Rd Bridge](#)
[Amendment HWY Whites Mill Rd Bridge](#)
[Memo HWY Whites Mill Rd Bridge](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Mikels, 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: 18 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Jopling, King, Martin, Mikels, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 3 - Hannah, McMahan, and Reagan

Abstain: 0

10. [Resolution No. 24-07-006, Budget Increase – Development - \\$100,000.00 \(Appropriate funds to address the concerns brought forward from the Public Service Committee for the abatement of violation of TCA 5-1-115 to address overgrown vegetation, litter and trash concerns\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution Development Lot Clean Up](#)
[Amendment Development Lot Clean up](#)
[Memo Development Lot Clean Up](#)
[Back up Development Lot Clean Up TCA 5-1-115](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, 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: 18 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Jopling, King, Martin, Mikels, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 3 - Hannah, McMahan, and Reagan

Abstain: 0

11. [Resolution No. 24-07-007, Budget Increase – School Capital - \\$4,998,500.00 \(Appropriate funds for phase two of the William Blount High School Career Technical Building Renovation Project\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution Shcool Capital WBHS CTE Part 2](#)
[Amendment School Capital WBHS CTE Part 2](#)
[Memo School Capital WBHS CTE Bldg Part 2](#)

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

Yes: 18 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Jopling, King, Martin, Mikels, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 3 - Hannah, McMahan, and Reagan

Abstain: 0

12. [Resolution No. 24-07-008, Budget Increase – School Capital - \\$230,000.00 \(Appropriate funds for replacement of the fire alarm system at Carpenters Middle School to comply with updated codes\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution Schools CMS Fire Alarm](#)
[Amendment Schools CMS Fire Alarm](#)
[Memo Schools CMS Fire Alarm](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, 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: 18 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Jopling, King, Martin, Mikels, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 3 - Hannah, McMahan, and Reagan

Abstain: 0

13. [Resolution No. 24-07-009, Budget Increase – School Capital - \\$300,000.00 \(Appropriate contingency funds to support FY24-25 capital projects\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution Schools 177, FY24-25 Contingency Funds](#)
[Amendment Schools 177, FY24-25 Contingency Funds](#)
[Memo Schools 177, FY24-25 Contingency Funds](#)
[Back Up Schools 177, Contingency Spend](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, 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: 18 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Jopling, King, Martin, Mikels, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 3 - Hannah, McMahan, and Reagan

Abstain: 0

14. [Resolution No. 24-07-010, Budget Amendment – Schools General Fund \(Allocate the designated revenues and appropriations for a FY24-25 balanced budget\). Referred to full commission with an unfavorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution Schools Fund 141 FY24-25 Budget Adjustments](#)
[Amendment Schools Fund 141 FY24-25 Budget Adjustments](#)
[Memo Schools Fund 141 FY24-25 Budget Adjustments](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner French, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, that the Resolution be adopted. Commissioner Martin abstained stating a conflict of interest. Commissioner Wells abstained stating a conflict of interest. Commissioner Bennett abstained stating a conflict of interest. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman inquired of the Commission whether any member voted in violation of TCA 5-5-112(a)(1), and there was no reply. The Chairman declared the motion to have failed by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Bledsoe, Bowers, French, Jopling, and Stinnett

No: 10 - Akard, Anderson, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, Giles, King, Mikels, and Webb

Absent: 3 - Hannah, McMahan, and Reagan

Abstain: 3 - Bennett, Martin, and Wells

15. [Resolution No. 24-07-014, Purchasing - Request a multi-year contract for five years with First Watch, software that ensures the County's third-party ambulance service is compliant with the county contract. This contract secures pricing of \\$19,137.25 annually for 5 \(five\) years. Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution First Watch Multi-Year July 2024 Commission](#)
[Memo First Watch Multi-Year July 2024 Commission](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, 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: 18 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Jopling, King, Martin, Mikels, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 3 - Hannah, McMahan, and Reagan

Abstain: 0

16. [Resolution No. 24-07-015, Information Technology Grant Application and Contract \(Approve and accept the State of Tennessee to provide the County with Endpoint Protection and Response software.\) The state will provide sixteen months \(Jun 2024-Jan 2026\) at no cost to the county. The county currently pays \\$28,000 annually for the same service. Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution IT Grant Cyber Safe TN](#)
[Memo IT Grant Cyber Safe TN](#)

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

Yes: 18 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Jopling, King, Martin, Mikels, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 3 - Hannah, McMahan, and Reagan

Abstain: 0

17. [Resolution No. 24-07-016, A Resolution to authorize Blount County to participate in the Kroger Opioid Settlement and any future opioid payments resulting from litigation. Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution - Kroger Opioid Abatement Settlement \(1\)](#)
[Memo and TN opioid abatement agreement](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Giles, 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: 18 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, French, Giles, Jopling, King, Martin, Mikels, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

No: 0

Absent: 3 - Hannah, McMahan, and Reagan

Abstain: 0

18. [Resolution No. 24-07-012, A Resolution to Amend the Zoning Map of Blount County, Tennessee, from R-1 \(Rural District 1\) to RAC \(Rural Arterial Commercial\) for a 3.333 Acre Tract of Land Located at 4422 U.S. Highway 411S. \(The Property to be Known as Tax Map 089 Parcel 119.01, and is Currently Identified as Part of Tax Map 089 Parcel 119.00.\)](#)

Attachments: [Resolution Amend 4422 US Hwy 411S R1-RAC](#)
[Public Hearing Ad 07.09.24](#)
[Memo Request for Zoning Public Hearing R-1 to RAC 4422 Hwy 411S](#)
[2024-May-30](#)
[Draft Resolution Amend Zoning Map R-1 to RAC 4422 Hwy 411S](#)
[Report of Action for Request to Amend Zoning Map R-1 to RAC 4422 Hwy 411S](#)
[Memo for Rezoning Request to Amend 4422 Hwy 411S from R-1 to RAC](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Giles, 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 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bledsoe, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Davis, Giles, Jopling, King, Martin, Mikels, Stinnett, Webb, and Wells

No: 1 - French

Absent: 3 - Hannah, McMahan, and Reagan

Abstain: 0

G. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND STATEMENTS.

The Chairman recognized Mayor Ed Mitchell who gave special thanks to the Blount County Commission for their support in the advancements made in creating the partnership with Prisma Health. The Mayor requested that the minutes reflect and give special recognition to Blount County Chief Administrative Officer, Randy Vineyard for the many hours that he spent on this project. Mr. Vineyard was the pivoting force in making these changes happen that will improve the health care for the citizens of Blount County.

H. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA.**I. ADJOURNMENT.**

A motion was made that the meeting be adjourned. With no objection, the Chairman declared the meeting to be adjourned. The Blount County Board of Commissioners having met in regular session on Thursday, July 18, 2024, adjourned at 7:49 p.m.