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Meeting Minutes - Final

Commission Workshop

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Tuesday, June 6, 2023

6:30 PM

Blount County Courthouse, Room 430

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

Zoom Meeting ID: 827 0906 9201

ROLL CALL

BE IT REMEMBERED, that a Blount County Commission Workshop meeting was held on Tuesday, June 6, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. in the Blount County Courthouse of Maryville, Tennessee. Blount County Commission Workshop Chairman Ron French 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 Chairman declared that a quorum did exist. The following proceedings were held, to wit:

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

A. SETTING OF AGENDA.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bright, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, that the agenda be set.

A motion was made by Commissioner Akard that the rules be suspended in order for a proclamation to be presented to the Alcoa High School Girls Track and Field team for their recent championship win. That motion was seconded by Commissioner Bledsoe. A motion was made by Commissioner Bennett that a proclamation be presented to Heritage High School student Grant Campbell for recently setting the state high jump record. That motion was seconded by Commissioner McMahan. With no objection, the Chairman declared that those proclamations would be added to the Consent Calendar for Thursday, June 15, 2023.

An electronic vote was taken to set the agenda as amended. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 18 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Chairperson French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Reagan, Vice Chair Stinnett, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 3 - Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Davis and Commissioner Mikels

Abstain: 0

B. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

1. [Commission Workshop Meeting Minutes for May 9, 2023.](#)

Attachments: [Minutes 2023-May-09](#)

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

Yes: 18 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Chairperson French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Reagan, Vice Chair Stinnett, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 3 - Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Davis and Commissioner Mikels

Abstain: 0

D. CONSENT CALENDAR.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bright, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that the Consent Calendar be forwarded to full commission. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 18 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Chairperson French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Reagan, Vice Chair Stinnett, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 3 - Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Davis and Commissioner Mikels

Abstain: 0

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

Attachments: [23-06-011 OATHS AND BONDS RESOLUTION](#)

[Oath of Board of Equalization 2023](#)

[Deputy Clerk Oaths 2023-06-15](#)

[Notary Public Bonds Oaths 2023-Jun-15](#)

[Public Officials Bonds 2023](#)

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

Attachments: [Notaries to be Elected 2023-Jun-15](#)

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

Attachments: [Minutes of Budget Comm 2023-May-09](#)

[Minutes of BZA 2023-Apr-06](#)

4. [May 2023 Financial Reports. \(Information Only\)](#)

Attachments: [ARPA Utility Project Update May 2023](#)
[ARPA Tracking 5.30.23](#)
[FY22.23 Capital Exhibit REVISED May 23](#)
[May 2023 Expense Report](#)
[May 2023 Revenue Report](#)
[YTD Budget Report Expenses ending 31 May](#)
[YTD Budget Report Revenue ending 31 May](#)
[US BANK REPORT MAY 23](#)

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.**F. NEW BUSINESS.****1. Budget Transfers, Increases and/or Decreases.**

- a. [Resolution No. 23-06-004. Budget Increase - County Wide FY23 Budget Shortages to avoid negative balances. \(Appropriate funds to cover shortfalls in the current budget year.\) Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution for FY22-23 Budget Shortages](#)
[AMENDMENTS BINDER](#)
[MEMOS BINDER](#)

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

Yes: 18 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Chairperson French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Reagan, Vice Chair Stinnett, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 3 - Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Davis and Commissioner Mikels

Abstain: 0

- b. [Resolution No. 23-06-005. Budget Increase - BCSO - \\$1,175,400.00 \(Accept and appropriate collaborative violent crime intervention fund grant.\) Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution BCSO VCIF grant](#)
[Amendment VCIF grant](#)
[Memo regarding VCIF grant](#)

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

Yes: 18 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Chairperson French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Reagan, Vice Chair Stinnett, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 3 - Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Davis and Commissioner Mikels

Abstain: 0

- c. [Resolution No. 23-06-006. Budget Increase - Highway - \\$46,657.00 \(Appropriate additional funds to continue repair on Old Tuckaleechee Road Slip.\) Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution Old Tuckaleechee Rd Slip Addl](#)
[Amendment for Old Tuckaleechee Slip](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, seconded by Commissioner Giles, that the Resolution be forwarded to full commission. A roll call vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 18 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Chairperson French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Reagan, Vice Chair Stinnett, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 3 - Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Davis and Commissioner Mikels

Abstain: 0

- d. [Resolution No. 23-06-007. Budget Increase - Highway - \\$230,000.00 \(Appropriate funds to repair the Tuckaleechee Bridge.\) Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution Hwy Tuckaleechee Bridge](#)
[Amendment Hwy Tuckaleechee Bridge](#)
[Memo Hwy Tuckaleechee Bridge](#)
[GSI Proposal Tuckaleechee Pike Bridge Replacement - Blount County](#)

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

Yes: 18 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Chairperson French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Reagan, Vice Chair Stinnett, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 3 - Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Davis and Commissioner Mikels

Abstain: 0

- e. [Resolution No. 23-06-008. Budget Increase - Eagleton Ballpark Renovation - \\$274,500.00 \(Appropriate funds to purchase stream mitigation credits to comply with federal and state environmental regulations.\) Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution Mitigation Credits](#)
[Amendment Request Mitigation Credits](#)
[Memo Mitigation Credits](#)
[Attachment Narrative for Jurisdictional Waters Credit Mitigation and Permitting 5-25-23](#)
[Attachment Jurisdictional Waters Map Mitigation Credits](#)
[Attachment Blount County Agreement Purchase and Sale of Mitigation Credits 5.26.23](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner King, seconded by Commissioner Caylor, that the Resolution be forwarded to full commission. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 18 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Chairperson French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Reagan, Vice Chair Stinnett, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 3 - Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Davis and Commissioner Mikels

Abstain: 0

- f. [Resolution No. 23-06-009. Budget Increase - Eagleton Ballpark Renovation - \\$198,364.00 \(Appropriate additional funds for Eagleton Ballpark Multi-year Design Contract.\) Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution_S&ME Scope Amendment](#)
[Amendment_S&ME Scope Amendment](#)
[Memo_S&ME Scope Amendment](#)
[Attachment_S&ME Scope Amendment](#)

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

Yes: 18 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Chairperson French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Reagan, Vice Chair Stinnett, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 3 - Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Davis and Commissioner Mikels

Abstain: 0

2. Other Budget Items.

- a. [Resolution No. 23-06-001, Resolution Fixing the Tax Levy in Blount County, Tennessee for the Year Beginning July 1, 2023. \(Referred to full commission by the Budget Committee with a favorable recommendation of 5-0.\)](#)

Attachments: [Resolution 23-06-001 Tax Levy Resolution Recommended](#)
[FY23.24 Tax Levy Exhibit Revenue Report](#)

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

Yes: 18 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Chairperson French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Reagan, Vice Chair Stinnett, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 3 - Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Davis and Commissioner Mikels

Abstain: 0

- b. [Resolution No. 23-06-002, A Resolution Making Appropriations for the Various Funds, Departments, Institutions, Offices, and Agencies of Blount County, Tennessee for the Year Beginning July 1, 2023 and Ending June 30, 2024. \(Referred to full commission by the Budget Committee with a favorable recommendation of 5-0.\)](#)

Attachments: [Resolution 23-06-002 Appropriation Resolution Recommended](#)
[FY23.24 Appropriation Budget Analysis](#)
[paper notification](#)

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

Yes: 18 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Chairperson French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Reagan, Vice Chair Stinnett, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 3 - Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Davis and Commissioner Mikels

Abstain: 0

- c. [Resolution No. 23-06-003, A Resolution Establishing Capital Outlay Priorities in Blount County, Tennessee, for the Year Beginning July 1, 2023, and Ending June 30, 2024. \(Referred to full commission by the Budget Committee with a favorable recommendation of 5-0.\)](#)

Attachments: [Resolution 23-06-003 Capital Resolution Recommended FY23.24 Capital Exhibit](#)

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

Yes: 18 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Chairperson French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Reagan, Vice Chair Stinnett, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 3 - Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Davis and Commissioner Mikels

Abstain: 0

3. Appointments.

- a. [Interim Purchasing Agent - Confirmation of Mayoral Appointment of Ms. Jackie Cooper, CPPB.](#)

Attachments: [Interim Purchasing Agent Appt. of Jackie Cooper 5-2023](#)

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

Yes: 18 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Chairperson French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Reagan, Vice Chair Stinnett, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 3 - Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Davis and Commissioner Mikels

Abstain: 0

b. [Parks & Recreation Board \(4-Year Term\) Confirmation of Mayoral Appointment of Nelson Russell.](#)

Attachments: [Parks and Rec Commission 2023](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, seconded by Commissioner Bright, that the appointment be forwarded to full commission. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 18 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Chairperson French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Reagan, Vice Chair Stinnett, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 3 - Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Davis and Commissioner Mikels

Abstain: 0

c. [Jail Inspection Committee Appointment of Dr. Bob Ramsey to fill the Vacancy of James Ferguson \(term expires January 2024\).](#)

Attachments: [Bob Ramsey DDS Bio 2023](#)

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

Yes: 18 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Chairperson French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Reagan, Vice Chair Stinnett, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 3 - Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Davis and Commissioner Mikels

Abstain: 0

4. [Resolution No. 23-06-012, A Resolution of the Blount County Commission Raising the Income Limit of the Senior Tax Freeze Program From \\$43,500 to \\$60,000 for Qualified Blount County Citizens.](#)

Attachments: [Resolution - Senior Tax Freeze Limit](#)

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

Yes: 18 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Chairperson French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Reagan, Vice Chair Stinnett, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 3 - Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Davis and Commissioner Mikels

Abstain: 0

5. [Resolution No. 23-06-013, A Resolution Accepting the Final Report on the Classification and Compensation Study for Blount County, TN by Management Advisory Group and Authorizing the County to Take the Actions Necessary to Implement the Report's Recommendations. Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Human Resources Committee \(12-0\).](#)

Attachments: [RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE FINAL REPORT ON THE CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION STUDY](#)
[Blount County Report 5-24-23 Final](#)

[DRAFT RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE FINAL REPORT ON THE CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION STUDY](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Carver, seconded by Vice Chair Stinnett, that the Resolution be forwarded to full commission. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 18 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Chairperson French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Reagan, Vice Chair Stinnett, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 3 - Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Davis and Commissioner Mikels

Abstain: 0

6. [Setting of a Zoning Public Hearing to Amend the Zoning Resolution of Blount County, Tennessee by Modifying Article 7 to add a new Section which Further Defines and Regulates Cluster Development.](#)

Attachments: [RESOLUTION 7.20 cluster - DRAFT](#)
[Cluster7.20draft_to CC_052523](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chair Stinnett, seconded by Commissioner Carver, that the setting of a Zoning Public Hearing be forwarded to full commission. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 18 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Chairperson French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Reagan, Vice Chair Stinnett, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 3 - Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Davis and Commissioner Mikels

Abstain: 0

G. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND STATEMENTS.

H. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA.

I. ADJOURNMENT.

A motion was made that the meeting be adjourned. The Chairman declared the meeting to be adjourned. The Blount County Commission Workshop meeting adjourned on Tuesday, June 6, 2023, at 7:46 p.m.