

Blount County Budget Process Calendar FY 2025-2026

(Subject to change as needed)

- December 10** **December Budget Committee Meeting**
- Budget Calendar approval
- January 7** **January Budget Committee Meeting**
- January 28 Informational Budget Process Meetings: Budget Manual and Guidelines
- sessions via Zoom - 9:00 AM (Recorded and available on line)
- January 31 Munis available to enter FY 25-26 operating budget requests, and Finance posts budget manual, including guidelines on the County website in accordance with TCA 5-12-206
- February 11** **February Budget Committee Meeting**
- February 18 Additional Requests due to Finance via email and Munis no longer available to enter operating budget requests for FY 25-26
- March 11** **March Budget Committee Meeting**

- Mayor to recommend value of penny on tax rate to the Budget Committee for approval (*March 15 - TCA 5-12-207 deadline for penny on tax rate recommendation*)
- March 28 & Apr 4** **Meetings between Departments and Budget Committee/Finance Dept. All Day Discussion and justification of requested budgets (Location to be determined)**
- April 1 Deadline for the *Director of Schools* and the *Highway Superintendent* to present their proposed budgets and proposed tax rate to fund their proposed budgets to the Budget Committee (Per TCA 5-12-208(b))
- April 8** **April Budget Committee Meeting**
- Budget Committee provides feedback on Budget Meetings and decides if more work is necessary. If so, Finance Director will provide schedule for additional work to conclude by April 17th.
- May 6** **May Budget Committee Meeting**
- The Budget Committee shall review and make the final recommendation for the annual Budget along with the appropriations and tax rate resolution -Per TCA 5-12-208(c), May 13 is the deadline for any amendments to the submitted budgets – but because the regular budget meeting is May 6th, please stick to the schedule presented.

- May 14 Budget Committee's proposed budget and public notice published in the newspaper
- May 15 Commission Meeting**
- Consolidated budget, appropriations and tax rate resolution shall be presented to the County Legislative Body for review only
- June 9 Monday Public Hearing on Proposed 2025-26 Budget
June Budget Committee Meeting**
- June 19 County Commission to vote on the 2025-26 Tax Rate and recommended 2025-26 Budget from the Budget Committee**