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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Commission Workshop

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Tuesday, May 7, 2024

6:30 PM

Blount County Courthouse, Room 430

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

Zoom Meeting ID: 876 8254 3399

ROLL CALL

BE IT REMEMBERED, that a Blount County Commission Workshop meeting was held on Tuesday, May 7, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. in the Blount County Courthouse of Maryville, Tennessee. Blount County Commission Workshop Chairman Nick Bright called the meeting to order. An electronic roll call was taken by Blount County Deputy Clerk Lauri Bell. There were 14 members present and 7 were absent. The Chairman declared that a quorum did exist. The following proceedings were held, to wit:

- Present:** 14 - Jared Anderson, Dyran Bledsoe, Nick Bright, Misty Davis, John Giles, Jessica Hannah, Scott King, Staci Martin, Earl McMahan, Steve Mikels, Dawn Reagan, Tom Stinnett, Linda Webb and David Wells
- Absent:** 7 - Mike Akard, Robbie Bennett, Brad Bowers, Richard Carver, Mike Caylor, Ron French and Jeff Jopling

A. SETTING OF AGENDA.

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

B. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.**1. [Commission Workshop Meeting Minutes for April 9, 2024.](#)

Attachments: [Minutes of Workshop Comm 2024-Apr-09](#)

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

Yes: 13 - Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bledsoe, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner King, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Stinnett, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 7 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Bennett, Vice Chair Bowers, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner French and Commissioner Jopling

Abstain: 1 - Commissioner Mikels

D. CONSENT CALENDAR.

A motion was made by Commissioner Reagan, 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: 14 - Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bledsoe, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner King, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Stinnett, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 7 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Bennett, Vice Chair Bowers, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner French and Commissioner Jopling

Abstain: 0

1. [Resolution No. 24-05-012, A Resolution of the Blount County Commission Honoring Deputy Greg McCowan of the Blount County Sheriff's Office.](#)

Attachments: [Resolution Honoring Deputy McCowan](#)

2. [Resolution No. 24-05-013, A Resolution of the Blount County Commission Recognizing, and Wishing a Quick Recovery to, Deputy Shelby Eggers of the Blount County Sheriff's Office.](#)

Attachments: [Resolution Recognizing Deputy Eggers](#)

3. [Resolution No. 24-05-014, A Proclamation Honoring Nurses Serving the Citizens of Blount County, Tennessee.](#)

Attachments: [Proclamation Honoring Nurses Week 24](#)

The proclamation was read aloud by Commissioner Reagan and presented to nurses in attendance.

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

Attachments: [24-05-011 BONDS AND OATHS RESOLUTION](#)
[Oaths of Deputy Sheriff 2024-May-16](#)
[Notary Public Bonds and Oaths 2024-May-16](#)

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

Attachments: [Notaries to be Elected 2024-May-16](#)

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

Attachments: [Minutes of Beer Board 2024-Mar-21](#)
[Minutes of Board of Zoning Appeals 2024-Feb-01](#)
[Minutes of Budget Comm 2024-Apr-09](#)
[Minutes of CARES Comm 2023-Oct-24](#)
[Minutes of Planning Comm 2024-Mar-28](#)

7. [April 2024 Financial Reports \(INFORMATION ONLY\)](#)

Attachments: [ARPA Utility Project Update April 2024](#)
[ARPA Tracking 4.30.24](#)
[FY23.24 Capital Exhibit Master](#)
[April 2024 Expense Report](#)
[April 2024 Revenue Report](#)
[YTD Expense Report as of April 30 2024](#)
[YTD Revenue Report as of April 30 2024](#)
[US Bank Report April 2024](#)

8. [Fiscal Confirmation Letter - ThreeStar Program. \(Information Only\)](#)

Attachments: [Three Star Details and Fiscal Review Letter 2024 \(2\)](#)

9. [FY 24-25 Budget Recommendations. \(Information Only\)](#)

a. [FY24-25 Tax Rate Resolution. Referred to full commission for information only by the Budget Committee \(4-0\).](#)

Attachments: [FY24.25 Tax Levy Resolution Recommended](#)
[FY24.25 Revenue Budget Exhibit](#)

b. [FY24-25 Appropriation Resolution. Referred to full commission as amended for information only by the Budget Committee \(4-0\).](#)

Attachments: [FY24.25 Appropriation Resolution Recommended](#)
[FY24.25 Appropriation Budget Exhibit](#)

c. [FY24-25 Resolution to Establish Capital Outlay Priorities. Referred to full commission for information only by the Budget Committee \(4-0\).](#)

Attachments: [FY24.25 Resolution Capital Outlay Prioritization](#)
[FY24.25 Capital Outlay Exhibit](#)

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

F. NEW BUSINESS.

1. Budget Transfers, Increases and/or Decreases.

a. [Resolution No. 24-05-001. Budget Increase – BCSO - \\$31,040.46 \(Appropriate Insurance recovery funds for a Sheriff's Office vehicle that was involved in an accident and declared a total loss to go toward the replacement cost of the vehicle. Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(4-0\).](#)

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Giles, seconded by Commissioner King, 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: 14 - Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bledsoe, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner King, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Stinnett, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 7 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Bennett, Vice Chair Bowers, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner French and Commissioner Jopling

Abstain: 0

- b. [Resolution No. 24-05-002. Budget Increase - Central Services, Park and Recreation - \\$1,575,000.00 \(Appropriate funds for site development at Everett Recreation Center and Athletic Complex, to include fully turfed, soccer and football fields with shock pad, goal posts, lighting and fencing.\) Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(4-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution Central Svs Park and Rec Turf](#)
[Amendment Central Svs Park and Rec Turf](#)
[Memo Central Svs Park and Rec Turf](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Giles, seconded by Commissioner 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: 14 - Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bledsoe, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner King, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Stinnett, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 7 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Bennett, Vice Chair Bowers, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner French and Commissioner Jopling

Abstain: 0

- c. [Resolution No. 24-05-003. Budget Increase – Schools Capital - \\$4,900,000.00 \(Appropriate fund balance from fund 177 for the construction/renovation of the Career Technical Education \(CTE\) Building at William Blount High School. Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(4-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution School Capital WBHS CTE 177](#)
[Amendment School Capital WBHS CTE 177](#)
[Memo School Capital WBHS CTE 177](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Reagan, seconded by Commissioner Giles, 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: 13 - Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bledsoe, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner King, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Stinnett, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 7 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Bennett, Vice Chair Bowers, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner French and Commissioner Jopling

Abstain: 1 - Commissioner Mikels

- d. [Resolution No. 24-05-004. Budget Increase – Health Department – \\$480,000.00 \(Appropriate American Rescue Plan Funds for architectural services for the renovation or construction of a new Blount County Health Department Facility.\) Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(4-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution Health Dept ARPA Bldg](#)
[Amendment Health Dept ARPA Bldg](#)
[Memo Health Dept ARPA Bldg](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Webb, 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: 13 - Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bledsoe, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner King, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Stinnett, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 7 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Bennett, Vice Chair Bowers, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner French and Commissioner Jopling

Abstain: 1 - Commissioner Mikels

2. Other Budget Items.

- a. [Resolution No. 24-05-005. County requests to enter into a grant contract with the Tennessee Department of Health for the purpose of participating in the Local Health Department Capital Investment Grant Program. The ARPA spending plan includes \\$2,000,000.00 in funds that have been set aside to match the \\$6,000,000.00 in Tennessee Department of Health funds for a health department facility. Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(4-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution Health Department Contract](#)
[Memo Health Department Contract](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Reagan, seconded by Commissioner McMahan, 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: 13 - Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bledsoe, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner King, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Stinnett, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 7 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Bennett, Vice Chair Bowers, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner French and Commissioner Jopling

Abstain: 1 - Commissioner Mikels

- b. [Resolution No. 24-05-006. Purchasing request to enter a multi-year contract for five years with Brinc Drones for the Blount County Sheriff's Department. The cost of the program is \\$18,999 per year, totaling \\$94,995 for 5 years, and is an all-inclusive program. If purchased separately, the kits start at \\$24,999 each and would not include free repair/replacement and loaner units. Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(4-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution Multi Yr Contract Brinc Drones BCSO](#)
[Memo Multi Yr Contract Brinc Drones for BCSO](#)
[Blount County Sheriff TN - L2 Safeguard \(2\)](#)
[Safeguard Deck Brinc 1.16 \(4\)](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Reagan, 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: 14 - Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bledsoe, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner King, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Stinnett, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 7 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Bennett, Vice Chair Bowers, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner French and Commissioner Jopling

Abstain: 0

3. Appointments.

- a. [Board of Equalization \(2-Year Term\) Confirmation of Mayoral Appointments of Scott Blevins, Bruce Recktenwald, Amanda Stone, Steve Johnson, Darrell Tipton, and Bill Lowe \(Alternate\).](#)

Attachments: [Board of Equalization 2024](#)

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

Yes: 14 - Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bledsoe, Chairperson Bright, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner King, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Stinnett, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

No: 0

Absent: 7 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Bennett, Vice Chair Bowers, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner French and Commissioner Jopling

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, May 7, 2024, at 6:50 p.m.