



Blount County Government

359 Court Street
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Meeting Minutes - Final

Audit Committee

Committee Member Lee Gowan, Chairperson
Committee Member Tim Eichhorn, Vice Chair
Commissioner Jared Anderson
Commissioner Ron French
Committee Member Karen McKee

Thursday, November 17, 2022

5:15 PM

Blount County Courthouse, Room 430

Live stream via <https://zoom.us/join>
Zoom Meeting ID: 838 5973 3244

ROLL CALL

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the Blount County Audit Committee met on Thursday, November 17, 2022, at 5:15 p.m. in the Blount County Courthouse of Maryville, TN. Blount County Clerk Gaye Hasty called the meeting to order. There were 5 members present, none absent. The Clerk declared that a quorum did exist. The following proceedings were held, to wit:

Present 5 - Commissioner Jared Anderson, Committee Member Tim Eichhorn, Commissioner Ron French, Committee Member Lee Gowan, and Committee Member Karen McKee

ELECTION OF AUDIT COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON

The Clerk opened the floor for nominations of an Audit Committee Chairperson. Commissioner French nominated Committee Member Lee Gowan. That was seconded by Commissioner Anderson.

A motion was made by Commissioner French, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, to cease nominations. A voice vote was taken, with all voting aye, and none opposed. The Clerk declared the motion to have passed and nominations were ceased.

A voice vote was taken on the nomination of Committee Member Lee Gowan for Audit Committee Chairperson with all voting aye, and none opposed. The Clerk declared Lee Gowan Chairperson of the Audit Committee.

ELECTION OF AUDIT COMMITTEE VICE CHAIR

The Clerk opened the floor for nominations of an Audit Committee Vice Chair. Commissioner Anderson nominated Committee Member Tim Eichhorn. That was seconded by Commissioner French.

A motion was made by Commissioner French, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, that nominations cease. With no objection, the Clerk declared nominations to be ceased.

A voice vote was taken on the nomination of Committee Member Tim Eichhorn for Audit Committee Vice Chairperson with all voting aye, and none opposed. The Clerk declared Tim Eichhorn Vice Chairperson of the Audit Committee.

A. SETTING OF AGENDA.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, 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: 5 - Anderson, Eichhorn, French, Gowan, and McKee

No: 0

Abstain: 0

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

1. [Minutes for Audit Committee Meeting on October 20, 2022.](#)

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

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

Yes: 5 - Anderson, Eichhorn, French, Gowan, and McKee

No: 0

Abstain: 0

C. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

E. NEW BUSINESS.

The Chair declared that the committee would hear the Blount Memorial Foundation audit report first, then the Hospital's.

2. [Review of the Blount Memorial Foundation, Inc. Audit Report.](#)

Attachments: [Blount Memorial Foundation - 2022 Financial Statements](#)

The Chairman recognized Rickey Luttrell, Managing Partner at Rodefer Moss & Co., PLLC, to present Blount Memorial Foundation's audit report. Mr. Luttrell reported a clean, unmodified opinion, with no findings.

A motion was made by Commissioner French, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, that the audit report be accepted and approved. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Anderson, Eichhorn, French, Gowan, and McKee

No: 0

Abstain: 0

1. [Review of the Blount Memorial Hospital, Inc. Audit Report.](#)

Attachments: [2022 Audited Annual Financial Report - Blount Memorial Hospital, Inc.](#)

The Chairman recognized Sr. Auditor and Principal Mike Parton with Coulter & Justice, PC, to present Blount Memorial Hospital's audit report. Mr. Parton reported that the audit was on time and on schedule, with clean and unmodified opinions.

A motion was made by Committee Member McKee, seconded by Commissioner French, that the audit report be accepted and approved. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Anderson, Eichhorn, French, Gowan, and McKee

No: 0

Abstain: 0

3. [Setting of the Next Audit Committee Meeting.](#)

The Chair declared that the next Audit Committee meeting would be Thursday, February 16, 2023.

F. ADJOURNMENT.

A motion was made by Committee Member McKee that the meeting adjourn. The Chairman declared the meeting to be adjourned. The meeting of the Audit Committee adjourned on Thursday, November 17, 2022 at 5:31 p.m.