

**RESOLUTION NO. 17-03-015**

**SPONSORED BY COMMISSIONERS GRADY CASKEY AND BRAD BOWERS**

**A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH AN AD HOC COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE OFFICE OF OPEN RECORDS COUNSEL (OORC) AND CREATE AN OPEN RECORDS POLICY TO COMPLY WITH PUBLIC CHAPTER 722**

**WHEREAS**, the Blount County Legislative Body finds it to be in the best interest of Blount County citizens to establish an Ad Hoc committee to study the open records requirements established by the General Assembly in 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, Tenn. Code Ann. § 10-7-503(g), 2016 Public Chapter 722, requires county entities to adopt a public records policy by July 1, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, Tenn. Code Ann. § 8-4-604(a)(4), 2016 Public Chapter 722, requires the Office of Open Records Counsel (OORC) to establish a model public records policy; and

**WHEREAS**, the OORC's model public records policy requires county entities to make certain selections under the policy; and

**WHEREAS**, Blount County desires to adopt the OORC's model public records policy with the necessary selections; and

**WHEREAS**, the Blount County Legislative Body finds it necessary to appoint a committee to fully investigate the policy requirements and create a policy for Blount County Government in compliance with Public Chapter 722;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Blount County Board of Commissioners meeting in regular session on this the 16th day of March, 2017, that:

**SECTION 1.** The Blount County Legislative Body does hereby establish an Ad Hoc Committee to study the Public Records Policy developed by the OORC with the selections and revisions and develop a policy that is in compliance with PC 722.

**SECTION 2.** The Ad Hoc Committee to study Open Records Policy Requirements and develop a policy for open records shall consist of three commission members appointed by the Chairman of the Blount County Legislative Body and two members appointed by the County Mayor.

**SECTION 3.** The Ad Hoc Committee to Study and Develop an Open Records Policy shall have the authority to seek advice from sources outside Blount

County if necessary and the authority to seek counsel from the County Attorney, or, secure the services of an attorney of their choosing, such request must be funded and approved by the Blount County Legislative Body.

**SECTION 4.** The Ad Hoc Committee shall report back to the full commission with its recommendations for an Open Records Policy in Blount County by the May, 2017, Agenda Committee Meeting.

**Duly authorized and approved the 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2017.**

**CERTIFICATION OF ACTION:**

**ATTEST:**

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**Commission Chairman**

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**County Clerk**

**Approved: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Vetoed: \_\_\_\_\_**

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**County Mayor**

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**Date**