



Blount County Government

359 Court Street
Maryville, TN 37804-5906

Meeting Minutes

Board of Commissioners

Thursday, July 18, 2019

7:00 PM

Blount County Courthouse, Room 430

ROLL CALL

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the Blount County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, July 18, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. in the Blount County Courthouse of Maryville, Tennessee. Blount County Commission Chairman Ron French called the meeting to order. An electronic roll call was taken by Blount County Clerk Gaye Hasty. There were 19 present and 2 absent. The Chairman declared a quorum to exist. The following proceedings were held, to wit:

- Present:** 19 - Commissioner Mike Akard, Commissioner Jared Anderson, Commissioner Robbie Bennett, Commissioner Brad Bowers, Commissioner Nick Bright, Vice Chair Richard Carver, Commissioner Dodd Crowe, Chairperson Ron French, Commissioner James Hammontree, Commissioner Jackie Hill, Commissioner Tom Hood, Commissioner Jeff Jopling, Commissioner Staci Lawhorn, Commissioner Joe McCulley, Commissioner Steve Mikels, Commissioner Dawn Reagan, Commissioner Brian Robbins, Commissioner Tom Stinnett, and Commissioner Linda Webb
- Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Mike Caylor, and Commissioner Scott King

A. SETTING OF AGENDA.

Without objection, the Chairman declared item D.8 the Veteran Affairs Committee (4-year term) Appointment of Johnny Titlow, AMVETS Post 22 Representative, be added to the agenda. A motion was made by Commissioner Bright, seconded by Commissioner Hood, to set the agenda with the addition of item D.8. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

- Yes:** 19 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Crowe, French, Hammontree, Hill, Hood, Jopling, Lawhorn, McCulley, Mikels, Reagan, Robbins, Stinnett, and Webb
- No:** 0
- Absent:** 2 - Caylor, and King
- Abstain:** 0

B. CONSENT CALENDAR.

A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, seconded by Commissioner Lawhorn, that the Consent Calendar be approved. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 19 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Crowe, French, Hammontree, Hill, Hood, Jopling, Lawhorn, McCulley, Mikels, Reagan, Robbins, Stinnett, and Webb

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Caylor, and King

Abstain: 0

1. [Approval of the Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Minutes for June 20, 2019.](#)

Attachments: [Minutes 2019-Jun-20 Regular BOC Meeting](#)

The minutes were approved.

2. [Resolution No. 19-07-012, A Proclamation Honoring Susan Spalding for Her Dedicated Service to the Foster Care System of Blount County, TN.](#)

Attachments: [19-07-012 Proclamation - Susan Spalding](#)

The Resolution was adopted. The Mayor and Board of Commissioners presented the proclamation to Mrs. Susan Spalding.

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

Attachments: [19-07-011 OATHS AND BONDS RESOLUTION](#)

[Oaths of Board of Equalization](#)

[Oaths of Deputy Sheriffs](#)

[Notary Public Bonds Oaths](#)

The Resolution was adopted.

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

Attachments: [Notaires to be Elected July 2019](#)

The notaries were elected.

5. [Receiving of Reports \(INFORMATION ONLY\).](#)

Attachments: [Jail Facility Inspection Report June 20, 2019](#)

[Minutes Budget Committee 2019-Jun-10](#)

[Minutes CARES Committee 2019-Apr-16](#)

[Minutes Planning Commission 2019-May-23](#)

[Perishables Quarterly Report - July 2019](#)

[Trustee Report June 2019](#)

The reports were received and filed.

6. [JUNE FINANCIAL REPORTS \(INFORMATION ONLY\).](#)

Attachments: [June Expenses.pdf](#)
[June Revenues.pdf](#)
[E - Commerce Card Summary & Detail Reports - June 2019.pdf](#)

The reports were received and filed.

C. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.**D. ELECTIONS, APPOINTMENTS, AND CONFIRMATIONS.****1. [Ocoee River Regional Library Board of Trustees \(3-Year Term\) Appointment of Stephanie Thompson.](#)**

Attachments: [Mayor Recommendation Letter](#)
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A motion was made by Commissioner Stinnett, seconded by Commissioner Webb, that the Appointment be approved. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 19 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Crowe, French, Hammontree, Hill, Hood, Jopling, Lawhorn, McCulley, Mikels, Reagan, Robbins, Stinnett, and Webb

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Caylor, and King

Abstain: 0

2. [Blount County Public Library Board of Trustees \(3-Year Term\) Appointment of Lauren Emert.](#)

Attachments: [Lauren Emert Recommendation Letter](#)
[Lauren Thibodeaux Emert Resume](#)
[Mayor Recommendation Letter](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Lawhorn, seconded by Vice Chair Carver, that the Appointment be approved. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 18 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Crowe, French, Hammontree, Hood, Jopling, Lawhorn, McCulley, Mikels, Reagan, Robbins, Stinnett, and Webb

No: 1 - Hill

Absent: 2 - Caylor, and King

Abstain: 0

3. [Blount County Public Library Board of Trustees \(1-Year Term\) Appointment of Commissioner Tom Stinnett.](#)

Attachments: [Mayor Recommendation Letter](#)

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

Yes: 18 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Crowe, French, Hammontree, Hill, Hood, Jopling, Lawhorn, McCulley, Mikels, Reagan, Robbins, and Webb

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Caylor, and King

Abstain: 1 - Stinnett

4. [Emergency Communications District "E-911" Board \(4-Year Term\) Reappointment of Judge William Brewer.](#)

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

Yes: 19 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Crowe, French, Hammontree, Hill, Hood, Jopling, Lawhorn, McCulley, Mikels, Reagan, Robbins, Stinnett, and Webb

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Caylor, and King

Abstain: 0

5. [Emergency Communications District "E-911" Board \(4-Year Term\) Reappointment of Sheriff James Berrong.](#)

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

Yes: 19 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Crowe, French, Hammontree, Hill, Hood, Jopling, Lawhorn, McCulley, Mikels, Reagan, Robbins, Stinnett, and Webb

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Caylor, and King

Abstain: 0

6. [Emergency Communications District "E-911" Board \(4-Year Term\) Reappointment of Commissioner Mike Caylor.](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, seconded by Vice Chair Carver, that the Appointment be approved. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 19 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Crowe, French, Hammontree, Hill, Hood, Jopling, Lawhorn, McCulley, Mikels, Reagan, Robbins, Stinnett, and Webb

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Caylor, and King

Abstain: 0

7. [Emergency Communications District "E-911" Board \(4-Year Term\) Reappointment of Commissioner Ron French.](#)

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

Yes: 18 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Crowe, Hammontree, Hill, Hood, Jopling, Lawhorn, McCulley, Mikels, Reagan, Robbins, Stinnett, and Webb

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Caylor, and King

Abstain: 1 - French

8. [Veteran Affairs Committee \(4-year term\) Appointment of Johnny Titlow, AMVETS Post 22 Representative.](#)

Attachments: [Johnny R Titlow Bio](#)
[Fredrick Resignation Letter](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chair Carver, seconded by Commissioner Robbins, that the Appointment be approved. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 19 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Crowe, French, Hammontree, Hill, Hood, Jopling, Lawhorn, McCulley, Mikels, Reagan, Robbins, Stinnett, and Webb

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Caylor, and King

Abstain: 0

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

F. NEW BUSINESS.

1. [Resolution No. 19-07-002, Budget Increase - Probation - \\$25,000 \(our portion for Local Govt. Participation in the Electronic Monitoring Indigency Fund\).](#)

Attachments: [EMIF memo.pdf](#)
[Resolution 19-07-002 EMIF.docx](#)
[EMIF increase for set up.pdf](#)
[Resolution EMIF.docx](#)
[MOU EMIF.DOCX](#)

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

Yes: 19 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Crowe, French, Hammontree, Hill, Hood, Jopling, Lawhorn, McCulley, Mikels, Reagan, Robbins, Stinnett, and Webb

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Caylor, and King

Abstain: 0

2. [Resolution No. 19-07-013, Resolution for Local Government Participation in the Electronic Monitoring Indigency Fund \(Ref. Resolution 19-07-002\).](#)

Attachments: [19-07-013 Resolution EMIF](#)
[19-07-013 MOU EMIF](#)
[19-07-013 EMIF CLGarrett memo](#)

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

Yes: 19 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Crowe, French, Hammontree, Hill, Hood, Jopling, Lawhorn, McCulley, Mikels, Reagan, Robbins, Stinnett, and Webb

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Caylor, and King

Abstain: 0

3. [Resolution No. 19-07-003, Budget Increase - Reappraisal - \\$26,129.79 \(postage related to reappraisal assessment change notices\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution 19-07-003 Reappraisal.docx](#)
[Reappraisal postage increase & memo.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Stinnett, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, that the Resolution be adopted. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 19 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Crowe, French, Hammontree, Hill, Hood, Jopling, Lawhorn, McCulley, Mikels, Reagan, Robbins, Stinnett, and Webb

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Caylor, and King

Abstain: 0

4. [Resolution No. 19-07-005, Budget Increase - Contributions to Other Agencies - \\$96,800 \(amount over original estimate for Clydesdale utility extension - to Maryville City\)](#)

Attachments: [Resolution 19-07-005 Maryville -Clydesdale.docx](#)
[Maryville-Clydesdale.pdf](#)

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

Yes: 19 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Crowe, French, Hammontree, Hill, Hood, Jopling, Lawhorn, McCulley, Mikels, Reagan, Robbins, Stinnett, and Webb

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Caylor, and King

Abstain: 0

5. [Resolution No. 19-07-004, Budget Decrease - GPSF - \(\\$1,382,000\) \(reduction in BEP funding from the state\)](#)

Attachments: [Resolution 19-07-004 BEP reduction.docx](#)
[141 Decrease-BEP.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Robbins, seconded by Commissioner Stinnett, that the Resolution be adopted. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 19 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Crowe, French, Hammontree, Hill, Hood, Jopling, Lawhorn, McCulley, Mikels, Reagan, Robbins, Stinnett, and Webb

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Caylor, and King

Abstain: 0

G. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND STATEMENTS.

H. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA.

I. ADJOURNMENT.

At 7:39 p.m. on Thursday, July 18, 2019, the Chairman declared the Blount County Board of Commissioners meeting to be adjourned.