



Blount County Government

359 Court Street
Maryville, TN 37804-5906

Meeting Minutes

Commission Workshop

Tuesday, August 6, 2019

6:30 PM

Blount County Courthouse, Room 430

ROLL CALL

BE IT REMEMBERED, that a Commission Workshop meeting was held on Tuesday, August 6, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. in the Blount County Courthouse of Maryville, Tennessee. The Blount County Commission Workshop Chairman Tom Stinnett called the meeting to order. An electronic roll call was taken by Blount County Clerk Gaye Hasty. There were 18 present and 3 absent. The Chairman declared there to be a quorum. The following proceedings were held to wit:

- Present:** 18 - Mike Akard, Jared Anderson, Robbie Bennett, Brad Bowers, Nick Bright, Richard Carver, Dodd Crowe, Ron French, James Hammontree, Jackie Hill, Tom Hood, Jeff Jopling, Scott King, Staci Lawhorn, Steve Mikels, Brian Robbins, Tom Stinnett and Linda Webb
- Absent:** 3 - Mike Caylor, Joe McCulley and Dawn Reagan

A. SETTING OF AGENDA.

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

- Yes:** 17 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Crowe, Commissioner French, Commissioner Hammontree, Commissioner Hill, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Robbins, Commissioner Stinnett and Commissioner Webb

No: 0

- Absent:** 3 - Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner McCulley and Commissioner Reagan

Abstain: 0

- Did Not Vote:** 1 - Commissioner Bennett

B. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

1. [Commission Workshop Meeting Minutes, July 9, 2019.](#)

Attachments: [MeetingMinutes2019-Jul-9](#)

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

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

No: 0

Absent: 3 - Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner McCulley and Commissioner Reagan

Abstain: 0

D. CONSENT CALENDAR.

A motion was made by Commissioner Webb, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, 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: 17 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Crowe, Commissioner French, Commissioner Hammontree, Commissioner Hill, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Robbins, Commissioner Stinnett and Commissioner Webb

No: 0

Absent: 3 - Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner McCulley and Commissioner Reagan

Abstain: 1 - Commissioner Bright

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

Attachments: [19-08-011 OATHS AND BONDS RESOLUTION](#)
[Notary Public Bonds Oaths](#)

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

Attachments: [Notaries to be Elected](#)

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

Attachments: [Minutes Budget Committee 2019-Jul-9](#)
[Minutes CARES Committee 2019-Jun-18](#)
[Minutes Human Resources Committee 2019-Apr-16](#)
[Minutes Insurance Committee 2019-Apr-16](#)
[Record Requests April-July 2019](#)
[Co Clerk Annual Report FY2019](#)
[Register of Deeds Annual Report FY2018-19](#)
[Trustee Annual Report FY2018-19](#)

4. [Fiscal Confirmation Letter - ThreeStar Program \(INFORMATION ONLY\).](#)

Attachments: [Three Star Details and Fiscal Review Letter 2019](#)

a. [July 2019 Financial Reports \(INFORMATION ONLY\).](#)

Attachments: [July Expenses.pdf](#)
[July Revenues.pdf](#)
[US Bank Summary & Detail Reports.pdf](#)

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.**1. [Blount County Public Library Board of Trustees Appointment of Jose Ortega to Complete the Term of Meredith Goins.](#)**

Attachments: [Mayor Recommendation Letter - Jesus Ortega](#)
[Jesus Ortega-Bio](#)

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

Yes: 17 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Crowe, Commissioner French, Commissioner Hammontree, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Robbins, Commissioner Stinnett and Commissioner Webb

No: 0

Absent: 3 - Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner McCulley and Commissioner Reagan

Abstain: 1 - Commissioner Hill

F. NEW BUSINESS.

1. Budget Transfers, Increases and/or Decreases.

- a. [Resolution No. 19-08-001, Budget Increase - Highway - \\$250,551 \(Re-appropriation of unused grant funds, addition of increased grant funds, and move to capital fund\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution 19-08-001 TAP Grant.docx](#)
[Greenway Grant.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Carver, seconded by Commissioner Lawhorn, 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: 17 - Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Crowe, Commissioner French, Commissioner Hammontree, Commissioner Hill, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Robbins, Commissioner Stinnett and Commissioner Webb

No: 1 - Commissioner Akard

Absent: 3 - Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner McCulley and Commissioner Reagan

Abstain: 0

- b. [Resolution No. 19-08-002, Budget Increase - Recycling - \\$29,140.18 \(Re-appropriation of unused Used Oil grant funds\).](#)

Attachments: [Recycling-Used Oil Grant.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, 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: 18 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Crowe, Commissioner French, Commissioner Hammontree, Commissioner Hill, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Robbins, Commissioner Stinnett and Commissioner Webb

No: 0

Absent: 3 - Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner McCulley and Commissioner Reagan

Abstain: 0

- c. [Resolution No. 19-08-003, Budget Increase - Other General Administration - \\$173,744 \(Re-appropriation of unused AMR funds, and appropriate new AMR funds to support 11 EMS agencies\).](#)

Attachments: [AMR fees for Agency needs.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner French, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, 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: 18 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Crowe, Commissioner French, Commissioner Hammontree, Commissioner Hill, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Robbins, Commissioner Stinnett and Commissioner Webb

No: 0

Absent: 3 - Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner McCulley and Commissioner Reagan

Abstain: 0

- d. [Resolution No. 19-08-004, Budget Increase - Circuit Court Clerk - \\$40,414.66 TnCIS.](#)

Attachments: [TnCIS-use of reserves.pdf](#)
[Gottlieb & Wertz - Fully Executed.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, 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: 18 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Crowe, Commissioner French, Commissioner Hammontree, Commissioner Hill, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Robbins, Commissioner Stinnett and Commissioner Webb

No: 0

Absent: 3 - Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner McCulley and Commissioner Reagan

Abstain: 0

e. [Resolution No. 19-08-005, Budget Increase - Circuit Court Clerk - \\$28,250 Quest \(for Juvenile Court\).](#)

Attachments: [Quest-use of reserves](#)
[Gottlieb Wertz - Fully Executed](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Robbins, 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: 18 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Crowe, Commissioner French, Commissioner Hammontree, Commissioner Hill, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Robbins, Commissioner Stinnett and Commissioner Webb

No: 0

Absent: 3 - Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner McCulley and Commissioner Reagan

Abstain: 0

f. [Resolution No. 19-08-007, Budget Increase - Probation - \\$13,000 \(Re-appropriation of unused monitoring funds from FY18-19\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution 19-08-007 EMIF.docx](#)
[EMIF FUND MEMO.pdf](#)
[EMIP transfer.pdf](#)
[EMIF reappropriation.pdf](#)
[EMIF increase for initial set up.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, seconded by Commissioner Robbins, 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: 18 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Crowe, Commissioner French, Commissioner Hammontree, Commissioner Hill, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Robbins, Commissioner Stinnett and Commissioner Webb

No: 0

Absent: 3 - Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner McCulley and Commissioner Reagan

Abstain: 0

g. [Resolution No. 19-08-008, Budget Increase - Animal Center - \\$8,210 \(Air Purification System from Animal Center donation reserves\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution 19-08-008 Animal Ctr Purification System.docx](#)
 [Animal Center-reserve for HVAC.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, seconded by Commissioner Carver, 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: 18 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Crowe, Commissioner French, Commissioner Hammontree, Commissioner Hill, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Robbins, Commissioner Stinnett and Commissioner Webb

No: 0

Absent: 3 - Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner McCulley and Commissioner Reagan

Abstain: 0

h. [Resolution No. 19-08-009, Budget Increase - Records Mgmt. - \\$500 \(donation for temporary part-time personnel\).](#)

Attachments: [Records Donation info.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Carver, seconded by Commissioner French, 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: 18 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Crowe, Commissioner French, Commissioner Hammontree, Commissioner Hill, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Robbins, Commissioner Stinnett and Commissioner Webb

No: 0

Absent: 3 - Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner McCulley and Commissioner Reagan

Abstain: 0

2. Other Budget Items.

- a. [Grant Application Request - Records Management \\$5,000 \(TN Library & Archives Grant - for a temporary part-time employee\).](#)

Attachments: [Records Mgmt grant application.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, seconded by Commissioner Carver, that the Grant Request be forwarded to full commission. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

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

No: 0

Absent: 3 - Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner McCulley and Commissioner Reagan

Abstain: 0

3. Appointments.

4. [Resolution No. 19-08-012, A Resolution to Adopt the Medical Plan Options and Premium Rate Structure for Blount County Government Effective January 1, 2020.](#)

Attachments: [19-08-012 A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE MEDICAL PLAN OPTIONS AND PREMIUM RATE STRUCTURE](#)
[Benefit Comparison Exhibit](#)
[HR Committee Minutes 7-16-19](#)
[Insurance Committee Minutes 7-16-19](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Carver, that items F.4 and F.5 be combined and forwarded to full commission. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 16 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Hammontree, Commissioner Hill, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Robbins, Commissioner Stinnett and Commissioner Webb

No: 2 - Commissioner Crowe and Commissioner French

Absent: 3 - Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner McCulley and Commissioner Reagan

Abstain: 0

5. [Resolution No. 19-08-013, A Resolution to Set the Contribution Percentages of the Employee / Employer Split on Health Premiums for Blount County Government.](#)

Attachments: [19-08-013 A RESOLUTION TO SET THE CONTRIBUTION PERCENTAGES OF THE EMPLOYEE EMPLOYER SPLIT ON HEALTH PREMIUMS](#)
[HR Committee Minutes 7-16-19](#)
[Insurance Committee Minutes 7-16-19](#)

The item was combined with F.4 and forwarded to the full commission.

6. [Resolution No. 19-08-014, A Resolution to Adopt a Retiree Medical Cost Sharing Strategy for Employees Hired on January 1, 2020 and Thereafter.](#)

Attachments: [19-08-014 A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT A RETIREE MEDICAL COST SHARING](#)
[HR Committee Minutes 7-16-19](#)
[Insurance Committee Minutes 7-16-19](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Carver, 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: 18 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Crowe, Commissioner French, Commissioner Hammontree, Commissioner Hill, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Robbins, Commissioner Stinnett and Commissioner Webb

No: 0

Absent: 3 - Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner McCulley and Commissioner Reagan

Abstain: 0

7. [Resolution No. 19-08-015, A Resolution to Adopt a Telemedicine Incentive for Blount County Employees Effective January 1, 2020.](#)

Attachments: [19-08-015 RESOLUTION TO ADOPT A TELEMEDICINE INCENTIVE](#)
[HR Committee Minutes 7-16-19](#)
[Insurance Committee Minutes 7-16-19](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Carver, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, 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: 17 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Crowe, Commissioner French, Commissioner Hammontree, Commissioner Hill, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Robbins and Commissioner Webb

No: 0

Absent: 3 - Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner McCulley and Commissioner Reagan

Abstain: 0

Did Not Vote: 1 - Commissioner Stinnett

8. [Resolution No. 19-08-016, A Resolution Naming the Bridge over the North Fork Crooked Creek on Blockhouse Road in Maryville, Tennessee, the Seaman, Second Class Elmer Howard Russell Memorial Bridge.](#)

Attachments: [19-08-016 Resolution Elmer Howard Russell Memorial Bridge](#)
[ElmerHowardRussell](#)
[Seaman, Second Class Elmer Howard Russell Memorial Bridge](#)
[Seaman, Second Class Elmer Howard Russell Memorial Bridge 2](#)
[VA Committee Minutes July 30, 2019](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Robbins, seconded by Commissioner Carver, 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: 18 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Crowe, Commissioner French, Commissioner Hammontree, Commissioner Hill, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Robbins, Commissioner Stinnett and Commissioner Webb

No: 0

Absent: 3 - Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner McCulley and Commissioner Reagan

Abstain: 0

G. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND STATEMENTS.

H. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA.

I. ADJOURNMENT.

At 7:10 p.m. on Tuesday, August 6, 2019, the Chairman declared the Commission Workshop meeting to be adjourned.