



Blount County Government

359 Court Street
Maryville, TN 37804-5906

Meeting Minutes

Board of Commissioners

Thursday, August 15, 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, August 15, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. in Maryville, Tennessee at the Blount County Courthouse. 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 21 present and 0 absent. The Chairman declared a quorum to exist. The following proceedings were held, to wit:

Present: 21 - Commissioner Mike Akard, Commissioner Jared Anderson, Commissioner Robbie Bennett, Commissioner Brad Bowers, Commissioner Nick Bright, Vice Chair Richard Carver, Commissioner Mike Caylor, Commissioner Dodd Crowe, Chairperson Ron French, Commissioner James Hammontree, Commissioner Jackie Hill, Commissioner Tom Hood, Commissioner Jeff Jopling, Commissioner Scott King, Commissioner Staci Lawhorn, Commissioner Joe McCulley, Commissioner Steve Mikels, Commissioner Dawn Reagan, Commissioner Brian Robbins, Commissioner Tom Stinnett, and Commissioner Linda Webb

A. SETTING OF AGENDA.

Without any objection, the Chairman declared that item F.13, Resolution No. 19-08-016, be changed to "Seaman, Second Class E. Howard Russell"; and that item D.2 be added to the agenda for the appointment of two School Board Members as ex officio, non-voting members to the Education Committee: Debbie Sudhoff and Fred Goins.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Carver, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, to set the agenda with the changes. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 21 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Crowe, French, Hammontree, Hill, Hood, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, McCulley, Mikels, Reagan, Robbins, Stinnett, and Webb

No: 0

Abstain: 0

B. CONSENT CALENDAR.

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

Yes: 20 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Carver, Caylor, Crowe, French, Hammontree, Hill, Hood, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, McCulley, Mikels, Reagan, Robbins, Stinnett, and Webb

No: 0

Abstain: 1 - Bright

1. [Approval of the Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Minutes for July 18, 2019.](#)

Attachments: [MeetingMinutes07-Aug-2019-10-00-54](#)

The minutes were approved.

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

Attachments: [19-08-011 OATHS AND BONDS RESOLUTION](#)

[Notary Public Bonds Oaths](#)

The Resolution was adopted.

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

Attachments: [Notaries to be Elected](#)

The notaries were elected.

4. [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](#)

The reports were received and filed.

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

Attachments: [July Expenses.pdf](#)

[July Revenues.pdf](#)

[US Bank Summary & Detail Reports.pdf](#)

The reports were received and filed.

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

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

The report was received and filed.

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

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

The request was approved.

C. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

D. ELECTIONS, APPOINTMENTS, AND CONFIRMATIONS.

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 Stinnett, that the Appointment be approved. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 21 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Crowe, French, Hammontree, Hill, Hood, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, McCulley, Mikels, Reagan, Robbins, Stinnett, and Webb

No: 0

Abstain: 0

2. [Appointment of Two \(2\) School Board Members as Ex Officio, Non-voting Members to the Education Committee: Debbie Sudhoff and Fred Goins.](#)

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

Yes: 21 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Crowe, French, Hammontree, Hill, Hood, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, McCulley, Mikels, Reagan, Robbins, Stinnett, and Webb

No: 0

Abstain: 0

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

F. NEW BUSINESS.

1. [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 Robbins, 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: 20 - Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Crowe, French, Hammontree, Hill, Hood, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, McCulley, Mikels, Reagan, Robbins, Stinnett, and Webb

No: 1 - Akard

Abstain: 0

2. [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 Robbins, that the Resolution be adopted. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 21 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Crowe, French, Hammontree, Hill, Hood, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, McCulley, Mikels, Reagan, Robbins, Stinnett, and Webb

No: 0

Abstain: 0

3. [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 Anderson, 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: 20 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Crowe, French, Hammontree, Hill, Hood, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, McCulley, Mikels, Reagan, Robbins, Stinnett, and Webb

No: 0

Abstain: 1 - Caylor

4. [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 Akard, seconded by Commissioner Webb, that the Resolution be adopted. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 21 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Crowe, French, Hammontree, Hill, Hood, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, McCulley, Mikels, Reagan, Robbins, Stinnett, and Webb

No: 0

Abstain: 0

5. [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 Akard, seconded by Commissioner Jopling, that the Resolution be adopted. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 21 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Crowe, French, Hammontree, Hill, Hood, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, McCulley, Mikels, Reagan, Robbins, Stinnett, and Webb

No: 0

Abstain: 0

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

Yes: 21 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Crowe, French, Hammontree, Hill, Hood, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, McCulley, Mikels, Reagan, Robbins, Stinnett, and Webb

No: 0

Abstain: 0

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

Yes: 21 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Crowe, French, Hammontree, Hill, Hood, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, McCulley, Mikels, Reagan, Robbins, Stinnett, and Webb

No: 0

Abstain: 0

8. [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 Akard, seconded by Commissioner Webb, that the Resolution be adopted. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 21 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Crowe, French, Hammontree, Hill, Hood, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, McCulley, Mikels, Reagan, Robbins, Stinnett, and Webb

No: 0

Abstain: 0

9. [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 Stinnett, 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: 17 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Carver, Caylor, French, Hammontree, Hill, Hood, Jopling, King, McCulley, Mikels, Reagan, Robbins, Stinnett, and Webb

No: 3 - Bowers, Bright, and Crowe

Abstain: 1 - Lawhorn

10. [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](#)

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

Yes: 21 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Crowe, French, Hammontree, Hill, Hood, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, McCulley, Mikels, Reagan, Robbins, Stinnett, and Webb

No: 0

Abstain: 0

11. [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 Akard, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, that the Resolution be adopted. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 21 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Crowe, French, Hammontree, Hill, Hood, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, McCulley, Mikels, Reagan, Robbins, Stinnett, and Webb

No: 0

Abstain: 0

12. [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 Akard, 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: 21 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Crowe, French, Hammontree, Hill, Hood, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, McCulley, Mikels, Reagan, Robbins, Stinnett, and Webb

No: 0

Abstain: 0

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

Yes: 21 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Crowe, French, Hammontree, Hill, Hood, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, McCulley, Mikels, Reagan, Robbins, Stinnett, and Webb

No: 0

Abstain: 0

G. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND STATEMENTS.

H. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA.

I. ADJOURNMENT.

At 8:03 p.m. on Thursday, August 15, 2019, the Chairman declared the Blount County Board of Commissioners meeting to be adjourned.