



Blount County Government

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Meeting Minutes

Commission Workshop

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Tuesday, December 10, 2019

6:30 PM

Blount County Courthouse, Room 430

ROLL CALL

BE IT REMEMBERED, that a Commission Workshop meeting was held on Tuesday, December 10, 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 20 present and 1 absent. The Chairman declared there to be a quorum. The following proceedings were held, to wit:

Present: 20 - Mike Akard, Jared Anderson, Robbie Bennett, Brad Bowers, Nick Bright, Richard Carver, Mike Caylor, Dodd Crowe, Ron French, James Hammontree, Jackie Hill, Tom Hood, Jeff Jopling, Staci Lawhorn, Joe McCulley, Steve Mikels, Dawn Reagan, Brian Robbins, Tom Stinnett and Linda Webb

Absent: 1 - Scott King

A. SETTING OF AGENDA.

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

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

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner King

Abstain: 0

B. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

1. [Commission Workshop Meeting Minutes for November 12, 2019.](#)

Attachments: [Commission Workshop Minutes 2019-Nov-12](#)

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

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

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner King

Abstain: 0

D. CONSENT CALENDAR.

A motion was made by Commissioner French, seconded by Commissioner Webb, 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: 20 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Crowe, Commissioner French, Commissioner Hammontree, Commissioner Hill, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McCulley, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Robbins, Commissioner Stinnett and Commissioner Webb

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner King

Abstain: 0

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

Attachments: [OATHS AND BONDS RESOLUTION 19-12-011](#)
[Oaths of Deputy Sheriffs](#)
[Notary Public Bonds Oaths](#)

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

Attachments: [Notaries to be Elected 2019-Dec-19](#)

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

Attachments: [JailFacilityInspectionReport Oct. 17, 2019](#)
[JailFacilityInspectionReport Nov. 21, 2019](#)
[Minutes of Animal Center Advisory Board Meeting 2019-Aug-22](#)
[Minutes of Audit Committee Meeting 2019-Oct-17](#)
[Minutes of Budget Committee Meeting 2019-Nov-12](#)
[Minutes of BZA 2019-Oct-3](#)
[Minutes of CARES Committee Meeting 2019-Oct-15](#)
[Minutes of Education Committee Meeting 2019-Nov-5](#)
[Minutes of Human Resources Committee Meeting 2019-Jul-16](#)
[Minutes of Insurance Committee Meeting 2019-Jul-16](#)
[Minutes of Planning Commission 2019-Oct-24](#)
[Trustee Report - November 2019](#)

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

Attachments: [November Expenses](#)
[November Revenues](#)
[US Bank Summary & Detail Report](#)

4. [Schedule of Blount County Commission Committee Meetings for 2020.](#)

Attachments: [Public Notice - 2020 Committee Meetings](#)

5. [Budget Process Calendar for FY2020-21.](#)

Attachments: [Blount County Budget Process Calendar FY20-21](#)

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

F. NEW BUSINESS.**1. Budget Transfers, Increases and/or Decreases.**

- a. [Resolution No. 19-12-001, Budget Increase - General Purpose School Fund - \\$52,000 \(cost share with City of Friendsville for new sewer system for Friendsville Elementary School\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution 19-12-001 FES Sewer System Construction](#)
[Schools Budget Amendment Request](#)
[City of Friendsville Contract](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Bright, seconded by Commissioner Mikels, 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: 20 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Crowe, Commissioner French, Commissioner Hammontree, Commissioner Hill, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McCulley, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Robbins, Commissioner Stinnett and Commissioner Webb

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner King

Abstain: 0

- b. [Resolution No. 19-12-002, Budget Increase - Circuit Court Clerk - \\$30,000 \(installation, annual maintenance, and training of staff on new computer software for document storage\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution 19-12-002 Circuit Court Clerk Data Processing](#)
[Circuit Court Clerk Budget Amendment Request](#)
[Tom Hatcher Memo](#)
[CCC Reserve Analysis](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner Mikels, 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: 20 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Crowe, Commissioner French, Commissioner Hammontree, Commissioner Hill, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McCulley, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Robbins, Commissioner Stinnett and Commissioner Webb

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner King

Abstain: 0

c. [Resolution No. 19-12-003, Budget Increase - Capital Project - \\$148,565.00 \(Modular Detention Facility Professional Service fees\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution 19-12-003 Modular Detention Facility Professional Service Fees](#)
[Modular Units Professional Fees Budget Amendment - Signed](#)
[Funds Assigned for Public Safety Memo - Signed](#)
[Eagle Companies Professional Service Fee Estimate](#)

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

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner King

Abstain: 0

d. [Resolution No. 19-12-004, Budget Decrease - Veterans Treatment Court - \\$41,774.58 \(adjustment to reflect current year grant funds\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution 19-12-004 VTC Grant Adjustment](#)
[VTC Grant Adjustment Budget Amendment - Signed](#)
[VTC Grant Final Year Memo](#)
[Grant Budget Summary](#)
[VTC FY19-20 Grant Adjustment](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner McCulley, 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: 20 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Crowe, Commissioner French, Commissioner Hammontree, Commissioner Hill, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McCulley, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Robbins, Commissioner Stinnett and Commissioner Webb

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner King

Abstain: 0

2. Other Budget Items.

a. [Resolution No. 19-12-005, A Resolution to Update the Blount County Government Travel Policy.](#)

Attachments: [Resolution 19-12-005 Travel Policy for Blount County Government](#)
[Travel Policy Memo](#)
[Blount County Travel Policy Summary](#)
[Blount County Travel Policy Draft Revised 12.3.19](#)
[Blount County Travel Request & Reimbursement Form](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner French, 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: 20 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Crowe, Commissioner French, Commissioner Hammontree, Commissioner Hill, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McCulley, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Robbins, Commissioner Stinnett and Commissioner Webb

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner King

Abstain: 0

3. Appointments.

a. [Appointment of a Health Care Professional to Serve on the CARES Committee - Dr. Scott Anderson.](#)

Attachments: [Mayor Recommendation Letter & Bio](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Carver, 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: 20 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Crowe, Commissioner French, Commissioner Hammontree, Commissioner Hill, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McCulley, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Robbins, Commissioner Stinnett and Commissioner Webb

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner King

Abstain: 0

4. [Resolution No. 19-12-012, A Resolution Approving the Stop Loss Insurance Vendor for Blount County Government.](#)

Attachments: [Resolution for Stop Loss Vendor effective 01 01 2020](#)
[Human Resources Committee Minutes 2019-Nov-14](#)
[Insurance Committee Minutes 2019-Nov-14](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Hammontree, 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: 20 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Crowe, Commissioner French, Commissioner Hammontree, Commissioner Hill, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McCulley, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Robbins, Commissioner Stinnett and Commissioner Webb

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner King

Abstain: 0

5. [Resolution No. 19-12-013, A Resolution Approving the Employee Assistance Program \(EAP\) Provider Effective January 1, 2020.](#)

Attachments: [Resolution to Implement a New Employee Assistance Program \(EAP\) Vendor](#)
[CuraLinc Healthcare - SupportLinc EAP Contract - Blount County - Corrected](#)
[Human Resources Committee Minutes 2019-Nov-14](#)
[Insurance Committee Minutes 2019-Nov-14](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Hammontree, 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: 20 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Crowe, Commissioner French, Commissioner Hammontree, Commissioner Hill, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McCulley, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Robbins, Commissioner Stinnett and Commissioner Webb

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner King

Abstain: 0

6. [Resolution No. 19-12-014, A Resolution Approving the Condolences Policy for Blount County Government.](#)

Attachments: [Resolution to Implement a Condolences Policy](#)
[Amended Condolences Policy](#)
[Human Resources Committee Minutes 2019-Nov-14](#)

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

Yes: 9 - Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner French, Commissioner Hill, Commissioner McCulley, Commissioner Stinnett and Commissioner Webb

No: 11 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Crowe, Commissioner Hammontree, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan and Commissioner Robbins

Absent: 1 - Commissioner King

Abstain: 0

7. [Resolution No. 19-12-015, A Resolution to Adopt a Comprehensive Schedule of Fees for Blount County Development Services.](#)

Attachments: [Resolution Dev Svs Fees Schedule 2020](#)

[Appendix A combined](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner French, 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: 15 - Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Crowe, Commissioner French, Commissioner Hill, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Robbins, Commissioner Stinnett and Commissioner Webb

No: 5 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Hammontree and Commissioner McCulley

Absent: 1 - Commissioner King

Abstain: 0

8. [Resolution No. 19-12-016, A Resolution Adopting and Incorporating by Reference the Provisions of the 2018 Edition of the Comprehensive International Building and Fire Codes and the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design for the Unincorporated Area of Blount County and Those Incorporated Cities Within Blount County Which Have Not Adopted Their Own Codes Regulating Building Safety and Construction.](#)

Attachments: [RESOLUTION adopting 2018 Codes revised](#)

[2018 Codes](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner French, 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: 15 - Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Crowe, Commissioner French, Commissioner Hill, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McCulley, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Robbins, Commissioner Stinnett and Commissioner Webb

No: 5 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Hammontree, Commissioner Jopling and Commissioner Mikels

Absent: 1 - Commissioner King

Abstain: 0

9. [Resolution No. 19-12-017, Resolution of the Blount County Legislative Body Establishing an Agreement That Extends Beyond the End of the Current Fiscal Year for Internet Related Services and Redundancy for Blount County, TN.](#)

Attachments: [The Nexus Group Resolution 11-27](#)
[NEXUS-Blount County SOA executed](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Carver, seconded by Commissioner Akard, 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: 20 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Crowe, Commissioner French, Commissioner Hammontree, Commissioner Hill, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McCulley, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Robbins, Commissioner Stinnett and Commissioner Webb

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner King

Abstain: 0

10. [Resolution No. 19-12-018, A Resolution to Allow Safe Passage in Blount County, Tennessee for a Certain Visitor from the North Pole.](#)

Attachments: [Santa Resolution 2019-Dec-19](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, 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: 19 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Crowe, Commissioner French, Commissioner Hill, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McCulley, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Robbins, Commissioner Stinnett and Commissioner Webb

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner King

Abstain: 1 - Commissioner Hammontree

G. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND STATEMENTS.

H. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA.

I. ADJOURNMENT.

At 7:04 p.m. on Tuesday, December 10, 2019, the Chairman declared the Commission Workshop meeting to be adjourned.