



# Blount County Government

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## Meeting Minutes

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Thursday, December 19, 2019

7:00 PM

Blount County Courthouse, Room 430

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### ROLL CALL

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the Blount County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, December 19, 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 18 members present and 3 absent. The Chairman declared that a quorum did exist. The following proceedings were held, to wit:

- Present:** 18 - Commissioner Mike Akard, Commissioner Jared Anderson, Commissioner Robbie Bennett, Commissioner Brad Bowers, Commissioner Nick Bright, Commissioner Mike Caylor, 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, and Commissioner Tom Stinnett
- Absent:** 3 - Vice Chair Richard Carver, Commissioner Dodd Crowe, and Commissioner Linda Webb

### A. SETTING OF AGENDA.

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

**Yes:** 18 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Caylor, French, Hammontree, Hill, Hood, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, McCulley, Mikels, Reagan, Robbins, and Stinnett

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 3 - Carver, Crowe, and Webb

**Abstain:** 0

## **B. CONSENT CALENDAR.**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Stinnett, that the Consent Calendar 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, Caylor, French, Hammontree, Hill, Hood, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, McCulley, Mikels, Reagan, Robbins, and Stinnett

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 3 - Carver, Crowe, and Webb

**Abstain:** 0

1. [Approval of the Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Minutes for November 21, 2019.](#)

**Attachments:** [Regular Minutes 2019-Nov-21](#)

The minutes were approved.

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

**Attachments:** [OATHS AND BONDS RESOLUTION 19-12-011](#)

[Oaths of Deputy Sheriffs](#)

[Notary Public Bonds Oaths](#)

The resolution was adopted.

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

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

The notaries were approved.

**4. [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](#)

The reports were received and filed.

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

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

The reports were received and filed.

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

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

The schedule was approved.

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

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

The calendar was approved.

**C. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.****D. ELECTIONS, APPOINTMENTS, AND CONFIRMATIONS.**

1. [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 Stinnett, seconded by Commissioner McCulley, 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, Caylor, French, Hammontree, Hill, Hood, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, McCulley, Mikels, Reagan, Robbins, and Stinnett

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 3 - Carver, Crowe, and Webb

**Abstain:** 0

**E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.**

**F. NEW BUSINESS.**

1. [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 Bowers, 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:** 18 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Caylor, French, Hammontree, Hill, Hood, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, McCulley, Mikels, Reagan, Robbins, and Stinnett

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 3 - Carver, Crowe, and Webb

**Abstain:** 0

2. [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 Bowers, 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:** 18 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Caylor, French, Hammontree, Hill, Hood, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, McCulley, Mikels, Reagan, Robbins, and Stinnett

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 3 - Carver, Crowe, and Webb

**Abstain:** 0

3. [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 Stinnett, 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:** 18 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Caylor, French, Hammontree, Hill, Hood, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, McCulley, Mikels, Reagan, Robbins, and Stinnett

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 3 - Carver, Crowe, and Webb

**Abstain:** 0

4. [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 Robbins, seconded by Commissioner Reagan, that the resolution be adopted. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 18 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Caylor, French, Hammontree, Hill, Hood, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, McCulley, Mikels, Reagan, Robbins, and Stinnett

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 3 - Carver, Crowe, and Webb

**Abstain:** 0

5. [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 Stinnett, 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:** 18 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Caylor, French, Hammontree, Hill, Hood, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, McCulley, Mikels, Reagan, Robbins, and Stinnett

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 3 - Carver, Crowe, and Webb

**Abstain:** 0

6. [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 Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Lawhorn, that the resolution be adopted. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 18 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Caylor, French, Hammontree, Hill, Hood, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, McCulley, Mikels, Reagan, Robbins, and Stinnett

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 3 - Carver, Crowe, and Webb

**Abstain:** 0

7. [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 Lawhorn, seconded by Commissioner McCulley, that the resolution be adopted. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 18 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Caylor, French, Hammontree, Hill, Hood, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, McCulley, Mikels, Reagan, Robbins, and Stinnett

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 3 - Carver, Crowe, and Webb

**Abstain:** 0

8. [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 King, seconded by Commissioner Stinnett, that the resolution be adopted.

A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, seconded by Commissioner Bright, that the resolution be postponed until the January meeting. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have failed by the following vote:

**Yes:** 6 - Akard, Bowers, Bright, Hammontree, McCulley, and Mikels

**No:** 12 - Anderson, Bennett, Caylor, French, Hill, Hood, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, Reagan, Robbins, and Stinnett

**Absent:** 3 - Carver, Crowe, and Webb

**Abstain:** 0

An electronic vote was taken on the original motion that the resolution be adopted. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

**Yes:** 14 - Anderson, Bennett, Caylor, French, Hammontree, Hill, Hood, King, Lawhorn, McCulley, Mikels, Reagan, Robbins, and Stinnett

**No:** 4 - Akard, Bowers, Bright, and Jopling

**Absent:** 3 - Carver, Crowe, and Webb

**Abstain:** 0

9. [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 Stinnett, seconded by Commissioner Robbins, that the resolution be adopted.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner King, to call for question. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have failed by the following vote:

**Yes:** 12 - Anderson, Bennett, Caylor, Hammontree, Hill, Hood, King, Lawhorn, Mikels, Reagan, Robbins, and Stinnett



**No:** 6 - Akard, Bowers, Bright, French, Jopling, and McCulley

**Absent:** 3 - Carver, Crowe, and Webb

**Abstain:** 0

**An electronic vote was taken on the original motion that the resolution be adopted. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 17 - Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Caylor, French, Hammontree, Hill, Hood, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, McCulley, Mikels, Reagan, Robbins, and Stinnett

**No:** 1 - Akard

**Absent:** 3 - Carver, Crowe, and Webb

**Abstain:** 0

**10. [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 Akard, seconded by Commissioner Bright, that the resolution be adopted. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 18 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Caylor, French, Hammontree, Hill, Hood, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, McCulley, Mikels, Reagan, Robbins, and Stinnett

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 3 - Carver, Crowe, and Webb

**Abstain:** 0

**11. [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 Bowers, that the resolution be adopted. The Chairman read the resolution out loud. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 17 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Caylor, French, Hill, Hood, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, McCulley, Mikels, Reagan, Robbins, and Stinnett

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 3 - Carver, Crowe, and Webb

**Abstain:** 1 - Hammontree

**G. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND STATEMENTS.**

**H. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA.**

**I. ADJOURNMENT.**

The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned. The Blount County Board of Commissioners meeting adjourned on December 19, 2019 at 8:40 p.m.