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Meeting Minutes

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Thursday, June 18, 2020

6:00 PM

Blount County Courthouse, Room 430

<https://zoom.us/join>

Meeting ID: 980 6989 7088

ROLL CALL

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the Blount County Board of Commissioners met electronically via Zoom Meetings in regular session on Thursday, June 18, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. Blount County Commission Chairman Ron French called the meeting to order. The roll call was taken by Blount County Clerk Gaye Hasty. There were 21 members present with the late arrivals of Commissioners Jackie Hill and Scott King. The Chairman declared that a quorum did 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 Mike Caylor, Commissioner Dodd Crowe, Chairperson Ron French, Commissioner James Hammontree, 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 Jackie Hill, and Commissioner Scott King

A. SETTING OF AGENDA.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bright, seconded by Commissioner Jopling, to set the agenda. Commissioner McCulley requested that item E.1 be withdrawn from the agenda. A roll call vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 17 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Caylor, Crowe, French, Hammontree, Hood, Jopling, Lawhorn, McCulley, Reagan, Robbins, Stinnett, and Webb

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Hill, and King

Abstain: 0

Did Not Vote: 2 - Carver, and Mikels

B. CONSENT CALENDAR.

A motion was made by Commissioner Reagan, seconded by Commissioner Stinnett, that the Consent Calendar be approved. A roll call vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

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

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Hill, and King

Abstain: 0

Did Not Vote: 1 - Carver

1. [Approval of the Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Minutes for May 21, 2020.](#)

Attachments: [Board of Commissioners Minutes 2020-May-21](#)

The minutes were approved.

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

Attachments: [20-06-011 OATHS AND BONDS RESOLUTION](#)

[Oaths of Deputy Sheriffs 2020-Jun-18](#)

[Notary Public Bonds and Oaths 2020-Jun-18](#)

The Resolution was adopted.

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

Attachments: [Notaries to be Elected 2020-Jun-18](#)

The notaries were approved.

4. [Receiving of Reports \(Information Only\).](#)

Attachments: [Minutes of Beer Board 2020-Mar-10](#)
[Minutes of Budget Committee 2020-May-12](#)
[Minutes of Budget Committee 2020-May-14](#)
[Minutes of BZA 2020-Feb-18](#)
[Minutes of BZA 2020-Mar-5](#)
[Minutes of CARES 2019-Dec-17](#)
[Minutes of Education Committee 2020-Mar-4](#)
[Minutes of Planning Commission 2020-Apr-23](#)
[Minutes of Planning Commission 2020-Feb-27](#)
[Trustee Report May 2020](#)

The reports were received and filed.

5. [May 2020 Financial Reports \(Information Only\).](#)

Attachments: [May 2020 Expenses](#)
[May 2020 Revenues](#)
[US Bank Detail & Summary Report - May 2020](#)

The reports were received and filed.

6. [Fiscal Confirmation Letter - ThreeStar Program \(Information Only\).](#)

Attachments: [Three Star Details and Fiscal Review Letter 2020](#)

The report was received and filed.

7. [FY 20-21 Budget & Public Notice Publication.](#)

Attachments: [Daily Times Affidavit of Publication FY20-21](#)
[Daily Times Publication 20-21](#)

The report was received and filed.

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

The Chairman opened the floor for nominations. Commissioner Stinnett nominated Dawn Reagan that was seconded by Commissioner Bright.

A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, seconded by Vice Chair Carver, to cease nominations. A roll call vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to cease nominations to have passed by the following vote:

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

No: 0

Absent: 1 - King

Abstain: 1 - Reagan

A roll call vote was taken on the nomination to appoint Commissioner Dawn Reagan to the County Library Board of Trustees. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

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

No: 0

Absent: 1 - King

Abstain: 1 - Reagan

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

1. [Resolution No. 20-05-018, A Resolution Establishing a Blount County Property and Space Allocation Committee.](#)

Attachments: [Resolution 20-05-018 Property Space Allocation Committee](#)
[Garret Memo](#)

The item was withdrawn by Commissioner McCulley at the setting of agenda.

F. NEW BUSINESS.

1. [Budget Transfer - BCSO - \\$75,000 \(Transfer to cover Inmate Medical expenses that have exceeded budget\). Referred to full commission by the Budget Committee with a favorable recommendation \(5:0\).](#)

Attachments: [Inmate Medical memo & transfer](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Stinnett, seconded by Commissioner Reagan, that items F.1 and F.2 be approved. A roll call vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

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

No: 0

Absent: 1 - King

Abstain: 0

2. [Budget Transfer - Debt Service - \\$96,000 \(Transfer funds from Principal account to Interest account - No new funds\). Referred to full commission by the Budget Committee with a favorable recommendation \(5:0\).](#)

Attachments: [Debt Service Budget Transfer Request](#)
[Memo Budget Amendment needed 6.2.2020](#)

The budget transfer was approved with the action taken in item F.1 above.

3. [Resolution No. 20-06-004, Budget Increase - Register of Deeds - \\$8,151.65 \(Purchase of 8 New Work Stations & 1 Laptop - Funded by Register of Deeds Data Processing Reserve\). Referred to full commission by the Budget Committee with a favorable recommendation \(5:0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution 20-06-004 Register of Deeds Data Processing Reserve](#)
[ROD Budget Amendment Request - Signed](#)
[ROD Memo](#)
[Dell Laptop Pricing- Complete](#)
[Dell Workstation 3070 Pricing- Complete](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Stinnett, seconded by Commissioner Akard, that the Resolutions in items F.3 to F.6 be adopted. A roll call vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

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

No: 0

Absent: 1 - King

Abstain: 0

4. [Resolution No. 20-06-005, Budget Increase - Planning & Development - \\$53,478.55 \(Purchase 6 Nissan Frontiers Previously on Lease Program\). Referred to full commission by the Budget Committee with a favorable recommendation \(5:0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution 20-06-005 Planning & Development Vehicles](#)
[Planning & Development Budget Amendment - Signed](#)
[June Payoff estimate for Frontiers](#)
[Development Vehicle Purchase Memo](#)

The Resolution was adopted with the action taken in item F.3 above.

5. [Resolution No. 20-06-006, Budget Increase - Circuit Court Clerk - \\$25,000.00 \(Appropriate Funds from Circuit Court Clerk Data Processing Reserve to cover Emergency Purchases due to COVID-19 Pandemic\). Referred to full commission by the Budget Committee with a favorable recommendation \(5:0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution 20-06-006 CCC Data Processing](#)
[CCC Budget Amendment & Memo](#)
[Second Supplemental Order Authorizing Emergency Purchases](#)
[5.20.2020](#)

The Resolution was adopted with the action taken in item F.3 above.

6. [Resolution No. 20-06-007, Budget Increase - General Capital Project Fund - \\$59,250 \(Appropriate Excess Revenues Received in Fund 189 for Justice Center Improvement Projects - Replacement Boilers & Exterior Sealing of Jail Pods\). Referred to full commission by the Budget Committee with a favorable recommendation \(5:0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution 20-06-007 Justice Center boilers](#)
[JC capital projects increase - signed](#)
[JC capital projects memo](#)
[Finance Dept Memo on JC Capital Projects](#)
[Knoxville Contracting Boiler Quote](#)
[Estimate 1030 from TVE Associates LLC](#)

The Resolution was adopted with the action taken in item F.3 above.

7. [Resolution No. 20-06-008: Amendment to FY19-20 Capital Outlay Prioritization. Referred to full commission by Budget Committee with a favorable recommendation \(5:0\).](#)

Attachments: [Capital Outlay Prioritization Resolution-Amendment](#)
[Capital Outlay Prioritization Resolution-ADOPTED](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Caylor, seconded by Vice Chair Carver, that the Resolution be adopted. A roll call 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. [FY 20-21 Tax Levy Resolution. Referred to full commission by the Budget Committee with a favorable recommendation \(5:0\).](#)

Attachments: [20-21 Tax Levy Resolution - Recommended](#)
[20-21 Recommended Revenue Exhibit AMENDED](#)
[Recommended Tax Levy Amendments Memo](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Stinnett, seconded by Vice Chair Carver, that the Resolution be adopted.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Stinnett, that the Resolution be amended according to recommendations from the County Finance Director. A roll call vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to amend 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

A motion was made by Commissioner Stinnett, seconded by Vice Chair Carver, that the Resolution be adopted as amended. A roll call vote was taken. The Chairman declared the original motion as amended 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. [FY 20-21 Appropriations Resolution. Referred to full commission by the Budget Committee with a favorable recommendation \(5:0\).](#)

Attachments: [20-21 Appropriation Resolution - Recommended AMENDED](#)
[Recommended Appropriation Amendments Memo](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chair Carver, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, that the Resolution be adopted.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Bennett, that the Resolution be amended according to recommendations from the County Finance Director. A roll call vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to amend 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

A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, seconded by Commissioner Robbins, that the amendment be amended by reducing fund 177 by \$5,700,000.00 and increasing fund 141 by the same amount. A roll call vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to amend passed by the following vote:

Yes: 17 - Akard, Anderson, Bright, Carver, Caylor, French, Hammontree, Hill, Hood, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, McCulley, Mikels, Robbins, Stinnett, and Webb

No: 4 - Bennett, Bowers, Crowe, and Reagan

Abstain: 0

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

Yes: 17 - Akard, Anderson, Bright, Carver, Caylor, French, Hammontree, Hill, Hood, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, McCulley, Mikels, Robbins, Stinnett, and Webb

No: 4 - Bennett, Bowers, Crowe, and Reagan

Abstain: 0

10. [FY 20-21 Capital Outlay Resolution. Referred to full commission by the Budget Committee with a favorable recommendation \(5:0\).](#)

Attachments: [Capital Outlay Prioritization Resolution - Recommended AMENDED](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Stinnett, that the Resolution be adopted.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Akard, that the Resolution be amended by removing the fund designation of 177 from the Lanier Elementary Sewer System Upgrade - Phase 1, and moving the High School Renovations-177 from category B) to category A). A roll call vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to amend 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

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Stinnett, that the Resolution be adopted as amended. A roll call vote was taken. The Chairman declared the original motion as amended 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. 20-06-012, A Resolution Requesting the State Senate and State House of Representatives to Postpone the 2021 Raise for the Elected County Mayor.](#)

Attachments: [Resolution re Mayor Salary FY 20-21](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, seconded by Commissioner Hammontree, that the Resolution be adopted. A roll call 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. 20-06-013, Resolution to Replace Resolution No. 14-06-006 Relative to the Allocation of Space Allocation to the Blount County Mayor.](#)

Attachments: [20-06-013 Resolution \(space allocation\)](#)

[Garrett Memo](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner McCulley, seconded by Commissioner Hammontree, that the Resolution be adopted. A roll call vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have failed by the following vote:

Yes: 10 - Anderson, Bright, Crowe, French, Hammontree, Hood, McCulley, Mikels, Robbins, and Stinnett

No: 11 - Akard, Bennett, Bowers, Carver, Caylor, Hill, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, Reagan, and Webb

Abstain: 0

G. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND STATEMENTS.

H. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA.

I. ADJOURNMENT.

The Chairman declared the meeting to be adjourned. The Blount County Board of Commissioners meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m. on Thursday, June 18, 2020.