Blount Co. Agriculture Ext. 1219 McArthur Road Maryville, TN 37804 January 5, 2021

Honorable Members Blount County Board of Commissioners 359 S. Court Street Maryville, TN 37804-5906

Dear Commissioners:

With regard to the Blount County Agriculture Extension Committee appointments, the following recommendations are submitted for your consideration.

- 1. Appoint Commissioner Steve Mikels as Commission Representative to begin a first two-year term.
- 2. Appoint Lyssa McKenry as a Farm Women representative to begin a first two-year term.
- 3. Appoint Steve Myers as a Farm Men representative to begin a first two-year term.
- 4. Re-appoint Rachel Hall as a Farm Women representative to begin a second two-year term.

I would offer the following regarding the qualifications for the above-listed nominees to serve in this capacity. Additional biographical information can be found on the accompanying page.

- All are residents of Blount County and are actively engaged in farming and/or have agricultural interests.
- All possess the leadership skills and desire to serve the Blount County agriculture community.
- Commissioner Mikels is active in forage production in the Rockford Community.
- Mrs. McKenry is mother of school-age children and is active with her husband in the daily management of a diversified crop and livestock family farm in the Walland Community.
- Mr. Myers is a retired pharmacist and an active cattle farmer and forage producer on the family farm in the outskirts of Maryville.
- Mrs. Hall actively farms with her husband Jay in the Binfield community where they rear a daughter and raise beef cattle and forages.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. If I may be of assistance please contact me at 982-6430 ext. 5 or e-mail jawilson@utk.edu.

Respectfully Yours,

John a. Wilson John Wilson

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January 2021 Proposed appointees to the Blount County Agricultural Extension Committee:

Lyssa McKenry

McKenry Farms 1433 McKenry Road Walland, TN 37886 Phone: 865-946-1135

Graduated University of Tennessee, Knoxville Ag. Education Member Blount Co. Farm Bureau

Steve Myers

1022 Amerine Road Maryville, TN 37804 Phone: 865-661-6579

Graduated Hiwassee College Graduated Samford School of Pharmacy

Retired Pharmacist Beef cattle and forage producer on family farm Blount County Farm Bureau Board of Directors Blount County Livestock Association and East Tennessee Cattlemen's Board Chilhowee Area Ministries

Rachel Hall

814 Peters Road Maryville, TN 37801 Phone: 865-806-8998

Graduated Houghton College

Raise beef cattle and forages on family farm in the Binfield Community Blount County Livestock Association member