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Meeting Minutes

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Thursday, December 17, 2020

6:00 PM

Blount County Courthouse, Room 430

<https://zoom.us/join>

Meeting ID: 926 3487 5791

ROLL CALL

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the Blount County Board of Commissioners met electronically via Zoom Meetings in regular session on Thursday, December 17, 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. The Chair declared that a quorum did exist. The following proceedings were held, to wit:

Present: 21 - Commissioner Linda Webb, 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, and Commissioner Tom Stinnett

A. SETTING OF AGENDA.

The Chairman moved items F.1.d and F.2.a before item E.1, and Commissioner Anderson requested his name be added as a co-sponsor to Resolution 20-12-014 (F.5). There was no objection.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Carver, seconded by Commissioner Hammontree, to set the agenda as amended. A roll call vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

B. CONSENT CALENDAR.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lawhorn, seconded by Vice Chair Carver, 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: 21 - Webb, Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Crowe, French, Hammontree, Hill, Hood, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, McCulley, Mikels, Reagan, Robbins, and Stinnett

No: 0

Abstain: 0

1. Approval of the Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Minutes for November 19, 2020.

Attachments: [Minutes of BOC 2020-Nov-19](#)

The minutes were approved.

2. Approval of Bonds and Oaths.

Attachments: [OATHS AND BONDS RESOLUTION DECEMBER 17, 2020](#)
[Notary Public Bonds and Oaths 2020-Dec-17](#)

The Resolution was adopted.

3. Notaries To Be Elected.

Attachments: [Notaries to be Elected 2020-Dec-17](#)

The notaries were elected.

4. Receiving of Reports (Information Only).

Attachments: [Minutes of Audit Committee Meeting 2020-Mar-19](#)
[Minutes of Budget Committee 2020-Nov-10](#)
[Minutes of Education Committee 2020-Nov-4](#)
[Minutes of Human Resources Committee 2020-Jul-21](#)
[Minutes of Insurance Committee 2020-Jul-21](#)
[Minutes of Planning 2020-Oct-22](#)
[Trustee's Report November 2020](#)

The reports were received and filed.

5. November 2020 Financial Reports (Information Only).

Attachments: [November 2020 Expenses](#)
[November 2020 Revenues](#)
[US Bank Report - November 2020](#)

The reports were received and filed.

6. US Bank Report October 2020 (Information Only).

Attachments: [US Bank Report - October 2020](#)

The report was received and filed.

7. Property Tax Revenue Update (Information Only).

Attachments: [Property Tax Update- November 2020](#)

The report was received and filed.

8. Sales Tax Revenue Update (Information Only).

Attachments: [Sales Tax Information - November 2020](#)

The report was received and filed.

9. Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) Update (Information Only).

Attachments: [CRF Budget Committee Presentation as of 11.30.2020](#)

The report was received and filed.

10. 2021 Schedule of Blount County Commission Committee Meetings.

Attachments: [Public Notice - 2021 Committee Meetings](#)

The schedule was approved.

11. Budget Process Calendar for FY21-22.

Attachments: [Blount County Budget Process Calendar FY21-22](#)

The calendar was approved.

12. Certified Election Results From November 3, 2020 Federal and State General Election.

Attachments: [Certified Election Results 2020-Nov-3](#)

The information was received and filed.

13. South Blount County Utility District Board (4-Year Term) Reappointment of Dan O'Connor (Information Only).

Attachments: [South Blount Utility District Board Recommendation](#)

The appointment was confirmed.

C. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

D. ELECTIONS, APPOINTMENTS, AND CONFIRMATIONS.

1. Blount Memorial Hospital Board of Directors (3-Year Term) Reappointment of J. Scott Powell.

Attachments: [BMH Board of Directors Appointment](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Stinnett, seconded by Vice Chair Carver, that the appointment be approved. A roll call vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

- F.1.d. Resolution No. 20-12-003, Budget Increase - General Capital Fund - \$577,856.60 (BCSO Purchase Body & In-Car Cameras accompanied by a Multi-Year Agreement). Referred to full commission by Budget Committee with a favorable recommendation (4:0).

Attachments: [Resolution 20-12-003 Body and in car cams appropriation](#)

[Body and Incar Cams Budget-Amendment-FY20-21 - Signed](#)

[Memo regarding body & in car cams - Finance](#)

[Memo regarding body & in car cams - K. Hackney](#)

[Memo regarding body & in car cams - Sheriff](#)

[Formal Blount County SO 5YR](#)

[Resolution Axon Public Safety Body and Fleet Cameras 5 year contract](#)

[Formal Blount County SO 10YR](#)

[Resolution Axon Public Safety Body and Fleet Cameras 10 year contract - Secondary Option](#)

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

- F.2.a.** Resolution No. 20-12-006: BCSO Axon Body & In-Car Camera Multi-Year Agreement. Referred to full commission by Budget Committee with a favorable recommendation of a 5-year contract (4:0).

Attachments: [Resolution Axon Public Safety Body and Fleet Cameras 5 year contract](#)
[Formal Blount County SO 5YR](#)
[Resolution Axon Public Safety Body and Fleet Cameras 10 year contract - Secondary Option](#)
[Formal Blount County SO 10YR](#)
[Memo regarding body & in car cams - Finance](#)
[Memo regarding body & in car cams - K. Hackney](#)
[Memo regarding body & in car cams - Sheriff](#)

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

1. Resolution No. 20-11-014, Resolution to Declare Property Surplus and Approve Sale of Same at Public Auction.

Attachments: [Resolution 20-11-014 Annex Building - surplus property](#)

[Mitchell Memo to Commissioners 11.5.2020](#)

[Soil Conservation Bldg Estimate](#)

[City of Maryville Codes Ltr 11.4.2020](#)

[Restrictive Covenants for parking only](#)

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Akard, that the Resolution be amended, and insert into the resolution the following:

"Be it further resolved that:

The following Restrictive Covenants will be placed upon the property to be declared as excess property, with the wording subject to adjustment by the county attorney in line with the intent expressed herein. The advertisement for sale of the property should also contain this restriction. The property herein conveyed is conveyed subject to the following restrictive covenants which shall be an encumbrance on the property and shall run with the land on the date of transfer of the property.

1. The building located on the property must be demolished and removed from the property within six (6) months.

2. The property herein conveyed may be used only for a parking lot and for no other purpose.

3. The parking lot constructed upon the property herein conveyed shall be open for use by the general public free of charge during normal operation hours of Blount County Government.

The purchaser of the property acknowledges the validity of the restrictive covenants imposed herein and further acknowledges that Blount County shall have the legal right to enforce and take all legal action necessary to enforce the Restrictive Covenants imposed herein."

A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, seconded by Commissioner Mikels, to amend the amendment by inserting the following: "4. The parking lot shall have a minimum of 25 parking spaces." A roll call vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to amend the amendment to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 17 - Webb, Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Crowe, French, Hill, Hood, Jopling, Lawhorn, McCulley, Mikels, Reagan, and Stinnett

No: 4 - Caylor, Hammontree, King, and Robbins

Abstain: 0

A motion was made by Commissioner Mikels, seconded by Commissioner Crowe, that the Resolution be amended to insert "5. The County Legislative Body would have first right of refusal to buy the property back should it be put on the market to sell, and the purchase price shall be based on a third-party market appraisal."

A roll call vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to amend the resolution to have passed by the following vote:

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

No: 2 - Hill, and King

Absent: 1 - Robbins

Abstain: 0

A roll call vote was taken the motion made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Akard, to amend the Resolution. The Chairman declared the motion to amend the Resolution to have passed by the following vote:

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

No: 2 - Hammontree, and King

Absent: 1 - Robbins

Abstain: 0

A motion was made by Commissioner Bowers, seconded by Commissioner Hammontree, that the Resolution be referred to committee.

A motion was made by Commissioner King, seconded by Commissioner Stinnett, to call for all previous questions. A roll call vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have failed by the following vote:

Yes: 11 - Webb, Bennett, Carver, Caylor, Hammontree, Hill, Hood, King, Lawhorn, Reagan, and Stinnett

No: 9 - Akard, Anderson, Bowers, Bright, Crowe, French, Jopling, McCulley, and Mikels

Absent: 1 - Robbins

Abstain: 0

A motion was made by Commissioner Caylor, seconded by Vice Chair Carver, to call for previous question. A roll call vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed and debate ceased by the following vote:

Yes: 14 - Webb, Anderson, Bennett, Carver, Caylor, French, Hammontree, Hill, Hood, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, Reagan, and Stinnett

No: 6 - Akard, Bowers, Bright, Crowe, McCulley, and Mikels

Absent: 1 - Robbins

Abstain: 0

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

Yes: 8 - Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Crowe, Hammontree, Jopling, King, and Mikels

No: 12 - Webb, Akard, Anderson, Carver, Caylor, French, Hill, Hood, Lawhorn, McCulley, Reagan, and Stinnett

Absent: 1 - Robbins

Abstain: 0

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

Yes: 14 - Webb, Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Carver, Caylor, French, Hill, Hood, King, Lawhorn, McCulley, Reagan, and Stinnett

No: 6 - Bowers, Bright, Crowe, Hammontree, Jopling, and Mikels

Absent: 1 - Robbins

Abstain: 0

F. NEW BUSINESS.

1. Budget Transfers, Increases and/or Decreases.

- a.** Resolution No. 20-12-001, Budget Increase - Central Service - \$858.00 (Appropriate increase for County Purchased Canon Copiers). Referred to full commission by Budget Committee with a favorable recommendation (4:0).

Attachments: [Resolution 20-12-001 Copier Purchase Increase](#)
[County Purchased Copiers Increase Budget Amendment Request - Signed](#)
[County Purchased Copiers - Canon Backup](#)
[Canon Copier Increase Memo](#)

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

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

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Robbins

Abstain: 0

- b. Resolution No. 20-12-002, Budget Increase - General Purpose School Fund - \$86,000.00 (To appropriate funds for the Safe Schools Grant). Referred to full commission by Budget Committee with a favorable recommendation (4:0).

Attachments: [Resolution 20-12-002 Safe Schools Grant](#)
[Safe Schools Grant Budget Amendment Request & Backup](#)

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

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

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Robbins

Abstain: 0

- c. Resolution No. 20-12-005, Budget Increase - Library Fund - \$66,250.00 (Library Re-Roof Project Professional Service Fees). Referred to full commission by Budget Committee with a favorable recommendation (4:0).

Attachments: [Resolution 20-12-005 Library Roof Professional Fees](#)
[Library Re-Roof Prof Fees Budget Amendment Request - Signed](#)
[Library Re-Roof Proposal](#)
[Blount County Government Mail - Re Re Roof project for the Library](#)

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

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

No: 1 - Hammontree

Absent: 1 - Robbins

Abstain: 0

2. Other Budget Items.

- b. Resolution No. 20-12-007: Amendment to FY20-21 Capital Outlay Prioritization (Library Re-Roof Project - Phase 1 & BCSO Body & In-Car Cameras). Referred to full commission by Budget Committee with a favorable recommendation (4:0).

Attachments: [Resolution No. 20-12-007 Capital Outlay Prioritization Resolution-Amendment](#)
[Capital Outlay Prioritization Resolution - Amended 11.19.2020](#)

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

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

No: 1 - Hammontree

Absent: 1 - Robbins

Abstain: 0

- c. Grant Application Request - Emergency Management - \$11,768.00 (2021 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant, In Kind Match). Referred to full commission by Budget Committee with a favorable recommendation (4:0).

Attachments: [Grant Information Worksheet - HMEP 2021](#)
[HMEP 2021 draft application](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Stinnett, seconded by Commissioner Webb, that the grant application request be approved. A roll call vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

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

No: 0

Absent: 2 - King, and Robbins

Abstain: 0

3. Resolution No. 20-12-012, A Resolution to Amend the Zoning Resolution of Blount County, Tennessee, by Modifying Articles 2,7, and 13 to Resolve Conflicts, Incorporate Technical Corrections, and Add Clarity.

Attachments: [RESOLUTION No 12-12-012 - Zoning Amendments](#)

[Staff Memo - Zoning Amendment to CC - 11 2020](#)

[2 - Report of Action BCPC 9-24-20 Minutes - Zoning Amend](#)

[3 - 2021080 PCResolution_BC Zoning Amend 11-2020](#)

the Chairman stated that a typo had been discovered on the last page of the resolution in the "PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT" paragraph and shall be corrected to state "...fifteen (15) acres...", not 25.

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

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

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Robbins

Abstain: 0

4. Resolution No. 20-12-013, A Resolution Approving The Stop Loss Insurance Vendor For Blount County TN.

Attachments: [Resolution for Stop Loss Vendor effective 01 01 2021](#)

[Excess Loss Ins Application - Great Midwest Skyward Specialty](#)

[Minutes of Insurance Committee 2020-Nov-17](#)

[Minutes of HR Committee 2020-Nov-17](#)

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

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Robbins

Abstain: 0

5. Resolution No. 20-12-014, A Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Blount County, Tennessee Authorizing a Loan to the Industrial Development Board of Blount County and the Cities of Alcoa and Maryville, Tennessee and the Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement and Other Documents Related Thereto.

Attachments: [Blount County Resolution approving Project Pearl Documents 2020](#)
[Blount Alcoa IDB 2020 Intergovernmental Agreement - Project Pearl](#)
[Blount Alcoa IDB 2020 Series 2020A Note to County](#)
[Blount Alcoa IDB Project Pearl 2020 Assignment of County PILOT Payments](#)

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

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

No: 1 - Hammontree

Absent: 1 - Robbins

Abstain: 0

6. Resolution No. 20-12-016, A Resolution Authorizing The Submission Of A 2021 Community Development Block Grant Program Application To Fund A Fire Protection Improvement Project.

Attachments: [20-12-016 Resolution for CDBG Seymour Volunteer Fire Dept](#)

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

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Robbins

Abstain: 0

7. Resolution No. 20-12-015, A Resolution To Allow Safe Passage In Blount County, Tennessee For A Certain Visitor From The North Pole.

Attachments: [Santa Resolution 2020-Dec-17](#)

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

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

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Robbins

Abstain: 1 - Hammontree

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 on Thursday, December 17, 2020, at 8:29 p.m.