



# Blount County Government

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## Meeting Minutes - Final

### Commission Workshop

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Tuesday, February 7, 2023

6:30 PM

Blount County Courthouse, Room 430

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Live stream via <https://zoom.us/join>

Zoom Meeting ID: 863 9886 8227

## ROLL CALL

**BE IT REMEMBERED**, that a Blount County Commission Workshop meeting was held on Tuesday, February 7, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. in the Blount County Courthouse of Maryville, Tennessee. Blount County Commission Workshop Chairman Ron French called the meeting to order. An electronic roll call was taken by Blount County Clerk Gaye Hasty. There were 19 members present and 2 absent. The Chairman declared that a quorum did exist. The following proceedings were held, to wit:

- Present:** 19 - Mike Akard, Robbie Bennett, Dyran Bledsoe, Brad Bowers, Nick Bright, Richard Carver, Mike Caylor, Ron French, John Giles, Jessica Hannah, Jeff Jopling, Scott King, Staci Lawhorn, Earl McMahan, Steve Mikels, Dawn Reagan, Tom Stinnett, Linda Webb and David Wells
- Absent:** 2 - Jared Anderson and Misty Davis

## A. SETTING OF AGENDA.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lawhorn, seconded by Commissioner Bright, that the agenda be set.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stinnett to move agenda item F.1.d. Resolution No. 23-02-004, Budget Increase - 5th Judicial - \$2,312,706.67 (Appropriate funds for new Drug Task Force building project using multiple funding sources.) to the first item under new business. There was no objection.

Per local commission rule number 6, the Chairman declared that Resolution No. 23-02-015, "A Resolution Requesting the Members of the Tennessee General Assembly Representing Blount County, Tennessee, Introduce and Seek Passage of an Amendment to Chapter 187 of the Private Acts of 1945 of the State of Tennessee, as Amended", would be added to the agenda as item F.6. There was no objection.

A motion was made by Commissioner Akard to remove agenda item E.1. Resolution No. 22-11-016, A Resolution to Amend the Zoning Regulations for Suburbanizing and R1 Zoning Districts of Blount County, Tennessee. There was no objection.

An electronic vote was taken to set the agenda as amended. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

**Yes:** 19 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Chairperson French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Vice Chair Stinnett, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Anderson and Commissioner Davis

**Abstain:** 0

## B. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

## C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

1. [Commission Workshop Meeting Minutes for January 10, 2023.](#)

**Attachments:** [Minutes 2023-Jan-10](#)

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

**Yes:** 19 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Chairperson French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Vice Chair Stinnett, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Anderson and Commissioner Davis

**Abstain:** 0

#### **D. CONSENT CALENDAR.**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, seconded by Commissioner Reagan, 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:** 19 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Chairperson French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Vice Chair Stinnett, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Anderson and Commissioner Davis

**Abstain:** 0

1. [Resolution No. 23-02-014, Proclamation Honoring the Alcoa Tornadoes for Eighth Consecutive High School Football State Championship Wins.](#)

**Attachments:** [Alcoa HS Football Recognition 2022](#)

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

**Attachments:** [BONDS AND OATHS RESOLUTION 23-02-011](#)

[Oaths of Deputy Clerk 2023-Feb-16](#)

[Oaths of Deputy Sheriffs 2023-Feb-16](#)

[Notary Public Bonds and Oaths 2023-Jan-16](#)

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

**Attachments:** [Notaries to be Elected 2023-Feb-16](#)

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

**Attachments:** [Minutes of Budget Comm 2023-01-10](#)  
[Minutes of BZA 2022-Sep-01](#)  
[Minutes of Education Comm 2022-Nov-29](#)  
[Minutes of Planning Comm 2022-Dec-05](#)  
[Jail Facility Inspection Report for December 2022](#)  
[Records Requests Report for 2022\\_Q4](#)  
[Trustee Report for December 2022](#)

**5. [January 2023 Financial Reports \(Information Only\).](#)**

**Attachments:** [ARPA Utility Project Update February 2023](#)  
[ARPA Tracking 1.30.23](#)  
[FY22.23 Capital Exhibit REVISED Jan 23](#)  
[Jan 23 Expense Report](#)  
[Jan 23 Revenue Report](#)  
[YTD Expense Report](#)  
[YTD Revenue Report](#)  
[US BANK REPORT JAN 23](#)

**E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.****1. [Resolution No. 22-11-016, A Resolution to Amend the Zoning Regulations for Suburbanizing and R1 Zoning Districts of Blount County, Tennessee.](#)**

**Attachments:** [RESOLUTION 22-11-016 - Min Lot Size](#)  
[Public Notice](#)  
[PCResolution\\_202313\\_Blount County Zoning Amend](#)  
[Memo to Alcoa Planning Commission 2022-Dec-07](#)  
[Report of Action BC Planning Commission 2022-Dec-05](#)  
[DRAFT Resolution 22-11-016 Amend Zoning Regs for Suburbanizing and R1 Districts](#)

**This item was removed at the setting of agenda by a motion made by Commissioner Akard. There was no objection.**

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

- d. [Resolution No. 23-02-004. Budget Increase - 5th Judicial - \\$2,312,706.67 \(Appropriate funds for new Drug Task Force building project using multiple funding sources.\)](#). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee (4-0).

**Attachments:** [Resolution DTF Building Project](#)

[Amendment 1 DTF](#)

[Amendment 2 DTF](#)

[Supporting Documents DTF](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, 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:** 19 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Chairperson French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Vice Chair Stinnett, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Anderson and Commissioner Davis

**Abstain:** 0

- a. [Resolution No. 23-02-001. Budget Increase - School Capital - \\$1,002,000.00 \(Appropriate funds for ECCA capital classroom and athletic facility projects\)](#). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee (4-0).

**Attachments:** [Resolution School Capital](#)

[Amendment and Memo School Capital ECCA](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Carver, 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:** 19 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Chairperson French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Vice Chair Stinnett, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Anderson and Commissioner Davis

**Abstain:** 0

- b. [Resolution No. 23-02-002. Budget Increase - School Capital - \\$105,000.00 \(Appropriate funds for HHS CTE classroom furniture\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(4-0\).](#)

**Attachments:** [Resolution HHS CTE Capital](#)  
[Amendment and memo School Capital HHS CTE](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Reagan, 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:** 19 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Chairperson French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Vice Chair Stinnett, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Anderson and Commissioner Davis

**Abstain:** 0

- c. [Resolution No. 23-02-003. Budget Increase - Highway - \\$3,800,000.00 \(Appropriate fund balance to increase funds for asphalt hot mix to pave additional roads\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(4-0\).](#)

**Attachments:** [Resolution HWY Asphalt](#)  
[Amendment HWY Asphalt](#)  
[Memo HWY Asphalt](#)  
[Supporting Document HWY](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Reagan, 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:** 19 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Chairperson French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Vice Chair Stinnett, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Anderson and Commissioner Davis

**Abstain:** 0

**2. Other Budget Items.****3. Appointments.**

- a. [Agriculture Extension Committee \(2-Year Term\) of Commissioner Steve Mikels, Farm Man Steve Myers, Farm Women Lyssa McKenry and Rachel Hall.](#)

**Attachments:** [Ag Committee appointments February 2023](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Reagan, seconded by Commissioner Carver, that the appointments be forwarded to full commission. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 18 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Chairperson French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Reagan, Vice Chair Stinnett, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Anderson and Commissioner Davis

**Abstain:** 1 - Commissioner Mikels

- b. [Blount Memorial Hospital Board of Directors \(3-Year Term\).](#)

**Attachments:** [BMH Nomination of Bob Ramsey 1.26.2023](#)

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Stinnett, seconded by Commissioner Akard, that the appointment 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 Akard, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Chairperson French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Jopling and Vice Chair Stinnett

**No:** 9 - Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner King, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

**Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Anderson and Commissioner Davis

**Abstain:** 1 - Commissioner Carver

c. [Blount Memorial Hospital Board of Directors \(1-Year Term to fill Scott Powell's vacancy\).](#)

**Attachments:** [BMH Nomination of Trevis Gardner 1.26.2023](#)

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Stinnett, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, that the appointment 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 Akard, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Chairperson French, Commissioner Jopling, Vice Chair Stinnett and Commissioner Wells

**No:** 8 - Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner King, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan and Commissioner Webb

**Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Anderson and Commissioner Davis

**Abstain:** 2 - Commissioner Carver and Commissioner McMahan

d. [CARES Committee - 4 Commissioners: Nick Bright, Rick Carver, John Giles, Tom Stinnett and Linda Webb.](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Bowers, seconded by Commissioner Reagan, that the appointments be forwarded to full commission. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 14 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Caylor, Chairperson French, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan and Commissioner Wells

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Anderson and Commissioner Davis

**Abstain:** 5 - Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Giles, Vice Chair Stinnett and Commissioner Webb

e. [Jail Inspection Committee \(1-Year Term\) Mr. Keith Brock, Mr. James Ferguson and Ms. Sharon Hannum.](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, seconded by Commissioner Reagan, that the appointments 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 Bennett, Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Chairperson French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Vice Chair Stinnett, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells



**No:** 0

**Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Anderson and Commissioner Davis

**Abstain:** 0

f. [Solid Waste Authority \(3-Year Term to fill J.C. Franklin vacancy\) Confirmation of Mayoral Appointment - Ms. Britney Whipple.](#)

**Attachments:** [Recommendation Memo - Solid Waste Authority](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Carver, seconded by Commissioner Reagan, 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:** 19 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Chairperson French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Vice Chair Stinnett, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Anderson and Commissioner Davis

**Abstain:** 0

4. [Resolution No. 23-02-012, A Resolution that Approves an Agreement with Shi-Government Solutions, Inc. \("Shi"\) for the Asana Software Subscription Which Extends Beyond the End of the Fiscal Year 2022-2023.](#)

**Attachments:** [Resolution Asana beyond fiscal yr 1.25](#)

[SHI Quote-22776703 \(1\)](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Carver, seconded by Commissioner Reagan, 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 Bennett, Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Chairperson French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Vice Chair Stinnett, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Anderson and Commissioner Davis

**Abstain:** 0

5. [Resolution No. 23-02-013, Resolution Regarding Blount Memorial Hospital, Inc. Lawsuit Against Blount County, Tennessee.](#)

**Attachments:** [Resolution BMH lawsuit](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, seconded by Commissioner Reagan, 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:** 16 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

**No:** 1 - Chairperson French

**Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Anderson and Commissioner Davis

**Abstain:** 2 - Commissioner Carver and Vice Chair Stinnett

6. [Resolution No. 23-02-015, A Resolution Requesting the Members of the Tennessee General Assembly Representing Blount County, Tennessee, Introduce and Seek Passage of an Amendment to Chapter 187 of the Private Acts of 1945 of the State of Tennessee, as Amended.](#)

**Attachments:** [Resolution and Draft Public Charter Amendment](#)  
[written notice by chairman anderson](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Bright, 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:** 17 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Caylor, Chairperson French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Wells

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Anderson and Commissioner Davis

**Abstain:** 2 - Commissioner Carver and Vice Chair Stinnett

## 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 Commission Workshop meeting adjourned on Tuesday, February 7, 2023, at 7:25 p.m.