



# Blount County Government

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## Meeting Minutes - Final

### Commission Workshop

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Tuesday, April 11, 2023

6:30 PM

Blount County Courthouse, Room 430

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

Zoom Meeting ID: 837 9058 0044

## ROLL CALL

**BE IT REMEMBERED**, that a Blount County Commission Workshop meeting was held on Tuesday, April 11, 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 20 members present, and 1 absent. The Chairman declared that a quorum did exist. The following proceedings were held, to wit:

**Present:** 20 - Mike Akard, Jared Anderson, Robbie Bennett, Dyran Bledsoe, Brad Bowers, Richard Carver, Nick Bright, Mike Caylor, Misty Davis, Ron French, John Giles, Jessica Hannah, Jeff Jopling, Staci Martin, Earl McMahan, Steve Mikels, Dawn Reagan, Tom Stinnett, Linda Webb and David Wells

**Absent:** 1 - Scott King

## A. SETTING OF AGENDA.

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

**Yes:** 20 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Chairperson French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Vice Chair Stinnett, Commissioner Webb, Commissioner Wells and Martin

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner King

**Abstain:** 0

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

**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.**

1. [Commission Workshop Meeting Minutes for March 7, 2023.](#)

**Attachments:** [Workshop Committee Minutes 2023-Mar-07](#)

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

**Yes:** 20 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Chairperson French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Vice Chair Stinnett, Commissioner Webb, Commissioner Wells and Martin

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner King

**Abstain:** 0

**D. CONSENT CALENDAR.**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Reagan, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, 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:** 20 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Chairperson French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Vice Chair Stinnett, Commissioner Webb, Commissioner Wells and Martin

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner King

Abstain: 0

1. [Resolution No. 23-04-014, A Proclamation Honoring Jenna Estes for Her Accomplishment in Scoring a Perfect 36 on the ACT.](#)  
**Attachments:** [Jenna Estes Perfect 36 ACT ProclamationRes23-04-014](#)
2. [Resolution No. 23-04-015, A Proclamation Honoring the Alcoa High School Graduating Class of 2023 for Their Accomplishment in Scoring a 30 or Above on the ACT.](#)  
**Attachments:** [AlcoaSrClass2023ProclamationRES23-04-015](#)
3. [Resolution No. 23-04-016, A Proclamation Honoring the Heritage High School Graduating Class of 2023 for Their Accomplishment in Scoring a 30 or Above on the ACT.](#)  
**Attachments:** [HeritageHSrClass2023ProclamationRes23-04-016](#)
4. [Resolution No. 23-04-017, A Proclamation Honoring the Maryville High School Graduating Class of 2023 for Their Accomplishment in Scoring a 30 or Above on the ACT.](#)  
**Attachments:** [MaryvilleSrClass2023ProclamationRes23-04-017](#)
5. [Resolution No. 23-04-018, A Proclamation Honoring the Samuel Everett School of Innovation Graduating Class of 2023 for Their Accomplishment in Scoring a 30 or Above on the ACT.](#)  
**Attachments:** [SamuelEverettSchoolofInnovationClass2023ProclamationRes23-04-018](#)
6. [Resolution No. 23-04-019, A Proclamation Honoring the William Blount High School Graduating Class of 2023 for Their Accomplishment in Scoring a 30 or Above on the ACT.](#)  
**Attachments:** [WBHSrClass2023ProclamationRes23-04-019](#)
7. [Resolution No. 23-04-020, A Proclamation Honoring the Alcoa High School Tornadoes Men's Basketball Team.](#)  
**Attachments:** [AHSBasketballChampProclamationRes23-04-020](#)
8. [Approval of Bonds and Oaths.](#)  
**Attachments:** [23-04-011 OATHS AND BONDS RESOLUTION](#)  
[Oaths of Deputy Sheriff 2023-Apr-20](#)  
[Notary Public Bonds Oaths 2023-Apr-20](#)

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

**Attachments:** [Notaries to be Elected 2023-Apr-20](#)

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

**Attachments:** [Emergency Communications District FY2023-24 Proposed Budget](#)  
[Jail Facility Inspection Report 2023-Mar-23](#)  
[Minutes of Animal Center Advisory Board 2022-Aug-30](#)  
[Minutes of Audit Committee 2022-Nov-17](#)  
[Minutes of Budget Committee 2023-Mar-07](#)  
[Minutes of Planning Commission 2023-Jan-26](#)  
[Minutes of Planning Commission 2023-Feb-23](#)  
[Perishables Report -Q3 FY23](#)  
[TRUSTEE FEBRUARY 2023 0001](#)

11. [March 2023 Financial Reports \(Information Only\).](#)

**Attachments:** [ARPA Utility Projects April Update](#)  
[ARPA Tracking 3.31.2023](#)  
[FY22.23 Capital Exhibit REVISED Mar 23](#)  
[Mar 23 Expense Report](#)  
[Mar 23 Revenue Report](#)  
[YTD Budget Report Expenses ending 31 Mar](#)  
[YTD Budget Report Revenues ending 31 Mar](#)  
[US BANK REPORT MAR 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](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Bright, seconded by Commissioner Jopling, 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:** 13 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan and Martin

**No:** 5 - Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Chairperson French, Commissioner McMahan and Commissioner Wells

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner King

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

## F. NEW BUSINESS.

### 1. Budget Transfers, Increases and/or Decreases.

- a. [Resolution No. 23-04-001. Budget Increase - Accounting - \\$13,617.00 \(Appropriate fund balance to increase funds to health benefit line\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

**Attachments:** [Resolution Accounting](#)  
[Amendment Accounting](#)  
[Memo Accounting](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Giles, 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 Anderson, Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Chairperson French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Vice Chair Stinnett, Commissioner Webb, Commissioner Wells and Martin

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner King

**Abstain:** 1 - Commissioner Bennett

- b. [Resolution No. 23-04-002. Budget Increase - Ag. Extension Services - \\$23,687.87 - \(Appropriate fund balance to fully fund salary and benefits for Ag. Extension agent\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

**Attachments:** [Resolution Ag Extension](#)  
[Amendment Ag Extension](#)  
[Memo Ag Extension](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, seconded by Commissioner Mikels, 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:** 20 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Chairperson French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Vice Chair Stinnett, Commissioner Webb, Commissioner Wells and Martin

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner King

**Abstain:** 0

- c. [Resolution No. 23-04-003. Budget Increase - Highway - \\$94,000.00 \(Appropriate funds for Wildwood Bridge project\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

**Attachments:** [Resolution Highway Wildwood Bridge](#)  
[Amendment Highway Wildwood Bridge](#)  
[Memo Highway Wildwood Bridge](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Carver, seconded by Commissioner Giles, 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:** 20 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Chairperson French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Vice Chair Stinnett, Commissioner Webb, Commissioner Wells and Martin

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner King

**Abstain:** 0

- d. [Resolution No. 23-04-004. Budget Increase - BCSO - \\$48,560.00 \(Appropriate fund for ELC Confinement Facilities Grant\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

**Attachments:** [Resolution BCSO](#)  
[Amendment BCSO](#)  
[Memo BCSO](#)

**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:** 20 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Chairperson French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Vice Chair Stinnett, Commissioner Webb, Commissioner Wells and Martin

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner King

**Abstain:** 0

- e. [Resolution No. 23-04-005. Budget Increase - County Clerk - \\$7,500.00 \(Appropriate funds for data processing equipment from the County Clerk's Registration Fee Reserve Fund\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

**Attachments:** [Resolution County Clerk](#)  
[Amendment County Clerk](#)  
[Memo County Clerk](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Mikels, seconded by Commissioner Giles, 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:** 20 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Chairperson French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Vice Chair Stinnett, Commissioner Webb, Commissioner Wells and Martin

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner King

**Abstain:** 0

**2. Other Budget Items.**

- a. [Resolution No. 23-04-006, BCSO Grant Application - \\$74,000.00, No matching funds required \(To apply for Litter Grant\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

**Attachments:** [Resolution Litter grant 23-24](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Mikels, 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:** 20 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Chairperson French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Vice Chair Stinnett, Commissioner Webb, Commissioner Wells and Martin

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner King

**Abstain:** 0

- b. [BCSO Tennessee Highway Safety Office \(THSO\) Grant Applications \(Information Only\). Referred to full commission for information only by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

**Attachments:** [THSO-Coordinator](#)

[THSO-Distracted](#)

[THSO-Dragon](#)

[THSO-DUI](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Mikels, seconded by Commissioner Carver, that the grant application be forwarded to full commission. (This item will appear under the Consent Calendar as information only for the April 2023 commission meeting.) An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 20 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Chairperson French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Vice Chair Stinnett, Commissioner Webb, Commissioner Wells and Martin

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner King

**Abstain:** 0



- c. [Blount County Penny Valuation for FY23-24 memorandum \(Information Only\). Referred to full commission for information only by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

**Attachments:** [Penny Valuation FY 23-24 Memo](#)

There was no action was taken.

### 3. Appointments.

- a. [Planning Commission \(4-Year Term\) Confirmation of Mayoral Appointment of Geneva Williams Harrison.](#)

**Attachments:** [2023 Reappointment - Geneva Williams Harrison](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Carver, seconded by Commissioner Bright, 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:** 20 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Chairperson French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Vice Chair Stinnett, Commissioner Webb, Commissioner Wells and Martin

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner King

**Abstain:** 0

- b. [Public Service Committee \(2-Year Term\) Re-appointments of Mike Akard, Nick Bright, Ron French, Larry Garner, Richard Maples, Tara Rasher, and Tom Stinnett.](#)

**Attachments:** [Public Services Committee Appointment Memo](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Reagan, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, 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:** 16 - Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Commissioner Webb, Commissioner Wells and Martin

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner King

**Abstain:** 4 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Bright, Chairperson French and Vice Chair Stinnett

4. [Resolution No. 23-04-013, A Resolution to Protect the Historical Dams on the Little River in Blount County, Tennessee.](#)

**Attachments:** [Historical Dams Resolution](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, seconded by Commissioner Jopling, that the Resolution be forwarded to full commission.**

**Commissioners Bennett, Caylor and McMahan requested that their names be added as sponsors on the Resolution.**

**An electronic vote was taken on the motion that the Resolution be forwarded to full commission. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 20 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Chairperson French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Vice Chair Stinnett, Commissioner Webb, Commissioner Wells and Martin

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner King

**Abstain:** 0

5. [Resolution No. 23-05-014, Resolution to Amend Zoning Ordinance to Temporarily Remove Cluster Development.](#)

**Attachments:** [Resolution 23-05-014 Cluster Development definition temp removal](#)

[Legal Notice Public Hearing 05.09.23](#)

[To CC 022723](#)

[Draft Resolution To CC 022723-1](#)

[Planning Commission Minutes 2023-Feb-23 Draft CC 022723-2](#)

[Alcoa Planning Commission Resolution 202323 Blount County Amend Definitions \(1\)](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, seconded by Commissioner Jopling, that the setting of a Zoning Public Hearing for Tuesday, May 9, 2023, at 5:45 p.m. be forwarded to full commission. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 20 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bledsoe, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Commissioner Davis, Chairperson French, Commissioner Giles, Commissioner Hannah, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner McMahan, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Vice Chair Stinnett, Commissioner Webb, Commissioner Wells and Martin

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner King

Abstain: 0

**G. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND STATEMENTS.**

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

**I. ADJOURNMENT.**

A motion was made to adjourn. The Chairman declared the meeting to be adjourned. The Blount County Commission Workshop meeting adjourned on Tuesday, April 11, 2023, at 7:03 p.m.