



Blount County Government

359 Court Street
Maryville, TN 37804-5906

Meeting Minutes

Board of Commissioners

Thursday, March 21, 2019

7:00 PM

Blount County Courthouse, Room 430

ROLL CALL

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the Blount County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, March 21, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. in the Blount County Courthouse of Maryville, Tennessee. Blount County Commission Chairman Ron French called the meeting to order. An electronic roll call was taken by Blount County Clerk Gaye Hasty. There were 20 present and 1 absent. The Chairman declared a quorum to exist. The following proceedings were held, to wit:

- Present:** 20 - Commissioner Mike Akard, Commissioner Jared Anderson, Commissioner Robbie Bennett, Commissioner Brad Bowers, Commissioner Nick Bright, Vice Chair Richard Carver, 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, Commissioner Tom Stinnett, and Commissioner Linda Webb
- Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Mike Caylor

A. SETTING OF AGENDA.

The Chairman declared that item F.6 be removed from the agenda, and requested unanimous consent to add Resolution No. 19-03-017 the Property Assessor's "Four Year Reappraisal Plan" as item F.11 to the agenda. A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Webb, to suspend the rules and add item F.11 to the agenda. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

- Yes:** 18 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Crowe, French, Hill, Hood, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, Mikels, Reagan, Robbins, Stinnett, and Webb
- No:** 1 - Hammontree
- Absent:** 1 - Caylor
- Abstain:** 1 - McCulley

A motion was made by Vice Chair Carver, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, to set the agenda with the changes. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

- Yes:** 19 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Crowe, French, Hill, Hood, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, McCulley, Mikels, Reagan, Robbins, Stinnett, and Webb
- No:** 1 - Hammontree

Absent: 1 - Caylor

Abstain: 0

B. CONSENT CALENDAR.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lawhorn, seconded by Commissioner Webb, that the Consent Calendar be approved. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

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

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Caylor

Abstain: 2 - Bright, and Hammontree

1. [Approval of Minutes - Board of Commissioners Called Meeting - February 21, 2019.](#)

Attachments: [Called Meeting Minutes 2019-Feb-21](#)

The minutes were adopted.

2. [Approval of Minutes - Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting - February 21, 2019.](#)

Attachments: [Minutes 2019-Feb-21](#)

The minutes were approved.

3. [Approval of Minutes - Board of Commissioners Called Meeting - March 8, 2019.](#)

Attachments: [CalledMeetingMinutes 2019-Mar-8](#)

The minutes were approved.

4. [Approval of Minutes - Zoning Public Hearing - March 12, 2019.](#)

Attachments: [Zoning Public Hearing Minutes 2019-Mar-12](#)

The minutes were approved.

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

Attachments: [19-03-011 OATHS AND BONDS RESOLUTION](#)

[Oaths Deputy Sheriffs 2019-Mar](#)

[Notary Publics Bonds Oaths 2019-Mar](#)

The resolution was approved.

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

Attachments: [Notaries 2019-Mar](#)

The notaries were approved.

7. [Receiving of Reports \(INFORMATION ONLY\).](#)

Attachments: [Jail Facility Inspection Report 2019-Jan-17](#)
[Jail Facility Inspection Report 2019-Feb-21](#)
[Animal Center Advisory Board Minutes 2018-Nov-20](#)
[Audit Committee Minutes 2018-Nov-15](#)
[Beer Board Minutes 2018-Nov-15](#)
[Beer Board Minutes 2019-Feb-21](#)
[Budget Committee Minutes 2019-Feb-12](#)
[Finance Committee Minutes 2018-July-26](#)
[Human Resources Committee Minutes 2019-Jan-2](#)
[Insurance Committee Minutes 2019-Jan-2](#)
[Planning Commission Minutes 2019-Jan-24](#)
[Trustee Report February 2019](#)

The reports were received and filed.

8. [FEBRUARY FINANCIAL REPORTS \(INFORMATION ONLY\).](#)

Attachments: [E-Commerce Card Summary and Detail Reports - February 2019.pdf](#)
[YTD Expenses.pdf](#)
[YTD Revenues.pdf](#)

The reports were received and filed.

9. [Investment Policy for Blount County Government \(INFORMATION ONLY\).](#)

Attachments: [Investment Policy 2019-Feb-21](#)

The information was received and filed.

10. [Dependent Eligibility Verification Audit Proposal \(INFORMATION ONLY\).](#)

Attachments: [Memo to Commission - Dependent Eligibility Verification](#)
[HMS DEV Proposal - Blount County TN 02142019](#)
[CBIZ Presentation Dependent Eligibility Audit](#)
[1321 M Insurance Committee 19-03-05 Meeting Minutes](#)

The information was received and filed.

11. [Highway Memo Regarding Addition to Headcount \(INFORMATION ONLY\).](#)

Attachments: [Memo-Additional Headcount.pdf](#)

The information was received and filed.

C. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

D. ELECTIONS, APPOINTMENTS, AND CONFIRMATIONS.

1. [Planning Commission - Reappointment \(4-Year Term\) of Geneva Harrison.](#)

Attachments: [Mayor Recommendation Letter](#)

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

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

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Caylor

Abstain: 0

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

F. NEW BUSINESS.

1. [Grant Application Request - Health Department \\$20,000 \(2019 Access to Health through Healthy Active Built Environments Grant Program\) No Match.](#)

Attachments: [Grant Information Worksheet Built Environ Grant 2019.pdf](#)

[AHHABE grant summary FINAL 020419.docx](#)

[AHHABE Grants Project Proposal FINAL 020419.pdf](#)

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

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

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Caylor

Abstain: 0

2. [Resolution No. 19-03-001 Highway - \\$1,000,000 \(utilize sales tax revenue for capital projects and various expenses - Trustee's commission, Fuel, Overtime, & Asphalt\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution 19-03-001 Hwy sales tax increase](#)

[Memo-budget increase.pdf](#)

[Increase.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Bright, seconded by Commissioner Lawhorn, that the resolution be adopted. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

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

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Caylor

Abstain: 0

3. [Resolution No. 19-03-002 Recycling - \\$27,850 \(Used Oil Grant award funds\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution 19-03-002 Used Oil Grant](#)

[Used Oil Grant increase.pdf](#)

[Used Oil Grant award.pdf](#)

[Used Oil grant worksheet.pdf](#)

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

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

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Caylor

Abstain: 0

4. [Resolution No. 19-03-003 Schools - \\$340,000 \(use of fund balance for early payoff of lease-purchase agreement of energy improvements project\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution 19-03-003 School - energy grant payoff](#)
[Energy Grant payoff.pdf](#)

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Stinnett, seconded by Commissioner Crowe, to amend the resolution by changing the amount from \$340,000 to \$343,450. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

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

No: 1 - Webb

Absent: 1 - Caylor

Abstain: 0

An electronic vote was taken on the motion to adopt the resolution as amended. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

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

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Caylor

Abstain: 0

5. [Resolution No. 19-03-013, A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE ZONING MAP OF BLOUNT COUNTY TENNESSEE, from R-1 \(Rural District 1\) to C \(Commercial\) for multiple tracts totaling approximately 22.5 acres along and adjacent to E. Lamar Alexander Pkwy, Old Walland Highway, and E. Millers Cove Rd., Walland. The properties are identified on tax map 072 parcels 005.01, 011.00, 012.00, 013.00, 014.00, 015.00, 016.00, 017.00, 017.01, and 017.02; and tax map 072G, group A, parcels 001.00 and 002.00.](#)

Attachments: [Public Hearing - Resolution Walland Area Rezoning](#)

[PH NOTICE - Walland Area](#)

[Planning Commission Minutes 2019-Jan-24](#)

[REPORT OF ACTION - BC Planning Comm January 24 - Rezoning Walland Area](#)

[Staff Memo 01-14-19 Public Hearing - Rezoning R1-C - Walland Area](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Bowers, seconded by Commissioner Jopling, that the resolution be adopted.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bowers, seconded by Commissioner Akard, to amend the resolution by removing parcel 015.00, thereby changing the multiple tracts of land totaling approximately 18.15 acres. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

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

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Caylor

Abstain: 0

An electronic vote was taken on the motion to adopt the resolution as amended. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

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

No: 2 - Hammontree, and Hill

Absent: 1 - Caylor

Abstain: 0

6. [Resolution No. 19-03-014, Resolution of the Blount County Legislative Body Establishing an Agreement that Extends Beyond the End of the Current Fiscal Year for Bus Routing Software for Blount County Schools.](#)

Attachments: [Resolution 19-03-014](#)

[Tyler SaaS Agreement for BCS](#)

This item was removed at the setting of agenda.

7. [Resolution No. 19-03-015, A Resolution Approving the Shared Health Alliance RX Advocacy Program for Blount County Government.](#)

Attachments: [Resolution for RX Advocacy Program](#)
[Specialty Meds Employer Agreement - Blount County \(1\)](#)
[Blount County Government HR Committee Presentation 03052019](#)
[1321_M_Insurance_Committee_19-03-05_Meeting_Minutes](#)

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

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

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Caylor

Abstain: 0

8. [Resolution No. 19-03-016, Resolution Regarding Sales Proceeds from Fairground Property.](#)

Attachments: [Resolution 19-03-016 Fairground Property proceeds](#)

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

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

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Caylor

Abstain: 0

9. [Reschedule the Tuesday, October 8, 2019, Commission Workshop Meeting for Thursday, October 3, 2019.](#)

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

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

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Caylor

Abstain: 0

10. [Setting of a Public Hearing on April 9, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. for Rezoning, R-1 \(Rural District 1\) to S \(Suburbanizing\) for the Remainder of an 85.5 Acre Tract of Land at 561 Grey Acres Lane, Friendsville \(Tax Map 055, Parcel 067.00\).](#)

Attachments: [REPORT OF ACTION by BCPC 2-28-19 - 561 Grey Acres Lane](#)
[Rezoning - 561 Grey Acres Ln](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, seconded by Commissioner Lawhorn, to set the public hearing for Tuesday, April 9, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

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

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Caylor

Abstain: 0

11. [Resolution No. 19-03-017, Resolution Authorizing a Continuous Four \(4\) Year Reappraisal Cycle.](#)

Attachments: [Resolution 19-03-017 4-year Reappraisal Cycle 2019](#)
[Reappraisal Plan Cover Letter](#)
[4-Year Reappraisal Plan](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Bowers, seconded by Commissioner Bright, that the resolution be adopted. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

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

No: 1 - Hammontree

Absent: 1 - Caylor

Abstain: 0

G. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND STATEMENTS.

H. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA.

I. ADJOURNMENT.

The Chairman declared the Blount County Board of Commissioners meeting to be adjourned at 8:26 p.m. on Thursday, March 21, 2019.