



# Blount County Government

359 Court Street  
Maryville, TN 37804-5906

## Meeting Minutes

### Board of Commissioners

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Thursday, September 19, 2019

7:00 PM

Blount County Courthouse, Room 430

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#### ROLL CALL

**BE IT REMEMBERED**, that the Blount County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, September 19, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. in the Blount County Courthouse of Maryville, Tennessee. Blount County Clerk Gaye Hasty called the meeting to order. An electronic roll call was taken by the Clerk. There were 21 members present. The Clerk declared a quorum to exist. The following proceedings were held to wit:

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

#### ELECTION OF COMMISSION CHAIRPERSON

Clerk Hasty opened the floor for nominations for Commission Chairperson. A motion was made by Commissioner Crowe, seconded by Commissioner Bright, that Ron French be appointed to the position of Commission Chairman. Commissioner Reagan made a motion to close nominations, seconded by Commissioner Bright. An electronic vote was taken. The Clerk declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

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

**No:** 0

**Abstain:** 1 - French

An electronic vote was taken on the nomination to elect Ron French to serve as the Commission Chairman. Clerk Hasty declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

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

**No:** 0

**Abstain:** 1 - French

## **ELECTION OF COMMISSION PRO TEMPORE**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Stinnett, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, that Rick Carver be appointed as Chairman Pro Tempore. A motion was made by Commissioner Bowers and seconded by Commissioner Lawhorn that nominations cease. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:**

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

**No:** 0

**Abstain:** 1 - Carver

**An electronic vote was taken to appoint Rick Carver as Chairman Pro Tempore. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 18 - Akard, Anderson, Bowers, Bright, Caylor, Crowe, French, Hammontree, Hill, Hood, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, McCulley, Mikels, Reagan, Robbins, and Stinnett

**No:** 0

**Abstain:** 1 - Carver

**Did Not Vote:** 2 - Bennett, and Webb

## **A. SETTING OF AGENDA.**

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

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

**No:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

## **B. CONSENT CALENDAR.**

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

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

**No:** 0

**Abstain:** 1 - Akard

1. [Approval of the Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Minutes for August 15, 2019.](#)

**Attachments:** [Minutes 2019-Aug-15](#)

The minutes were approved.

2. [Approval of the Board of Commissioners Called Meeting Minutes for August 20, 2019.](#)

**Attachments:** [Minutes 2019-Aug-20](#)

The minutes were approved.

3. [Approval of the Board of Commissioners Called Meeting Minutes for September 10, 2019.](#)

**Attachments:** [Minutes 2019-Sep-10](#)

The minutes were approved.

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

**Attachments:** [19-09-011 OATHS AND BONDS RESOLUTION](#)  
[OATHS OF DEPUTY CLERKS](#)  
[OATHS OF DEPUTY SHERIFFS](#)  
[NOTARY PUBLIC BONDS AND OATHS](#)

The resolution was adopted.

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

**Attachments:** [Notaries to be Elected 2019-Sep-19](#)

The notaries were approved.

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

**Attachments:** [Jail Facility Inspection Report 2019-Jul-18](#)  
[Jail Facility Inspection Report 2019-Aug-15](#)  
[Minutes of Animal Center Advisory Board Meeting 2019-May-23](#)  
[Minutes of Budget Committee Meeting 2019-Aug-6](#)  
[Minutes of Education Committee Meeting 2019-Jun-4](#)  
[Minutes of Planning Commission Meeting 2019-Jul-25](#)  
[Trustee Report July 2019](#)  
[Trustee Report August 2019](#)  
[BCSO Annual Financial Report FY2018-19](#)  
[Clerk-n-Master Annual Financial Report FY2018-19](#)  
[VFD Annual Financial Report for Friendsville Volunteer Fire Department, Inc](#)

The reports were received and filed.

**7. [August 2019 Financial Reports \(INFORMATION ONLY\).](#)**

**Attachments:** [August Expenses](#)  
[August Revenues](#)  
[US Bank Summary & Detail Reports](#)

The reports were received and filed.

**8. [Grant application request - Highway \\$1,000,000.00 \(Construction of Blount County Greenway Trail Phase 1 - 95% Federally Funded & 5% Locally Funded\).](#)**

**Attachments:** [BC Greenway Trail Ph 1 Construction - Multimodal Access Grant 10-15-19](#)

The request was approved.

**9. [Grant application request - BCSO JAG Grant \(INFORMATION ONLY\).](#)**

**Attachments:** [Grant Information Worksheet BCSO 2019-20 JAG Local Solicitation JAGLocal19](#)  
[Sheriff-memo](#)

The request was approved.

**C. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.****D. ELECTIONS, APPOINTMENTS, AND CONFIRMATIONS.**

**1. Confirmation of Mayor Appointments.**

- a. [Animal Center Advisory Board \(1-Year Term\) Reappointment of Commissioners Mike Akard, Dodd Crowe, Rick Carver, Jackie Hill and Tom Hood.](#)

**Attachments:** [Animal Center Advisory Board Mayor Recommendation](#)

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

**Yes:** 16 - Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Caylor, French, Hammontree, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, McCulley, Mikels, Reagan, Robbins, Stinnett, and Webb

**No:** 0

**Abstain:** 5 - Akard, Carver, Crowe, Hill, and Hood

- b. [Human Resources Committee \(1-Year Term\) Reappointment of Phyllis Crisp, Register of Deeds.](#)

**Attachments:** [HR Committee Mayor Recommendation](#)

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

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

**No:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

- c. [Information Technology Committee \(1-Year Term\) Reappointment of Clerk Gaye Hasty; Jimmy Cox, Highway Representative; and Trustee Scott Graves.](#)

**Attachments:** [IT Committee Mayor Recommendation](#)

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

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

**No:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

**2. Appointments by County Legislative Body.**

a. [Audit Committee \(2-Year Term\) 2 Citizens - Lee Gowan and Karen McKee.](#)

**Attachments:** [Resume Lee Gowan2019](#)

[Karen McKee 2019](#)

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

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

**No:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

b. [Board of Zoning Appeals \(5-Year Term\) Reappointment of Joe Everett.](#)

**Attachments:** [Recommendation BZA Reappointment - Joe Everett 2024](#)

[Joe Everett Resume](#)

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

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

**No:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

c. [Education Committee \(1-Year Term\) Commissioners Akard, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Crowe, Lawhorn, McCulley, Mikels, and Reagan.](#)

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

**Yes:** 12 - Anderson, Carver, Caylor, French, Hammontree, Hill, Hood, Jopling, King, Robbins, Stinnett, and Webb

**No:** 0

**Abstain:** 9 - Akard, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Crowe, Lawhorn, McCulley, Mikels, and Reagan

d. [Human Resources Committee \(1-Year Term\) Commissioners Anderson, Carver, Crowe, Hammontree and Stinnett.](#)

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

**Yes:** 16 - Akard, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Caylor, French, Hill, Hood, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, McCulley, Mikels, Reagan, Robbins, and Webb

**No:** 0

**Abstain:** 5 - Anderson, Carver, Crowe, Hammontree, and Stinnett

**e.** [Insurance Committee \(1-Year Term\) Commissioners Anderson, Carver, Crowe, Hammontree and Stinnett.](#)

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

**Yes:** 17 - Akard, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, French, Hill, Hood, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, McCulley, Mikels, Reagan, Robbins, and Webb

**No:** 0

**Abstain:** 4 - Anderson, Crowe, Hammontree, and Stinnett

**f.** [Information Technology Committee \(1-Year Term\) Commissioners Carver, Hood and Jopling.](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, seconded by Commissioner Reagan, that the appointments 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, Bright, Caylor, Crowe, French, Hammontree, Hill, King, Lawhorn, McCulley, Mikels, Reagan, Robbins, Stinnett, and Webb

**No:** 0

**Abstain:** 3 - Carver, Hood, and Jopling

## **E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.**

## **F. NEW BUSINESS.**

**1.** [Resolution No. 19-09-001, Budget Increase - Veterans' Treatment Court - \\$36,698.82 \(Re-appropriation of unused grant funds from FY18-19\).](#)

**Attachments:** [Resolution 19-09-001 Veterans' Treatment Court Re-appropriation](#)  
[VTC Budget Amendment Request](#)  
[VTC Memo](#)

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

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

2. [Resolution No. 19-09-002, Budget Increase - Purchasing - \\$22,699.00 \(Purchase of Copiers\).](#)

**Attachments:** [Resolution 19-09-002 Purchasing - Increase for Copiers](#)  
[Copiers Budget Amendment Request - Signed](#)  
[MEMORANDUM - Re-Equipment 9.4.19](#)  
[RJ Young Purchase Agreement](#)

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

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

**No:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

3. [Resolution No. 19-09-003, Budget Increase - Elections - \\$1,219,370.00 \(Voting Equipment\).](#)

**Attachments:** [Resolution 19-09-003 Voting Equipment](#)  
[Election Budget Amendment Request - Signed](#)  
[Memo to Randy Vineyard - Letter of Intent to Purchase new voting machines](#)  
[June 14, 2019 Mtg Min](#)  
[Purchasing Rec 6.13.19](#)  
[Voting Equipment Presentation to Budget Comm](#)  
[FINAL HARP and KnowInk Contracts RFP No. 2017-2489](#)  
[Capital Outlay Prioritization Resolution-ADOPTED](#)  
[Capital Outlay Prioritization Resolution-AMENDED](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Webb, seconded by Commissioner Stinnett, 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, Caylor, Crowe, French, Hammontree, Hood, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, McCulley, Mikels, Reagan, Robbins, Stinnett, and Webb

**No:** 1 - Hill

**Abstain:** 0



4. [Resolution No. 19-09-004, Budget Increase - General Purpose School Fund - \\$41,000.00 \(Fairview Elementary School Fence\).](#)

**Attachments:** [Resolution 19-09-004 GPSF - FES Fence](#)

[FES Fence Budget Amendment Request](#)

[East Tennessee Fence Company Proposal](#)

[Loudon County Fence Quote - Fairview 72" fence](#)

[Loudon County Fence Quote - Fairview 84" fence](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Akard to amend the resolution to reflect the new bid at \$26,551.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hood. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:**

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

**No:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

5. [Resolution No. 19-09-005, Budget Increase - General Purpose School Fund - \\$378,880.32 \(SARA Communication Security Alert System\).](#)

**Attachments:** [Resolution 19-09-005 GPSF - SARA Communication System](#)

[SARA Communication System Budget Amendment Request](#)

[Safe Schools Act of 1998 Proposed Budget](#)

[SARA Alert System Cost & Funding](#)

[Status Solutions Quote](#)

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

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

**No:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

6. [Resolution No. 19-09-006, Budget Increase - General Purpose School Fund - \\$85,000.00 \(Heritage High School Turn Lane\).](#)

**Attachments:** [Resolution 19-09-006 GPSF - HHS Turn Lane](#)  
[HHS Turn Lane Budget Amendment Request](#)  
[HHS Turn Lane Backup](#)

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

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

**No:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

7. [Resolution No. 19-09-008, A Resolution Amending Capital Outlay Priorities for FY 19-20.](#)

**Attachments:** [Capital Outlay Prioritization Resolution-AMENDED](#)  
[Capital Outlay Prioritization Resolution-ADOPTED](#)

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

**No:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

8. [Resolution No. 19-09-012, A Resolution Naming the Bridge on River Road over Ellejoy Creek in Blount County, Tennessee, the Police Officer Kenny Moats Memorial Bridge.](#)

**Attachments:** [19-09-011 RES Police Officer Kenny Moats Memorial Bridge](#)  
[Police Officer Kenneth Ray Moats, Maryville Police Department, Tennessee](#)

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

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

**No:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

9. [Resolution No. 19-09-013, Resolution of the Blount County Legislative Body Adopting the Revised Blount County Hazard Mitigation Plan.](#)

**Attachments:** [19-09-013 Hazard Mitigation Plan Resolution](#)

[Master Copy Blount Co. Hazard Mitigation Plan.2018.10.29.18 REV. 7.17.19](#)

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

**No:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

10. [Resolution No. 19-09-014, Resolution to Amend Resolution No. 04-08-008, Atmos Energy Corporation Franchise Agreement to Extend the Term for an Additional Twenty \(20\) Years.](#)

**Attachments:** [Resolution \(Atmos Energy amendment to Franchise Agmt\)](#)

[ATMOS Gas Res 04-08-008](#)

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

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

**No:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

**G. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND STATEMENTS.**

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

**I. ADJOURNMENT.**

**The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned. The Blount County Board of Commissioners meeting adjourned on September 19, 2019, at 8:00 p.m.**