



Blount County Government

359 Court Street
Maryville, TN 37804-5906

Meeting Minutes

Board of Commissioners

Thursday, November 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, November 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 21 members present. The Chairman declared that a quorum did 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

A. SETTING OF AGENDA.

A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, seconded by Commissioner Carver, 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 Akard, 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: 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

1. [Approval of the Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Minutes for September 19, 2019.](#)

Attachments: [Regular Minutes 2019-Sep-19](#)

The minutes were approved.

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

Attachments: [OATHS AND BONDS RESOLUTION](#)

[Notary Public Bonds Oaths](#)

[Oaths of Deputy Sheriffs](#)

The resolution was adopted.

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

Attachments: [Notaries to be Elected 2019-Nov-21](#)

The notaries were approved.

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

Attachments: [JailFacilityInspectionReport Sept. 16, 2019](#)

[Minutes of Audit Committee 2019-Mar-21](#)

[Minutes of BZA 2019-Mar-7](#)

[Minutes of BZA 2019-May-2](#)

[Minutes of BZA 2019-Sep-5](#)

[Minutes of Budget Committee Meeting 2019-Aug-15](#)

[Minutes of Budget Committee Meeting 2019-Sep-10](#)

[Minutes of CARES Committee 2019-Aug-6](#)

[Minutes of Education Committee 2019-Oct-1](#)

[Minutes of Education Committee 2019-Sep-3](#)

[Minutes of IT Committee 2019-Mar-19](#)

[Minutes of Planning Commission 2019-Aug-22](#)

[Minutes of Planning Commission 2019-Sep-26](#)

[Record Requests July - Sept. 2019](#)

[Perishables Report -September 2019](#)

[Trustee Report September 2019](#)

[Trustee Report for October 2019](#)

[Greenback VFD Annual Financial Report 2019](#)

[Greenback VFD Annual Financial Statements](#)

The reports were received and filed.

5. [September 2019 Financial Reports \(Information Only\)](#)

Attachments: [September Expenses](#)
[September Revenues](#)
[US Bank Summary Detail & Report - September 2019](#)

The reports were received and filed.

6. [October 2019 Financial Reports \(Information Only\)](#)

Attachments: [October Expenses](#)
[October Revenues](#)
[US Bank Summary Detail & Report - October 2019](#)

The reports were received and filed.

7. [ATMOS Energy - Acceptance of Franchise Extension \(FOR INFORMATION ONLY\).](#)

Attachments: [Acceptance of Franchise Extension - ATMOS Energy](#)
[ATMOS Energy Acceptance of Franchise Extension](#)
[ATMOS RES 19-09-014](#)

The information was received and filed.

8. [Grant Application Request - General Services \\$10,000 \(Hazard Mitigation Grant, 12% In-Kind\)](#)

Attachments: [HIZ Grant Work Sheet](#)

The request was approved.

C. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.**D. ELECTIONS, APPOINTMENTS, AND CONFIRMATIONS.****1. [Planning Commission Reappointment of Bruce McClellan, Term Expires: October 2023.](#)**

Attachments: [Signed reappointment recomment - Bruce McClellan](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Hammontree, seconded by Commissioner Webb, that the reappointment 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. [Public Records Commission Appointment of Jane Jenkins, I.T. Department Director.](#)

Attachments: [I T appointment](#)

[Rec Comm minutes oct 9](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Carver, seconded by Commissioner Hammontree, 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

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.**F. NEW BUSINESS.****1. [Resolution No. 19-11-001, Budget Increase - BCSO JAG Grant \\$24,610.00 \(Appropriation of awarded JAG Grant funds\)](#)**

Attachments: [JAG Grant Award Letter & Budget Increase](#)

[Resolution 19-11-001 BCSO JAG grant](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Carver, 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. 19-11-002, Budget Increase - Veterans - \\$175.00 \(Donations for Food Pantry\)](#)

Attachments: [Food Pantry Donation Budget Amendment Request](#)

[Veteran Food Pantry Backup](#)

[Resolution 19-11-002 Veterans Food Supplies](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner McCulley, seconded by Commissioner Robbins, 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. 19-11-003, Budget Increase - Circuit Court Clerk - \\$42,647.00 \(New computers, monitors, and upgrade for Avigilon camera license\)](#)

Attachments: [CCC Data Processing Budget Amendment Request](#)

[CCC Data Processing Request Backup](#)

[Data Processing CCC Memo from Tom Hatcher](#)

[Resolution 19-11-003 Circuit Court Clerk](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Bowers, 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

4. [Resolution No. 19-11-004, Budget Increase - Records Management - \\$2,000.00 \(Tennessee State Library and Archives Grant Appropriation\)](#)

Attachments: [Records Budget Amendment Request](#)

[Records Management Memo](#)

[Grant Award Acknowledgement](#)

[Records Grant Award Letter](#)

[Records Grant Worksheet](#)

[Resolution 19-11-004 Records Management](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Carver, seconded by Commissioner Hammontree, 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

5. [Resolution No. 19-11-005, Budget Increase - Health Department - \\$5,000.00 \(AC Unit Replacement\)](#)

Attachments: [Amended Resolution 19-11-005 Health Dept Incr Appropriation REVISED](#)
[AC and Tree Removal Health Department-signed](#)
[Health Department AC and Tree FY20 memo-signed](#)
[Estimate 2740 from Prees Tree Specialists Inc](#)
[Blount County Health Dept#2.8 AC Quote.docx](#)
[Resolution 19-11-005 Health Dept Incr Appropriation](#)

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: 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. 19-11-006, Budget Increase - Health Department - \\$104,103.01 \(DGA Grant Allocation Adjustment\)](#)

Attachments: [Resolution 19-11-006 Health Dept DGA Increase](#)
[FY20 Health Dept DGA Amendment 1 of 2-signed](#)
[FY20 Health Dept DGA Amendment 2 of 2-signed](#)
[DGA Budget Amendment FY20 memo-signed](#)
[DGA FY20 Amendment Workbook](#)
[Budget Pages from Grant GG-20-63873-00](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Hammontree, 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

7. [Resolution No. 19-11-007, Budget Increase - Human Resources - \\$10,000.00
\(Re-Appropriation of Unused Human Resource Funds\)](#)

Attachments: [Resolution 19-11-007 Human Resource Re-Appropriation](#)

[HR Budget Amendment Request](#)

[HR Memo](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Carver, seconded by Commissioner Robbins, 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. 19-11-008, Budget Increase - Veterans' Treatment Court - \\$37,000.00
\(Appropriation of Non-Recurring Grant from the State of Tennessee\)](#)

Attachments: [Resolution for VTC Direct Appropriation Funds](#)

[Memo and Budget Amendment for Direct Appropriation](#)

[NR Notification Blount County](#)

[FY 2020 NR Appropriation Grants - Memo](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner McCulley, 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

9. [Resolution No. 19-11-009, Budget Increase - Highway - \\$51,672.00 \(Increase Head-Count by Two Employees\)](#)

Attachments: [Resolution 19-11-009 Hwy Head Count Increase](#)
[Hwy Head Count Increase Budget Amendment Request](#)
[Signed Memo for Hwy Head Count Increase](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Hammontree, seconded by Commissioner Mikels, that the Resolution be adopted.

A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, seconded by Commissioner Stinnett, that the Resolution be amended to change the funding source from Use of Fund Balance to Local Option Sales Tax. 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

A motion was made by Commissioner Hammontree, seconded by Commissioner Mikels, that the Resolution as amended 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. 19-11-010, Budget Increase - Highway - \\$50,000.00 \(Appropriation of CSX Contribution for Springview Bridge Project\)](#)

Attachments: [Resolution 19-11-010 CSX Contribution Appropriation.pdf](#)
[CSX Appropriation Budget Amendment Request](#)
[CSX Memo](#)
[Maryville N Springview AGR](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Hammontree, 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: 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

11. [Resolution No. 19-11-013, A Resolution Changing Rule 4A of the Procedures of the Board of County Commissioners of Blount County, Tennessee.](#)

Attachments: [19-11-013 AMENDED RES Comm Rule 4A Public Comment](#)
[Blount County form Revised](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, seconded by Commissioner Hammontree that the resolution be adopted.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stinnett, seconded by Commissioner Webb, that the Resolution be referred to an ad hoc committee consisting of 5 members chosen by the Commission Chairman.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mikels, seconded by Commissioner McCulley, that the motion to refer be amended to include a review of all Commission Rules. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 12 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Crowe, French, Hammontree, Hood, Lawhorn, McCulley, Mikels, Reagan, and Robbins

No: 9 - Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Hill, Jopling, King, Stinnett, and Webb

Abstain: 0

An electronic vote was taken on the motion to refer to an ad hoc committee. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 13 - Anderson, Crowe, French, Hammontree, Hill, Hood, Lawhorn, McCulley, Mikels, Reagan, Robbins, Stinnett, and Webb

No: 8 - Akard, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Carver, Caylor, Jopling, and King

Abstain: 0

The Chairman appointed Commissioners Anderson, Carver, Crowe, French and Mikels to serve on an ad hoc committee to review the Blount County Board of Commissioners rules.

12. [Resolution No. 19-11-014, Acceptance of the Proposal of the Tennessee Department of Transportation to Construct a Project Designated as Federal Project No. Stp/Nh-115\(26\), State Project No. 05005-2241-14, S.R. 115 \(Us 129, Alcoa Highway\): Pellissippi Parkway to South of Topside Road.](#)

Attachments: [Resolution - Alcoa Highway Project](#)
[SR 115-TDOT Proposal 10-14-2019](#)
[ROW Plats](#)
[Mayor 11-04-19](#)

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

13. [Resolution No. 19-11-015, Resolution to Approve Agreement Between Blount County, Tennessee and Cades Cove Preservation Association.](#)

Attachments: [Resolution \(Cades Cove Preservation Association\)](#)
[EXHIBIT 1 Thompson Brown House Agreement 10-15-19](#)
[Thompson Brown House Plans](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chair Carver, seconded by Commissioner Hood, 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 November 21, 2019 at 8:18 p.m.