



Blount County Government

359 Court Street
Maryville, TN 37804-5906

Meeting Minutes

Board of Commissioners

Tuesday, August 20, 2019

5:30 PM

Blount County Courthouse, Room 430

Special Called

ROLL CALL

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the Blount County Board of Commissioners met in special session on Tuesday, August 20, 2019, at 5:30 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 19 present and 2 absent. The Chairman declared a quorum to exist. The following proceedings were held, to wit:

Present: 19 - Commissioner Mike Akard, Commissioner Jared Anderson, Commissioner Robbie Bennett, 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: 2 - Commissioner Brad Bowers, and Commissioner Mike Caylor

- A.** [Pursuant to and in accordance with the authority vested in me by Tennessee Code Annotated § 5-5-105, I hereby give Public Notice that the Blount County Commission will conduct a Special Called Meeting on Tuesday, August 20, 2019, at 5:30 pm in the Commission Room \(430\) in the Blount County Courthouse for the purpose of taking action on any appropriations and resolutions from the Budget Committee to accomplish the CARES Committee recommendation\(s\) addressing the Mayor's report and recommendation as presented on July 18, 2019, that addresses jail overcrowding and a transition facility to the full Commission.](#)

Attachments: [Public Notice - Called Commission 2019-Aug-20](#)

1. [Resolution No. 19-08-010, A Resolution from the Cares Committee to the Commission to Adopt the Mayor's Recommendation to Address Jail Overcrowding and the Transition Center.](#)

Attachments: [Resolution 19-08-010 CARES Committee Recommendation](#)
[August 6, 2019 Special Called CARES Committee Meeting Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Stinnett, seconded by Commissioner King, that the Resolution be approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, seconded by Commissioner Robbins, that the Resolution be amended according to the proposed recommendation of Mr. Roger Kiger that would extend the contract for 60-90 days to gather estimates for road work, site work and preliminary construction, and obtain a geotechnical report (core samples).

A motion was made by Commissioner Mikels, seconded by Commissioner McCulley, to amend the amendment to 180 days, instead of 60-90 days.

Commissioner Reagan called for question. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 17 - Anderson, Bennett, Bright, Carver, French, Hammontree, Hill, Hood, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, McCulley, Mikels, Reagan, Robbins, Stinnett, and Webb

No: 2 - Akard, and Crowe

Absent: 2 - Bowers, and Caylor

Abstain: 0

A motion was made by Commissioner Mikels, seconded by Commissioner McCulley, to amend the amendment to 180 days, instead of 60-90 days. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have failed by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Akard, Bright, Hammontree, Hill, Hood, McCulley, Mikels, Reagan, and Robbins

No: 10 - Anderson, Bennett, Carver, Crowe, French, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, Stinnett, and Webb

Absent: 2 - Bowers, and Caylor

Abstain: 0

Commissioner King called for question. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 14 - Anderson, Bennett, Bright, Carver, French, Hammontree, Hill, Hood, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, Reagan, Stinnett, and Webb

No: 5 - Akard, Crowe, McCulley, Mikels, and Robbins

Absent: 2 - Bowers, and Caylor

Abstain: 0

A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, seconded by Commissioner Robbins, that the Resolution be amended according to the proposed recommendation of Mr. Roger Kiger that would extend the contract for 60-90 days to gather estimates for road work, site work and preliminary construction, and obtain a geotechnical report (core samples). The Chairman declared the motion to have failed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Akard, Hammontree, Hill, Hood, Mikels, Reagan, and Robbins

No: 12 - Anderson, Bennett, Bright, Carver, Crowe, French, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, McCulley, Stinnett, and Webb

Absent: 2 - Bowers, and Caylor

Abstain: 0

Commissioner Stinnett called for question. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have failed by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Bennett, Hammontree, Hill, Hood, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, and Stinnett

No: 11 - Akard, Anderson, Bright, Carver, Crowe, French, McCulley, Mikels, Reagan, Robbins, and Webb

Absent: 2 - Bowers, and Caylor

Abstain: 0

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

Yes: 12 - Anderson, Bennett, Bright, Carver, Crowe, French, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, Reagan, Stinnett, and Webb

No: 7 - Akard, Hammontree, Hill, Hood, McCulley, Mikels, and Robbins

Absent: 2 - Bowers, and Caylor

Abstain: 0

A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, seconded by Commissioner Mikels, to adjourn. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have failed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Akard, Hammontree, Hill, Hood, McCulley, Mikels, and Robbins

No: 12 - Anderson, Bennett, Bright, Carver, Crowe, French, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, Reagan, Stinnett, and Webb

Absent: 2 - Bowers, and Caylor

Abstain: 0

2. [Resolution No. 19-08-017, A Resolution to Increase the General Administration Capital Project Fund \\$1,240,000.](#)

Attachments: [Resolution 19-08-017 Property acquisition & road extension assessment](#)
[August 15, 2019 Special Called Budget Committee Meeting Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner King, seconded by Commissioner Stinnett, that the Resolution be approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, seconded by Commissioner Hammontree, that the Resolution be tabled. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have failed by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Akard, Hammontree, Hill, Hood, McCulley, Mikels, Reagan, and Robbins

No: 11 - Anderson, Bennett, Bright, Carver, Crowe, French, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, Stinnett, and Webb

Absent: 2 - Bowers, and Caylor

Abstain: 0

Commissioner King called for question. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have failed by the following vote:

Yes: 10 - Anderson, Bennett, Carver, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, Reagan, Robbins, Stinnett, and Webb

No: 8 - Akard, Bright, Crowe, French, Hammontree, Hood, McCulley, and Mikels

Absent: 2 - Bowers, and Caylor

Abstain: 0

Did Not Vote: 1 - Hill

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

Yes: 12 - Anderson, Bennett, Bright, Carver, Crowe, French, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, Reagan, Stinnett, and Webb

No: 7 - Akard, Hammontree, Hill, Hood, McCulley, Mikels, and Robbins

Absent: 2 - Bowers, and Caylor

Abstain: 0

3. [Resolution No. 19-08-018, A Resolution to Increase the General Administration Capital Project Fund \\$19,800.](#)

Attachments: [Resolution 19-08-018 Justice Center spacing needs assessment](#)
[August 15, 2019 Special Called Budget Committee Meeting Minutes](#)

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

Yes: 15 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bright, Carver, Crowe, French, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, Mikels, Reagan, Robbins, Stinnett, and Webb

No: 4 - Hammontree, Hill, Hood, and McCulley

Absent: 2 - Bowers, and Caylor

Abstain: 0

B. ADJOURNMENT.

At 7:48 p.m. on Tuesday, August 20, 2019, the Chairman declared that the called meeting of the Blount County Board of Commissioners to be adjourned.