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Meeting Minutes

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Thursday, January 16, 2020

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, January 17, 2020, 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 members present and 1 absent. The Chairman declared that a quorum did 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 Mike Caylor, Commissioner Dodd Crowe, Chairperson Ron French, Commissioner James Hammontree, Commissioner Jackie Hill, Commissioner Tom Hood, Commissioner Jeff Jopling, 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 Scott King

A. SETTING OF AGENDA.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Carver, seconded by Commissioner Bright, that the agenda be set. 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, Hill, Hood, Jopling, Lawhorn, McCulley, Mikels, Reagan, Robbins, Stinnett, and Webb

No: 0

Absent: 1 - King

Abstain: 0

B. CONSENT CALENDAR.

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

No: 0

Absent: 1 - King

Abstain: 0

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

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

The minutes were approved.

2. [Resolution No. 20-01-013, A Resolution Honoring Melaine Beaty Hickman for Her Dedicated Service to the Veterans of Blount County, Tennessee.](#)

Attachments: [20-01-013 Proclamation Honoring Melaine Hickman VA Counselor](#)

The Resolution was adopted. The Proclamation was read out loud by the Clerk and presented to Mrs. Melaine Beaty Hickman by the commissioners.

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

Attachments: [OATHS AND BONDS RESOLUTION 2020-Jan-16](#)

[Oaths of Deputy Sheriffs 2020-Jan-16](#)

[Notary Public Bonds Oaths 2020-Jan-16](#)

The resolution was adopted.

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

Attachments: [Notaries to be Elected 2020-Jan-16](#)

The notaries were approved.

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

Attachments: [Minutes of CARES Committee 2019-Nov-19](#)
[Perishables Report -December 2019](#)

The reports were received and filed.

C. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.**D. ELECTIONS, APPOINTMENTS, AND CONFIRMATIONS.****1. Confirmation of County Mayor Appointments:****a. [Budget Committee \(1-Year Term\) Reappointment of Sharon Hannum, and Commissioners Jared Anderson, Mike Caylor and Tom Stinnett.](#)**

Attachments: [Budget Comm 2020](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, seconded by Commissioner Hill, that the reappointments 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, Crowe, French, Hammontree, Hill, Hood, Jopling, Lawhorn, McCulley, Mikels, Reagan, Robbins, and Webb

No: 0

Absent: 1 - King

Abstain: 3 - Anderson, Caylor, and Stinnett

b. [Solid Waste Authority \(6-Year Term\) Reappointment of Sue Dawson, J.C. Franklin and Carl Walker; and Appointment of Mike Lewis.](#)

Attachments: [Solid Waste 2020](#)

[Mike Lewis - bio for Solid Waste Authority Board](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chair Carver, seconded by Commissioner Hill, that the appointments 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, Caylor, Crowe, French, Hammontree, Hill, Hood, Jopling, Lawhorn, McCulley, Mikels, Reagan, Robbins, Stinnett, and Webb

No: 0

Absent: 1 - King

Abstain: 0

2. Appointments by County Commission:

- a. [Agriculture Extension Committee \(2- Year Term\) Reappointment of Dr. Andy Daugherty as Farm Men Representative, and the Appointment of 2 Commissioners Nick Bright, Ron French and/or Steve Mikels.](#)

Attachments: [Ag Committee appointments Jan 2020 \(1\) Redacted](#)

A roll call vote was taken by the Clerk. The Chairman declared Commissioners Nick Bright and Ron French elected by the following vote:

To appoint Nick Bright to the Agriculture Extension Committee: 16 - Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Carver, Caylor, Crowe, Hammontree, Hill, Hood, Jopling, Lawhorn, McCulley, Reagan, Robbins, Stinnett, and Webb.

To appoint Ron French to the Agriculture Extension Committee: 14 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Carver, Caylor, Crowe, Hammontree, Hill, Hood, Lawhorn, Reagan, Stinnett, and Webb.

To appoint Steve Mikels to the Agriculture Extension Committee: 4 - Akard, Jopling, McCulley, and Robbins.

Abstain: 3 - Bright, French, and Mikels.

Absent: 1 - King.

A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, seconded by Commissioner Hill, 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, Carver, Caylor, Crowe, Hammontree, Hill, Hood, Jopling, Lawhorn, McCulley, Mikels, Reagan, Robbins, Stinnett, and Webb

No: 0

Absent: 1 - King

Abstain: 2 - Bright, and French

- b. [Industrial Development Board and Health & Educational Facilities Board \(6-Year Term\) Reappointment of Joe Dawson.](#)

Attachments: [Blount County Commission - Board Member Re-Appointment 2019](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Bowers, seconded by Vice Chair Carver, that the reappointment 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, Caylor, Crowe, French, Hammontree, Hill, Hood, Jopling, Lawhorn, McCulley, Mikels, Reagan, Robbins, Stinnett, and Webb

No: 0

Absent: 1 - King

Abstain: 0

c. [Jail Inspection Committee \(1-Year Term\) Reappointment of Keith Brock, James Ferguson and Sharon Hannum.](#)

Attachments: [Blount County Government Mail - Jail Inspection Committee](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, seconded by Commissioner Robbins, that the reappointments 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, Caylor, Crowe, French, Hammontree, Hill, Hood, Jopling, Lawhorn, McCulley, Mikels, Reagan, Robbins, Stinnett, and Webb

No: 0

Absent: 1 - King

Abstain: 0

d. [Smoky Mountain Tourism Development Authority Board \(6 Year Term\) Reappointment of Bryan Cable with Hilton Knoxville Airport, and Jewell Overton with ProNova Solutions.](#)

Attachments: [Blount County Commission Request - 2019_Redacted](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Lawhorn, seconded by Commissioner Reagan, that the reappointments 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, Caylor, Crowe, French, Hammontree, Hill, Hood, Jopling, Lawhorn, McCulley, Mikels, Reagan, Robbins, Stinnett, and Webb

No: 0

Absent: 1 - King

Abstain: 0

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

F. NEW BUSINESS.

1. [Resolution No. 20-01-012, Resolution Naming the Blount County, Tennessee Portion of Highway 129 From Mile Marker 11 to the Tennessee/North Carolina Line the Captain Johnny Leon Bryant Memorial Highway.](#)

Attachments: [20-01-012 Resolution Capt. Johnny Leon Bryant Memorial Hwy](#)
[Map - Capt Johnny Leon Bryant Memorial Highway](#)
[Capt Johnny Leon Bryant](#)

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

No: 0

Absent: 1 - King

Abstain: 0

Did Not Vote: 1 - French

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 January 16, 2020 at 7:40 p.m.