



# Blount County Government

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## Meeting Minutes - Final

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Thursday, January 21, 2021

6:00 PM

Blount County Courthouse, Room 430

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<https://zoom.us/join>

Meeting ID: 965 3037 9812

## ROLL CALL

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the Blount County Board of Commissioners met electronically via Zoom Meetings in regular session on Thursday, January 21, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. Blount County Commission Chairman Ron French called the meeting to order. The roll call was taken by Blount County Clerk Gaye Hasty. There were 20 members present and 1 absent. The Chair 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 Reagan, to set the agenda. Vice Chair Carver requested that item F.11 be withdrawn from the agenda. A roll call vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to remove item F.11 have passed by the following vote:

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

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - King

**Abstain:** 1 - Hill

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson to set the agenda by unanimous vote. The Chairman asked if any were opposed. There were no objections. The Chairman declared that the agenda as amended was set by unanimous decision.

**B. CONSENT CALENDAR.**

A motion was made by Commissioner Lawhorn, seconded by Commissioner Reagan, that the Consent Calendar be approved. A roll call 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 17, 2020.](#)

**Attachments:** [Minutes of BOC 2020-Dec-17](#)

The minutes were approved.

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

**Attachments:** [OATHS AND BONDS RESOLUTION 21-01-011](#)

[Oaths of Deputy Sheriff 2021-Jan-21](#)

[Notary Public Bonds and Oaths 2021-Jan-21](#)

The Resolution was adopted.

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

**Attachments:** [Notaries To Be Elected 2021-Jan-21](#)

The notaries were elected.

4. [Receiving of Reports \(Information Only\).](#)

**Attachments:** [Minutes of Budget Committee 2020-Dec-8](#)  
[Minutes of Education Committee 2020-Dec-1](#)  
[Perishables Report - FY21 YTD](#)  
[Trustee Report December 2020](#)  
[VFD Report 605f8ce4-7307-4c6c-817f-6512849043b3](#)

The reports were received and filed.

5. [December 2020 Financial Reports \(Information Only\).](#)

**Attachments:** [December 2020 Expenses](#)  
[December 2020 Revenues](#)  
[US Bank Report - December 2020](#)

The reports were received and filed.

6. [Property Tax Revenue Update \(Information Only\).](#)

**Attachments:** [Property Tax Update- November 2020](#)

The report was received and filed.

7. [Sales Tax Revenue Update \(Information Only\).](#)

**Attachments:** [Sales Tax Update - December 2020](#)

The report was received and filed.

8. [Coronavirus Relief Fund \(CRF\) Update \(Information Only\).](#)

**Attachments:** [CRF Budget Committee Presentation January 2021](#)

The report was received and filed.

**C. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.**

**D. ELECTIONS, APPOINTMENTS, AND CONFIRMATIONS.**

1. [Agriculture Extension Committee \(2-Year Term\) Ms. Lyssa McKenry, Mr. Steve Myers, Ms. Rachel Hall, and Commissioner Steve Mikels.](#)

**Attachments:** [Aq Committee appointments January 2021](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Bright, seconded by Commissioner Webb, that the appointment be approved. A roll call 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, French, Hammontree, Hill, Hood, Jopling, Lawhorn, McCulley, Reagan, Robbins, Stinnett, and Webb

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - King

**Abstain:** 1 - Mikels

2. [Budget Committee \(1-Year Term\) Reappointment of Ms. Sharon Hannum, and Commissioners Jared Anderson, Mike Caylor, and Tom Stinnett.](#)

**Attachments:** [Budget Comm 2021](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner Webb, that the appointment be approved. A roll call 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

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

**Attachments:** [Jail Inspection Committee members](#)

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Carver, seconded by Commissioner Hill, that the appointment be approved. A roll call 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

4. [Smoky Mountain Tourism Development Authority Board \(6-Year Term\) Reappointment of Mr. Tim Seay.](#)

**Attachments:** [Blount County Commission Request - 2021](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Jopling, seconded by Vice Chair Carver, that the appointment be approved. A roll call 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. 21-01-001, Budget Increase - Elections - \\$31,577.24 \(To appropriate increase awarded for CARES Grant Funding\). Forwarded to full commission by the Budget Committee with a favorable recommendation \(5:0\).](#)

**Attachments:** [Resolution No. 21-01-001 Elections CARES Grant Appropriation](#)  
[CARES Grant Budget Amendment - Signed](#)  
[Blount - Cares Grant Signed Contract 12.21.20](#)  
[Resolution No. 20-08-005 Elections CARES Grant Appropriation](#)  
[Elections CARES Grant Budget Amendment Request - ORIGINAL](#)  
[COVID-19 Cares Grant - ORIGINAL](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, seconded by Commissioner Webb, that the Resolution be adopted. A roll call 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

- 002.** [Resolution No. 21-01-002, Budget Increase - Central Services - \\$1,965.50 \(To appropriate funds for Juvenile Court copier on County Purchased copier program\).](#)  
[Forwarded to full commission by the Budget Committee with a favorable recommendation \(5:0\).](#)

**Attachments:** [Resolution 21-01-002 Copier Purchase Increase](#)  
[Copier Purchase Amendment Request - Signed](#)  
[Juvenile Color - State Quote forms H.xlsx](#)

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Carver, seconded by Commissioner Reagan, that the Resolution be adopted. A roll call 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

- 3.** [Resolution No. 21-01-004, Budget Increase - Education Capital - \\$295,000 \(To appropriate funds for 29 new HVAC units\).](#) [Forwarded to full commission by the Budget Committee with a favorable recommendation \(4:1\).](#)

**Attachments:** [Resolution No. 21-01-004 Approp for 29 HVAC System](#)  
[Wide 12-10-20](#)  
[HVAC Appropriation Budget Amendment Request & Backup](#)  
[Schools HVAC Memo \(1\)](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Bowers, seconded by Commissioner Reagan, that the Resolution be adopted. A roll call 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

4. [Resolution No. 21-01-005, Budget Increase - Juvenile Court - \\$14,080.59 \(To appropriate funds for Part-Time Magistrate position for January 2021-June 2021\). Forwarded to full commission by the Budget Committee with a favorable recommendation \(5:0\).](#)

**Attachments:** [Resolution 21-01-005 Part Time Magistrate](#)  
[Part Time Magistrate Budget Amendment Request - Signed](#)  
[Budget Comm Memo](#)  
[Pay Justification Memo](#)

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Carver, seconded by Commissioner Reagan, that the Resolution be adopted. A roll call 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

5. [Resolution No. 21-01-006, Budget Increase - BCSO \(General Fund\) - \\$100,000.00 \(To increase and appropriate Telecommunication revenue over what was originally budgeted\). Forwarded to full commission by the Budget Committee with a favorable recommendation \(5:0\).](#)

**Attachments:** [Resolution 21-01-006 Telecommunications 101](#)  
[Fund 101 Telecommunication Increase Budget Amendment Request](#)  
[Telecommunications Increase Memo](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Stinnett, seconded by Commissioner Webb, that the Resolution be adopted. A roll call 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

6. [Resolution No. 21-01-007, Budget Increase - BCSO \(Drug Control Fund\) - \\$100,000 \(To increase and appropriate Telecommunication revenue over what was originally budgeted\). Forwarded to full commission by the Budget Committee with a favorable recommendation \(5:0\).](#)

**Attachments:** [Resolution 21-01-007 Telecommunications 122](#)  
[Fund 122 Telecommunication Increase Budget Amendment Request](#)  
[Telecommunications Increase Memo](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, seconded by Commissioner Reagan, that the Resolution be adopted. A roll call 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

7. [Resolution No. 21-01-008, Budget Increase - General Administration Projects \(IT\) - \\$31,157.49 \(To appropriate funds for additional computers, Adobe Acrobat Pro licenses, and Laptop bags\). Forwarded to full commission by the Budget Committee with a favorable recommendation \(5:0\).](#)

**Attachments:** [Resolution 21-01-008 IT Computer Increase](#)  
[IT Computer Budget Amendment Request signed](#)  
[Information Technology MEMO Bud Amd 1-6-2021](#)  
[Blount County Government Mail - Fwd\\_ Dollar Amount for Judges](#)  
[Laptops and Docks](#)  
[CDW Adobe quote - LVPH292](#)  
[Dell Laptop US QUOTE 3000076212954.1](#)

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Carver, seconded by Commissioner Reagan, that the Resolution be adopted. A roll call 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



8. [Resolution No. 21-01-009, Budget Increase - Industrial Development - \\$6,000,000.00 \(To appropriate funds for Blount County's portion of the Industrial Development Board funding for Project Pearl\). Forwarded to full commission by the Budget Committee with a favorable recommendation \(5:0\).](#)

**Attachments:** [Resolution 21-01-009 Project Pearl IDB](#)  
[Project Pearl IDB Budget Amendment Request - Signed](#)  
[Blount Alcoa IDB 2020 Summary of Financing for Project Pearl](#)  
[Project Pearl Memo](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, seconded by Vice Chair Carver, that the Resolution be adopted. A roll call 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, French, Hill, Hood, Jopling, Lawhorn, McCulley, Mikels, Reagan, Robbins, Stinnett, and Webb

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - King

**Abstain:** 1 - Hammontree

9. [Resolution No. 21-01-010: Amendment to FY20-21 Capital Outlay Prioritization \(2 Snow Plows\). Forwarded to full commission by the Budget Committee with a favorable recommendation \(5:0\).](#)

**Attachments:** [Resolution No. 21-01-010 Capital Outlay Prioritization](#)  
[Resolution-Amendment](#)  
[Memo-Snow Plow 1-21](#)  
[Capital Outlay Prioritization Resolution - Amended 12.17.20](#)

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Carver, seconded by Commissioner Bright, that the Resolution be adopted. A roll call 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

10. [Resolution No. 21-01-012, Resolution Supporting City of Townsend Resolution 272-20-1c Designating the Section of US-321 That Passes Through the City Limits of Townsend, Tennessee, as Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Highway.](#)

**Attachments:** [Resolution 272-20-1C Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Jopling, seconded by Commissioner Robbins, that the Resolution be adopted. A roll call 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

11. [Resolution No. 21-01-013, A Resolution to Adopt Convenience Voting Centers in Blount County, Tennessee.](#)

**Attachments:** [RESOLUTION TO ADOPT CONVENIENCE VOTING CENTERS 2021](#)

[Tennessee Code § 2-3-302 \(2019\) - Establishment of convenient voting centers.](#)

[Benefits of Vote Centers Election Day](#)

[Minutes of Election Commission 2020-Dec-16](#)

[Voting Centers - Benefits & Requirements](#)

[Voting Centers - Voter turnout for EV & ED since March 2016](#)

[Voting Centers Prelim Map](#)

[Rockford Resolution 01192021 - Voting Centers](#)

**This item was withdrawn at the setting of agenda.**

12. [Resolution No. 21-01-014, Resolution Requesting State Officials Add Meat Processing to the Tennessee College of Applied Technology Curriculum.](#)

**Attachments:** [Resolution 21-01-014](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Bright, seconded by Commissioner Reagan, that the Resolution be adopted. A roll call 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

**G. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND STATEMENTS.**

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

**I. ADJOURNMENT.**

The Chairman declared the meeting to be adjourned. The Blount County Board of Commissioners meeting adjourned on Thursday, January 21, 2021, at 8:03 p.m.