



Blount County Government

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Meeting Minutes

Commission Workshop

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Tuesday, December 7, 2021

6:30 PM

Blount County Courthouse, Room 430

Live stream via

<https://zoom.us/join>

Meeting ID: 873 1518 3104

ROLL CALL

BE IT REMEMBERED, that a Blount County Commission Workshop meeting was held on Tuesday, December 7, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. in the Blount County Courthouse of Maryville, Tennessee. Blount County Commission Workshop Chairman Tom Stinnett called the meeting to order. An electronic roll call was taken by Clerk Gaye Hasty. There were 19 present and 2 absent. The Chairman declared that a quorum did exist. The following proceedings were held, to wit:

Present: 19 - Mike Akard, Jared Anderson, Robbie Bennett, Brad Bowers, Nick Bright, Mike Caylor, Dodd Crowe, Ron French, James Hammontree, Jackie Hill, Tom Hood, Jeff Jopling, Scott King, Staci Lawhorn, Joe McCulley, Steve Mikels, Dawn Reagan, Tom Stinnett and Linda Webb

Absent: 2 - Richard Carver and Brian Robbins

A. SETTING OF AGENDA.

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

Yes: 19 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Caylor, Vice Chair Crowe, Commissioner French, Commissioner Hammontree, Commissioner Hill, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McCulley, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Chairperson Stinnett and Commissioner Webb

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Carver and Commissioner Robbins

Abstain: 0

B. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

1. [Commission Workshop Meeting Minutes for November 9, 2021.](#)

Attachments: [Minutes of Workshop 2021-Nov-9](#)

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

Yes: 19 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Caylor, Vice Chair Crowe, Commissioner French, Commissioner Hammontree, Commissioner Hill, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McCulley, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Chairperson Stinnett and Commissioner Webb

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Carver and Commissioner Robbins

Abstain: 0

D. CONSENT CALENDAR.

A motion was made by Commissioner McCulley, seconded by Commissioner French, that Consent Calendar be forwarded to full commission. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 19 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Caylor, Vice Chair Crowe, Commissioner French, Commissioner Hammontree, Commissioner Hill, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McCulley, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Chairperson Stinnett and Commissioner Webb

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Carver and Commissioner Robbins

Abstain: 0

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

Attachments: [21-12-011 OATHS AND BONDS RESOLUTION](#)

[Oaths of Deputy Clerk 2021-Dec-16](#)

[Oaths of Deputy Sheriff 2021-Dec-16](#)

[Notary Public Bonds and Oaths 2021-Dec-16](#)

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

Attachments: [Notaries to be Elected 2021-Dec-16](#)

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

Attachments: [Minutes of Animal Center Advisory Board 2021-Aug-31](#)

[Minutes of Audit Committee 2021-Mar-18](#)

[Minutes of Audit Committee 2021-Oct-21](#)

[Minutes of Board of Zoning Appeals 2021-May-6](#)

[Minutes of Budget Committee 2021-Nov-9](#)

[Minutes of Education Committee 2021-Nov-2](#)

[Minutes of Human Resources Committee 2021-Jul-20](#)

[Minutes of Insurance Committee 2021-Jul-20](#)

[Trustee Report for November 2021](#)

a. [November 2021 Financial Reports \(Information Only\).](#)

Attachments: [November 2021 Expenses](#)

[November 2021 Revenues](#)

[YTD Budget Report - Expenses - November 2021](#)

[YTD Budget Report - Revenues - November 2021](#)

[US Bank Report - November 2021](#)

4. [2022 Schedule of Blount County Commission Committee Meetings.](#)

Attachments: [Public Notice - 2022 Committee Meetings](#)

[calannual2022](#)

5. [Budget Process Calendar for FY22-23. \(Referred to full commission by the Budget Committee with a favorable recommendation \[5-0\]\).](#)

Attachments: [Blount County Budget Process Calendar FY22-23](#)

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.**F. NEW BUSINESS.****1. Budget Transfers, Increases and/or Decreases.**

- a. [Resolution No. 21-12-001, Budget Increase - Animal Shelter - \\$19,433.00 \(To appropriate donation reserve funds for two additional part-time employees through the end of FY21-22\). Referred to full commission by the Budget Committee with a favorable recommendation \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution No. 21-12-001 Animal Center PT Employees](#)
[Animal Center PT Budget Amendment Request - Signed](#)
[Part Time Budget Amendment Memo](#)
[8.CommPublicHealth_Animal Shelter Reserve20-21](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, seconded by Commissioner Reagan, that the Resolution be forwarded to full commission. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 19 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Caylor, Vice Chair Crowe, Commissioner French, Commissioner Hammontree, Commissioner Hill, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McCulley, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Chairperson Stinnett and Commissioner Webb

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Carver and Commissioner Robbins

Abstain: 0

- b. [Resolution No. 21-12-002, Budget Increase - Drug Control Fund - \\$15,000.00 \(To appropriate a donation for the purchase of a K-9 and associated training\). Referred to full commission by the Budget Committee with a favorable recommendation \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution No. 21-12-002 BCSO Drug Fund - K9 Donation](#)
[K9 Donation Budget-Amendment-FY21-22signed](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, seconded by Commissioner Reagan, that the Resolution be forwarded to full commission. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 19 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Caylor, Vice Chair Crowe, Commissioner French, Commissioner Hammontree, Commissioner Hill, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McCulley, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Chairperson Stinnett and Commissioner Webb

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Carver and Commissioner Robbins

Abstain: 0

- c. [Resolution No. 21-12-003, Budget Increase - BCSO - \\$15,000.00 \(To appropriate an insurance recovery check from a Sheriff's Office vehicle that was involved in an accident - the Corrections Transport Van\). Referred to full commission by the Budget Committee with a favorable recommendation \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution 21-12-003 Corrections Transport Van Insurance Check Appropriation](#)
[Corrections Van Budget-Amendment-FY21-22signed](#)
[Insurance Recovery Check](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Reagan, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, that the Resolution be forwarded to full commission. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 19 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Caylor, Vice Chair Crowe, Commissioner French, Commissioner Hammontree, Commissioner Hill, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McCulley, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Chairperson Stinnett and Commissioner Webb

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Carver and Commissioner Robbins

Abstain: 0

- d. [Resolution No. 21-12-004, Budget Increase - Health Department - \\$8,736.82 \(To appropriate funds to replace the backup generator\). Referred to full commission by the Budget Committee with a favorable recommendation \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution 21-12-004 Health Dept Backup Generator](#)
[Health Dept Backup Generator Budget Amendment Request - Signed](#)
[Health Department Backup Generator Memo](#)
[Health Dept Backup Generator Quote](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Reagan, seconded by Commissioner French, that the Resolution be forwarded to full commission. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 19 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Caylor, Vice Chair Crowe, Commissioner French, Commissioner Hammontree, Commissioner Hill, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McCulley, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Chairperson Stinnett and Commissioner Webb

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Carver and Commissioner Robbins

Abstain: 0

- e. [Resolution No. 21-12-005, Budget Increase - General Capital Projects - \\$40,000.00 \(To recognize awarded EPA Grant revenue for the Glass Mill project - project appropriation total will not change\). Referred to full commission by the Budget Committee with a favorable recommendation \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution No. 21-12-005 EPA Grant for Glass Mill](#)
[Glass Mill EPA Grant Budget Amendment Request - Signed](#)
[Glass Mill EPA Grant Memo](#)
[EPA Cooperative Agreement](#)
[Resolution No. 21-10-005 Glass Mill & Weigh Scales](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Reagan, seconded by Commissioner Akard, that the Resolution be forwarded to full commission. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 19 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Caylor, Vice Chair Crowe, Commissioner French, Commissioner Hammontree, Commissioner Hill, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McCulley, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Chairperson Stinnett and Commissioner Webb

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Carver and Commissioner Robbins

Abstain: 0

- f. [Resolution No. 21-12-006, Budget Increase - Highway - \\$40,887.00 \(To appropriate funds for the Highway liability insurance shortage\). Referred to full commission by the Budget Committee with a favorable recommendation \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution No. 21-12-006 Highway General Liability](#)
[Hwy General Liability Budget Amendment Request - Signed](#)
[Hwy General Liability Memo](#)
[Budget Manual 21-22](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Reagan, seconded by Commissioner French, that the Resolution be forwarded to full commission. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 19 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Caylor, Vice Chair Crowe, Commissioner French, Commissioner Hammontree, Commissioner Hill, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McCulley, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Chairperson Stinnett and Commissioner Webb

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Carver and Commissioner Robbins

Abstain: 0

- g. [Resolution No. 21-12-007, Budget Increase - General Purpose School Funds - \\$176,200.00 \(To appropriate Local Option Sales Tax revenue for Classified starting salary rate to \\$12.73 an hour\). Referred to full commission by the Budget Committee with a favorable recommendation \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution No 21-12-007 Fund 141 Salary increase](#)
[BUA Payroll 12.2.2021 141](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner French, seconded by Commissioner Reagan, that the Resolution be forwarded to full commission.

A motion was made by Commissioner French that items F.1.g., F.1.h and F.1.i be combined with the vote to forward to full commission. There was no objection.

An electronic vote was taken to forward items F.1.g, F.1.h and F.1.i to full commission. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 19 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Caylor, Vice Chair Crowe, Commissioner French, Commissioner Hammontree, Commissioner Hill, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McCulley, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Chairperson Stinnett and Commissioner Webb

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Carver and Commissioner Robbins

Abstain: 0

- h. [Resolution No. 21-12-008, Budget Increase - Central Cafeteria - \\$41,000.00 \(To appropriate USDA School Lunch Program revenue for Classified starting salary rate to \\$12.73 an hour\). Referred to full commission by the Budget Committee with a favorable recommendation \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution No 21-12-008 Fund 143 Salary increase](#)
[BUA Payroll 12.2.2021 143](#)

Per the action taken in F.1.g above, the Resolution will be forwarded to full commission.

- i. [Resolution No. 21-12-009, Budget Increase - Extended School Program - \\$66,700.00 \(to appropriate Child Care Assistance revenue for Classified starting salary rate to \\$12.73 an hour\). Referred to full commission by the Budget Committee with a favorable recommendation \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution No 21-12-009 Fund 146 Salary increase](#)
[BUA Payroll 12.2.2021 146](#)

Per the action taken in F.1.g above, the Resolution will be forwarded to full commission.

2. Other Budget Items.

3. Appointments.

- a. [Solid Waste Authority Board \(6-Year Term\) Mayor's Reappointment of Commissioner Tom Stinnett.](#)

Attachments: [Solid Waste 21](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Reagan, seconded by Commissioner French, that the Appointment be forwarded to full commission. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 18 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Caylor, Vice Chair Crowe, Commissioner French, Commissioner Hammontree, Commissioner Hill, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McCulley, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan and Commissioner Webb

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Carver and Commissioner Robbins

Abstain: 1 - Chairperson Stinnett

4. [Resolution No. 21-12-012, A Resolution that Approves an Agreement Term which Extends Beyond the End of the Fiscal Year for the Stop Loss Insurance Carrier for Blount County, TN.](#)

Attachments: [21-12-012 Resolution for Stop Loss Vendor effective 01 01 2022](#)

[Skyward renewal agreement Signed](#)

[Minutes of Insurance Committee 2021-Nov-16](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, seconded by Commissioner French, that the Resolution be forwarded to full commission. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 19 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Caylor, Vice Chair Crowe, Commissioner French, Commissioner Hammontree, Commissioner Hill, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McCulley, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Chairperson Stinnett and Commissioner Webb

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Carver and Commissioner Robbins

Abstain: 0

5. [Resolution No. 21-12-013, A Resolution of the Blount County Legislative Body Encouraging the Tennessee Attorney General to Protect Health Care Workers' Rights.](#)

Attachments: [RESOLUTION Healthcare workers and edit COVID Vac](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, seconded by Commissioner Lawhorn, that the Resolution be forwarded to full commission.

A motion was made by Commissioner French that all 21 commissioners be added as sponsors on the Resolution. There was no objection.

An electronic vote was taken on the motion to forward the Resolution to full commission. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 18 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Caylor, Vice Chair Crowe, Commissioner French, Commissioner Hammontree, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McCulley, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Chairperson Stinnett and Commissioner Webb

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Carver and Commissioner Robbins

Abstain: 1 - Commissioner Hill

6. [Resolution No. 21-12-014, A Resolution Authorizing Blount County to Join the State of Tennessee and Other Local Governments as Participants in the Tennessee State-Subdivision Opioid Abatement Agreement and Approving the Related Settlement Agreements.](#)

Attachments: [21-12-014 Resolution re Opioid Litigation](#)
[Exhibit A to Resolution](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner McCulley, seconded by Commissioner French, that the Resolution be forwarded to full commission. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 19 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Caylor, Vice Chair Crowe, Commissioner French, Commissioner Hammontree, Commissioner Hill, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McCulley, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Chairperson Stinnett and Commissioner Webb

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Carver and Commissioner Robbins

Abstain: 0

7. [Resolution No. 21-12-015, A Resolution Ratifying the Action of the Blount County Coordinating Committee and Accepting the Recommendation to Approve Amendment to the Growth Plan for Blount County Tennessee.](#)

Attachments: [21-12-015 Ratification Resolution - Blount County](#)
[Exhibit A - Amendment to Blount County Growth Plan](#)
[City of Alcoa RES R21-417 RATIFY & AMEND BLCO GROWTH PLAN 1](#)
[Rockford Resolution to Approve Amendment 11.11.2021](#)
[Townsend Resolution to Approve Amendment 11.16.2021](#)
[Minutes - Nov 2, 2021](#)
[Minutes - Nov 4, 2021](#)
[Minutes - Nov 8, 2021](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner French, seconded by Commissioner Webb, that the Resolution be forwarded to full commission. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 19 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Caylor, Vice Chair Crowe, Commissioner French, Commissioner Hammontree, Commissioner Hill, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McCulley, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Chairperson Stinnett and Commissioner Webb

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Carver and Commissioner Robbins

Abstain: 0

8. [Resolution No. 21-12-016, A Resolution to Allow Safe Passage in Blount County, Tennessee for a Certain Visitor From the North Pole.](#)

Attachments: [21-12-016 Santa Resolution 2021-Dec-16](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Reagan, seconded by Commissioner French, that the Resolution be forwarded to full commission. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 19 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Caylor, Vice Chair Crowe, Commissioner French, Commissioner Hammontree, Commissioner Hill, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner King, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McCulley, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan, Chairperson Stinnett and Commissioner Webb

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Carver and Commissioner Robbins

Abstain: 0

G. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND STATEMENTS.

H. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA.

I. ADJOURNMENT.

A motion was made that the meeting be adjourned. The Chairman declared the meeting to be adjourned. The Blount County Commission Workshop meeting adjourned on Tuesday, December 7, 2021, at 7:01 p.m.