



Blount County Government

359 Court Street
Maryville, TN 37804-5906

Meeting Minutes - Final

Board of Commissioners

Thursday, May 19, 2022

6:30 PM

Blount County Courthouse, Room 430

Live stream via <https://zoom.us/join>

Zoom Meeting ID: 813 0693 1696

ROLL CALL

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the Blount County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, May 19, 2022, at 6:30 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 18 members present and 3 absent. The Chairman declared that a quorum did exist. The following proceedings were held, to wit:

- Present:** 18 - Commissioner Mike Akard, Chairperson Jared Anderson, Commissioner Robbie Bennett, Commissioner Brad Bowers, Commissioner Nick Bright, Commissioner Richard Carver, Vice Chair 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 Tom Stinnett, and Commissioner Linda Webb
- Absent:** 3 - Commissioner Mike Caylor, Commissioner Dodd Crowe, and Commissioner Brian Robbins

A. SETTING OF AGENDA.

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

Yes: 18 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Carver, French, Hammontree, Hill, Hood, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, McCulley, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, and Webb

No: 0

Absent: 3 - Caylor, Crowe, and Robbins

Abstain: 0

B. CONSENT CALENDAR.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mikels, seconded by Commissioner Webb, that the Consent Calendar 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, Bright, Carver, French, Hammontree, Hill, Hood, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, McCulley, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, and Webb

No: 0

Absent: 3 - Caylor, Crowe, and Robbins

Abstain: 0

1. [Resolution No. 22-05-018, A Resolution Honoring Peggy Lambert.](#)

Attachments: [22-05-018 Peggy Lambert Res](#)

The Resolution was adopted. The Chairman recognized Commissioner Akard to read out loud the proclamation. Mayor Mitchell presented the proclamation to the family of former Commissioner Peggy Lambert.

2. [Resolution No. 22-05-012, A Proclamation Honoring the Alcoa High School Graduating Class of 2022 for Their Accomplishment in Scoring a 30 or Above on the ACT Test.](#)

Attachments: [AlcoaSrClass2022ResProclamation](#)

The Resolution was adopted.

3. [Resolution No. 22-05-013, A Proclamation Honoring the Heritage High School Graduating Class of 2022 for Their Accomplishment in Scoring a 30 or Above on the ACT Test.](#)

Attachments: [HeritageHSrClass2022ResProclamation](#)

The Resolution was adopted.

4. [Resolution No. 22-05-014, A Proclamation Honoring the Maryville High School Graduating Class of 2022 for Their Accomplishment in Scoring a 30 or Above on the ACT Test.](#)

Attachments: [MaryvilleSrClass2022ResProclamation](#)

The Resolution was adopted.

5. [Resolution No. 22-05-015, A Proclamation Honoring the William Blount High School Graduating Class of 2022 for Their Accomplishment in Scoring a 30 or Above on the ACT Test.](#)

Attachments: [WBSrClass2022ResProclamation](#)

The Resolution was adopted.

6. [Minutes of Regular Commission Meeting on April 21, 2022.](#)

Attachments: [Minutes of BOC Regular Meeting 2022-Apr-21](#)

The minutes were approved.

7. [Minutes of Called Commission Meeting on May 02, 2022.](#)

Attachments: [MeetingMinutes02-May-2022-01-47-46](#)

The minutes were approved.

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

Attachments: [22-05-011 OATHS AND BONDS RESOLUTION](#)

[Oaths of Deputy Sheriff 2022-May-19](#)

[Notary Public Bonds and Oaths 2022-May-19](#)

The Resolution was adopted.

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

Attachments: [Notaries to be Elected 2022-May-19](#)

The notaries were elected.

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

Attachments: [BMH - AHA Report - Cost of Caring](#)

[BMH - County Commissioner Report - April 2022 - YTD report](#)

[BMH - Stats FS - March 2022](#)

[Minutes of Board of Zoning Appeals 2022-Mar-3](#)

[Minutes of Budget Comm 2022-Apr-12](#)

[Minutes of Human Resources Comm 2021-Nov-16](#)

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

[Minutes of Planning Comm 2022-Mar-24](#)

[Minutes of Technology Comm 2021-Oct-21](#)

[Trustee Report 4-2022_0001](#)

The reports were received and filed.

11. [April 2022 Financial Reports \(Information Only\).](#)

Attachments: [US Bank Report Apr 2022](#)

[April 2022 Expense](#)

[April 2022 Revenue](#)

[YTD Budget Report - Expense - April 2022](#)

[YTD Budget Report - Revenue - April 2022](#)

The reports were received and filed.

12. [Fiscal Confirmation Letter - ThreeStar Program \(Information Only\).](#)

Attachments: [Three Star Deatils for Commission Packet 2022](#)

The information was received and filed.

13. [Public Services Committee \(Information Only\).](#)

Attachments: [Memo-Info Only Public Services Committee](#)

The information was received and filed.

14. [Tax Rate Resolution. Referred to full commission for information only with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [FY22.23 Tax Levy Resolution Recommended](#)
[FY 22.23 Tax Levy Exhibit Revenue Reports](#)

The information was received and filed.

15. [Appropriation Resolution. Referred to full commission for information only with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [FY22.23 Appropriation Resolution Recommended.](#)
[FY22.23 Request Exhibit](#)

The information was received and filed.

16. [A Resolution Establishing Capital Outlay Priorities for FY 22-23. Referred to full commission for information only with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [FY22.23 Capital Outlay Resolution Recommended](#)
[FY22.23 Capital Exhibit](#)

The information was received and filed.

C. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

D. ELECTIONS, APPOINTMENTS, AND CONFIRMATIONS.

1. [Veterans Affairs Committee \(4-Year Term\) Reappointments of Robin Ferschke - Gold Star Mother; Ed Shore - Military Order of Purple Heart \(MORPH\); and Denise Weston - At Large Member.](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner McCulley, seconded by Commissioner Carver, 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, Bright, Carver, French, Hammontree, Hill, Hood, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, McCulley, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, and Webb

No: 0

Absent: 3 - Caylor, Crowe, and Robbins

Abstain: 0

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

F. NEW BUSINESS.

1. [Resolution No. 22-05-002, Budget Increase - Education Building Improvements-\\$152,500.00 \(To appropriate Education Capital Fund balance for building improvements\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution Education Capital Increase](#)
[Amendment Education Capital Increase](#)
[Memo Education Capital Increase](#)
[Backup for Education Capital Increase](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, 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: 18 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Carver, French, Hammontree, Hill, Hood, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, McCulley, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, and Webb

No: 0

Absent: 3 - Caylor, Crowe, and Robbins

Abstain: 0

2. [Resolution No. 22-05-003, Budget Increase - General Purpose School Fund - \\$1,429,411.49 \(To appropriate four State of Tennessee grant funds to address learning loss through academic camps for the summer of 2022\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution Education Summer School](#)
[Amendment Education Summer School](#)
[Memo Education Summer School](#)
[Backup for Education Summer School Appropriation](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, 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: 17 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Carver, French, Hammontree, Hill, Hood, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, McCulley, Mikels, Stinnett, and Webb

No: 0

Absent: 3 - Caylor, Crowe, and Robbins

Abstain: 1 - Reagan

3. [Resolution No. 22-05-004, Budget Increase - Central Services Contracts - \\$80,000.00 \(To appropriate General Fund balance for increased cost for Autopsies and Medical Examiners for Blount County, Maryville and Alcoa\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution Central Services Increase](#)
[Amendment request Central Service Increase](#)
[Memo Central Services Increase](#)
[Backup for Central Services Increase](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, 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: 18 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Carver, French, Hammontree, Hill, Hood, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, McCulley, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, and Webb

No: 0

Absent: 3 - Caylor, Crowe, and Robbins

Abstain: 0

4. [Resolution No. 22-05-005, Budget Increase - Veterans Services Health Insurance - \\$6,685.00 \(To appropriate General Fund balance for additional Health Ins ER Cost\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution Veterans Services Increase](#)
[Amendment Request Veterans Services Increase](#)
[Memo Veterans Services Increase](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner McCulley, 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: 18 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Carver, French, Hammontree, Hill, Hood, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, McCulley, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, and Webb

No: 0

Absent: 3 - Caylor, Crowe, and Robbins

Abstain: 0

5. [Resolution No. 22-05-006, Budget Increase - Highway Department - \\$890,000 \(To appropriate funds for increased local option sales tax revenue and expense to replace and add equipment to Highway Fleet\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution Highway Equipment Increase](#)
[Amendment Highway Equipment Increase](#)
[Memo Highway Equipment Increase](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, seconded by Vice Chair Stinnett, that the Resolution be adopted.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Stinnett, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, that the Resolution be amended by correcting the revenue fund from 131 to 176. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 18 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Carver, French, Hammontree, Hill, Hood, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, McCulley, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, and Webb

No: 0

Absent: 3 - Caylor, Crowe, and Robbins

Abstain: 0

An electronic vote was taken on the motion that the Resolution be adopted as amended. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 18 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Carver, French, Hammontree, Hill, Hood, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, McCulley, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, and Webb

No: 0

Absent: 3 - Caylor, Crowe, and Robbins

Abstain: 0

6. [Resolution No. 22-05-007, Budget Increase - Highway Department - \\$327,100.00 \(To appropriate funds for increased local option sales tax revenue and expenses needed to balance budget projections\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution Highway Operations Increase](#)
[Amendment Highway Operations Increase](#)
[Memo Highway Operations Increase](#)

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: 18 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Carver, French, Hammontree, Hill, Hood, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, McCulley, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, and Webb

No: 0

Absent: 3 - Caylor, Crowe, and Robbins

Abstain: 0

7. [Resolution No. 22-05-008, Budget Increase - Highway Department - \\$9,551.84 \(To appropriate funds for increased local option sales tax revenue and expense related to increased salary and benefits of additional employee\). Referred to full commission with a favorable recommendation by the Budget Committee \(5-0\).](#)

Attachments: [Resolution Highway Headcount Increase](#)
[Amendment Highway Headcount Increase](#)
[Memo Highway Headcount Increase](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, 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: 17 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Carver, French, Hammontree, Hill, Hood, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, McCulley, Mikels, Reagan, and Stinnett

No: 0

Absent: 3 - Caylor, Crowe, and Robbins

Abstain: 1 - Webb

8. [Resolution No. 22-05-016, A Resolution Authorizing the Use of Cooperative Purchasing Agreements for the Benefit of All County Departments.](#)

Attachments: [22-05-016 Resolution for Cooperative Purchasing 05.19.22](#)

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: 18 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Carver, French, Hammontree, Hill, Hood, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, McCulley, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, and Webb

No: 0

Absent: 3 - Caylor, Crowe, and Robbins

Abstain: 0

9. [Resolution No. 22-05-017, A Resolution to Add Stock Creek Boulevard, Dunavant Drive and Frank Bird Boulevard Which are Located Within the Stock Creek Development Centre Industrial Park to the Official County Roads List for Blount County, Tennessee.](#)

Attachments: [22-05-017 Resolution to Amend 2022 Roads List](#)
[22-05-017 Exhibit A](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Mikels, 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: 18 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Carver, French, Hammontree, Hill, Hood, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, McCulley, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, and Webb

No: 0

Absent: 3 - Caylor, Crowe, and Robbins

Abstain: 0

10. [Setting of a Zoning Public Hearing to Amend the Zoning Resolution of Blount County, Tennessee, by Modifying Articles 7, 9, and 13 as Recommended by the Planning Commission Ad Hoc Committee.](#)

Attachments: [Memo to CC to set public hearing](#)
[RESOLUTION No 000000000 - Zoning Amendments ad hoc - DRAFT](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, seconded by Commissioner Carver, that a Zoning Public Hearing be set for Tuesday, June 7, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, seconded by Vice Chair Stinnett, that the Zoning Public Hearing be postponed. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 18 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Carver, French, Hammontree, Hill, Hood, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, McCulley, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, and Webb

No: 0

Absent: 3 - Caylor, Crowe, and Robbins

Abstain: 0

With unanimous consent by commission, the following action took place: A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, seconded by Vice Chair Stinnett, to ask the Mayor to hire an independent firm to do a comprehensive growth plan study for Blount County. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 18 - Akard, Anderson, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Carver, French, Hammontree, Hill, Hood, Jopling, King, Lawhorn, McCulley, Mikels, Reagan, Stinnett, and Webb

No: 0

Absent: 3 - Caylor, Crowe, and 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 Board of Commissioners meeting in regular session adjourned on Thursday, May 19, 2022, at 7:46 p.m.