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Meeting Minutes

Commission Workshop

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Tuesday, May 10, 2022

6:30 PM

Blount County Courthouse, Room 430

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

Zoom Meeting ID: 854 5874 4406

ROLL CALL

BE IT REMEMBERED, that a Blount County Commission Workshop meeting was held on Tuesday, May 10, 2022, 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 Blount County Clerk Gaye Hasty. There were 16 present and 5 absent. The Chairman declared that a quorum did exist. The following proceedings were held, to wit:

- Present:** 16 - Mike Akard, Jared Anderson, Nick Bright, Richard Carver, Mike Caylor, Dodd Crowe, Ron French, James Hammontree, Jackie Hill, Tom Hood, Jeff Jopling, Staci Lawhorn, Joe McCulley, Steve Mikels, Dawn Reagan and Tom Stinnett
- Absent:** 5 - Robbie Bennett, Brad Bowers, Scott King, Brian Robbins and Linda Webb

A. SETTING OF AGENDA.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lawhorn, seconded by Commissioner Bright, that the agenda be set.

A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, seconded by Commissioner French, that the agenda be amended to include a resolution honoring former commissioner Peggy Lambert. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 16 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Vice Chair Crowe, Commissioner French, Commissioner Hammontree, Commissioner Hill, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McCulley, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan and Chairperson Stinnett

No: 0

Absent: 5 - Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner King, Commissioner Robbins and Commissioner Webb

Abstain: 0

An electronic vote was taken to set the agenda as amended. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed, with the resolution honoring former commissioner Peggy Lambert added as item F.1.h, by the following vote:

Yes: 16 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Vice Chair Crowe, Commissioner French, Commissioner Hammontree, Commissioner Hill, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McCulley, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan and Chairperson Stinnett

No: 0

Absent: 5 - Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner King, Commissioner Robbins and Commissioner Webb

Abstain: 0

B. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.****1. [Commission Workshop Meeting Minutes for April 12, 2022.](#)**

Attachments: [Minutes of Workshop 2022-Apr-12](#)

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

Yes: 16 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Vice Chair Crowe, Commissioner French, Commissioner Hammontree, Commissioner Hill, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McCulley, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan and Chairperson Stinnett

No: 0

Absent: 5 - Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner King, Commissioner Robbins and Commissioner Webb

Abstain: 0

D. CONSENT CALENDAR.

A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, seconded by Commissioner Reagan, that the 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: 16 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Vice Chair Crowe, Commissioner French, Commissioner Hammontree, Commissioner Hill, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McCulley, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan and Chairperson Stinnett

No: 0

Absent: 5 - Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner King, Commissioner Robbins and Commissioner Webb

Abstain: 0

The Chairman called on Commissioner Reagan to read the proclamations out loud. The Mayor presented the proclamations to those schools represented.

1. [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](#)

2. [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](#)

3. [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](#)

4. [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](#)

5. [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](#)

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

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

7. [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](#)

- a. [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](#)

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

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

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

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

10. [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](#)

11. [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](#)

12. [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](#)

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

F. NEW BUSINESS.

1. Budget Transfers, Increases and/or Decreases.

- a. [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 Reagan, seconded by Commissioner Carver, 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: 16 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Vice Chair Crowe, Commissioner French, Commissioner Hammontree, Commissioner Hill, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McCulley, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan and Chairperson Stinnett

No: 0

Absent: 5 - Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner King, Commissioner Robbins and Commissioner Webb

Abstain: 0

- b. [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 Anderson, 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: 15 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Vice Chair Crowe, Commissioner French, Commissioner Hammontree, Commissioner Hill, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McCulley, Commissioner Mikels and Chairperson Stinnett

No: 0

Absent: 5 - Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner King, Commissioner Robbins and Commissioner Webb

Abstain: 1 - Commissioner Reagan

- c. [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 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: 16 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Vice Chair Crowe, Commissioner French, Commissioner Hammontree, Commissioner Hill, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McCulley, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan and Chairperson Stinnett

No: 0

Absent: 5 - Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner King, Commissioner Robbins and Commissioner Webb

Abstain: 0

- d. [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 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: 16 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Vice Chair Crowe, Commissioner French, Commissioner Hammontree, Commissioner Hill, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McCulley, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan and Chairperson Stinnett

No: 0

Absent: 5 - Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner King, Commissioner Robbins and Commissioner Webb

Abstain: 0

- e. [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 French, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, 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: 16 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Vice Chair Crowe, Commissioner French, Commissioner Hammontree, Commissioner Hill, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McCulley, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan and Chairperson Stinnett

No: 0

Absent: 5 - Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner King, Commissioner Robbins and Commissioner Webb

Abstain: 0

- f. [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 French, seconded by Commissioner Bright, 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: 16 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Vice Chair Crowe, Commissioner French, Commissioner Hammontree, Commissioner Hill, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McCulley, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan and Chairperson Stinnett

No: 0

Absent: 5 - Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner King, Commissioner Robbins and Commissioner Webb

Abstain: 0

- g. [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 Bright, seconded by Commissioner Carver, 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: 16 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Vice Chair Crowe, Commissioner French, Commissioner Hammontree, Commissioner Hill, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McCulley, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan and Chairperson Stinnett

No: 0

Absent: 5 - Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner King, Commissioner Robbins and Commissioner Webb

Abstain: 0

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

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, seconded by Commissioner McCulley, 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: 16 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Vice Chair Crowe, Commissioner French, Commissioner Hammontree, Commissioner Hill, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McCulley, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan and Chairperson Stinnett

No: 0

Absent: 5 - Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner King, Commissioner Robbins and Commissioner Webb

Abstain: 0

2. Other Budget Items.

3. Appointments.

- a. [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 forwarded to full commission. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 16 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Vice Chair Crowe, Commissioner French, Commissioner Hammontree, Commissioner Hill, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McCulley, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan and Chairperson Stinnett

No: 0

Absent: 5 - Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner King, Commissioner Robbins and Commissioner Webb

Abstain: 0

4. [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 Anderson, 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: 16 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Vice Chair Crowe, Commissioner French, Commissioner Hammontree, Commissioner Hill, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McCulley, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan and Chairperson Stinnett

No: 0

Absent: 5 - Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner King, Commissioner Robbins and Commissioner Webb

Abstain: 0

5. [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 French, seconded by Commissioner Mikels, 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: 16 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Vice Chair Crowe, Commissioner French, Commissioner Hammontree, Commissioner Hill, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McCulley, Commissioner Mikels, Commissioner Reagan and Chairperson Stinnett

No: 0

Absent: 5 - Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner King, Commissioner Robbins and Commissioner Webb

Abstain: 0

6. [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 Mikels, seconded by Commissioner Bright, that this item be forwarded to full commission to set the Zoning Public Hearing date and time.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bright, seconded by Commissioner Mikels, that the Zoning Public Hearing be amended to include adopted resolution numbers 22-04-014, 22-04-015, 22-04-016 and 22-04-020. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to amend to have failed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Hammontree, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner McCulley and Commissioner Mikels

No: 9 - Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Vice Chair Crowe, Commissioner French, Commissioner Hill, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner Reagan and Chairperson Stinnett

Absent: 5 - Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner King, Commissioner Robbins and Commissioner Webb

Abstain: 0

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

Yes: 13 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Bright, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Caylor, Vice Chair Crowe, Commissioner French, Commissioner Hammontree, Commissioner Hood, Commissioner Jopling, Commissioner Lawhorn, Commissioner McCulley and Commissioner Mikels

No: 3 - Commissioner Hill, Commissioner Reagan and Chairperson Stinnett

Absent: 5 - Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner King, Commissioner Robbins and Commissioner Webb

Abstain: 0

G. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND STATEMENTS.

H. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA.

I. ADJOURNMENT.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hammontree that the meeting be adjourned. The Chairman declared the meeting to be adjourned. The Blount County Commission Workshop meeting adjourned on Tuesday, May 10, 2022, at 7:46 p.m.