

**AGENDA**  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AGENDA COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Tuesday, August 9, 2011, 6:30 p.m.**  
**Room 430, Blount County Courthouse**

**A. ROLL CALL.**

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

**C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA COMMITTEE MINUTES**

1. July 12, 2011 meeting.

**D. SETTING OF AGENDA.**

**E. ITEMS FOR CONSENT AGENDA.**

1. Resolutions for special recognitions.
2. Appointments/reappointments.
  - a. Information Technology Committee – Appointment - Schools Representative John Dalton. (John Herron)
  - b. Board of Zoning Appeals – Appointment - Larry Chesney. (Roger Fields)
  - c. E-911 Board (1 appt.) (Commission)
  - d. Blount County Public Building Authority - Appointments – Cheri Huffman Jones, Darrell Cook, Bo Henry, and Reappointment – Darrell Tipton. (County Mayor)
  - e. Board of Construction Appeals - Reappointments – Patrick O’Hara and Leon Williams. (County Mayor)

**F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. Resolution requesting the State of Tennessee Department of Transportation to maintain two lanes of traffic on Highway 321 in Townsend, Tennessee. (Gordon Wright)

**G. NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Budget Transfers.
2. Budget Increases.
3. Other Budget Items.
4. A resolution authorizing the lease under Tennessee Code Annotated 7-51-904 of office copiers for the Circuit Court Offices of Blount County. (Mike Lewis)
5. Resolution regarding the position of Director of Human Resources. (HR Committee)
6. Resolution to adopt the Strategic Economic Development Plan. (Ken Melton)
7. Resolution to affirm compliance with Federal Title VI Regulations. (Ken Melton)
8. Resolution authorizing the purchase of products and services that have been competitively bid through cooperative agreements. (Purchasing)
9. Presentation by the Mental Health Awareness and Suicide Prevention Alliance. (Ken Melton)

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

**I. ADJOURNMENT.**

**STATE OF TENNESSEE  
COUNTY OF BLOUNT**

**BE IT REMEMBERED**, that an Agenda Committee of the Blount County Board of County Commissioners meeting was held on Tuesday, July 12, 2011, at 6:30 pm at the courthouse in Maryville, Tennessee.

Roll call was taken by Roy Crawford, Jr., County Clerk:

Tonya Burchfield – absent	Roy Gamble – present	Peggy Lambert – present
Ted Burkhalter - present	Tom Greene – present	Mike Lewis– present
Richard Carver – present	Brad Harrison – present	Kenneth Melton – present
Mike Caylor – present	Mark Hasty– present	Jerome Moon – present
Gary Farmer – present	Scott Helton – present	Monika Murrell – present
Jim Folts – present	Gerald Kirby – present	Steve Samples – present
Ron French - present	Holden Lail – present	Gordon Wright, Sr. – present

There were 20 present and 1 absent. Chairman Pro Tem Farmer declared a quorum to exist. The following proceedings were held to-wit:

**IN RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 9, 2011 AGENDA COMMITTEE MEETING.**

Commissioner Lambert made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting. Commissioner Wright seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken:

Burchfield – absent	French – yes	Kirby – yes	Murrell – yes
Burkhalter - yes	Gamble – yes	Lail – yes	Samples – yes
Carver – yes	Greene – yes	Lambert – yes	Wright – yes
Caylor – yes	Harrison – yes	Lewis – yes	
Farmer – yes	Hasty – yes	Melton – yes	
Folts – yes	Helton – yes	Moon – yes	

There were 20 voting yes and 1 absent. Chairman Pro Tem Farmer declared the motion to have passed.

**IN RE: SETTING OF AGENDA.**

Commissioner Wright made a motion to add a resolution requesting the State of Tennessee Department of Transportation to maintain two lanes of traffic on Highway 321 in Townsend, Tennessee during the months of July through October, 2011 and to set the agenda. Commissioner Moon seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken:

Burchfield – absent	French – yes	Kirby – yes	Murrell – yes
Burkhalter - yes	Gamble – yes	Lail – yes	Samples – yes
Carver – yes	Greene – yes	Lambert – yes	Wright – yes
Caylor – yes	Harrison – no	Lewis – yes	
Farmer – yes	Hasty – yes	Melton – yes	
Folts – yes	Helton – no	Moon – yes	

There were 18 voting yes, 2 voting no, and 1 absent. Chairman Pro Tem Farmer declared the motion to have passed.

**IN RE: APPOINTMENT OF E-911 BOARD.**

Commissioner Lail made a motion to send the appointments to the E-911 Board of Directors of Sheriff James Berrong, Judge William Brewer, Scott Helton, and Mike Caylor to the agenda of the July County Commission meeting. Commissioner Lambert seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken:

Burchfield – absent	French – yes	Kirby – yes	Murrell – yes
Burkhalter - yes	Gamble – yes	Lail – yes	Samples – yes
Carver – yes	Greene – yes	Lambert – yes	Wright – yes
Caylor – yes	Harrison – yes	Lewis – yes	
Farmer – yes	Hasty – yes	Melton – yes	

Folts – no                      Helton – yes                      Moon – yes  
There were 19 voting yes, 1 voting no, and 1 absent. Chairman Pro Tem Farmer declared the motion to have passed.

**IN RE: BUDGET TRANSFER – GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND - \$283,100.00 and  
BUDGET TRANSFER – GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND - \$281,810.00.**

Commissioner Melton made a motion to send the transfers to the agenda of the July County Commission meeting. Commissioner Lail seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion:

Burchfield – absent	French – yes	Kirby – yes	Murrell – yes
Burkhalter - yes	Gamble – yes	Lail – yes	Samples – yes
Carver – yes	Greene – yes	Lambert – yes	Wright – yes
Caylor – yes	Harrison – yes	Lewis – yes	
Farmer – yes	Hasty – yes	Melton – yes	
Folts – yes	Helton – yes	Moon – yes	

There were 20 voting yes and 1 absent. Chairman Pro Tem Farmer declared the motion to have passed.

**IN RE: RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF BLOUNT COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE, SALE, AND PAYMENT OF INTEREST-BEARING DEBT HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT FUND REVENUE/TAX ANTICIPATION INTERFUND LOCAL NOTES NOT TO EXCEED \$1,000,000.**

Commissioner Helton made a motion to send the item to the agenda of the July County Commission meeting. Commissioner Hasty seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken:

Burchfield – absent	French – yes	Kirby – yes	Murrell – yes
Burkhalter - yes	Gamble – yes	Lail – yes	Samples – yes
Carver – yes	Greene – yes	Lambert – yes	Wright – yes
Caylor – yes	Harrison – abstain	Lewis – yes	
Farmer – yes	Hasty – yes	Melton – yes	
Folts – yes	Helton – yes	Moon – yes	

There were 19 voting yes, 1 abstaining, and 1 absent. Chairman Pro Tem Farmer declared the motion to have passed.

**IN RE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LEASE UNDER TENNESSEE CODE ANNOTATED 7-51-904 OF AN OFFICE COPIER FOR THE CIRCUIT JUDGE-DIV I OFFICE OF BLOUNT COUNTY and  
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LEASE UNDER TENNESSEE CODE ANNOTATED 7-51-904 OF AN OFFICE COPIER FOR THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT OF BLOUNT COUNTY.**

Commissioner Burkhalter made a motion to send the items to the agenda of the July County Commission meeting. Commissioner Lambert seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion:

Burchfield – absent	French – yes	Kirby – yes	Murrell – yes
Burkhalter - yes	Gamble – yes	Lail – yes	Samples – yes
Carver – yes	Greene – yes	Lambert – yes	Wright – yes
Caylor – yes	Harrison – abstain	Lewis – yes	
Farmer – yes	Hasty – yes	Melton – yes	
Folts – no	Helton – yes	Moon – yes	

There were 18 voting yes, 1 voting no, 1 abstaining, and 1 absent. Chairman Pro Tem Farmer declared the motion to have passed.

**IN RE: RESOLUTION ADOPTING RULES REGULATING THE PROCEDURES OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BLOUNT COUNTY, TENNESSEE.**

Commissioner Hasty made a motion to send the items to the agenda of the July County Commission meeting. Commissioner Caylor seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion:

Burchfield – absent	French – abstain	Kirby – yes	Murrell – no
Burkhalter - yes	Gamble – no	Lail – yes	Samples – abstain
Carver – no	Greene – no	Lambert – yes	Wright – yes
Caylor – yes	Harrison – yes	Lewis – yes	
Farmer – yes	Hasty – yes	Melton – yes	
Folts – no	Helton – yes	Moon – yes	

There were 13 voting yes, 5 voting no, 2 abstaining, and 1 absent. Chairman Pro Tem Farmer declared the motion to have passed.

**IN RE: RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE STATE OF TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO MAINTAIN TWO LANES OF TRAFFIC ON HIGHWAY 321 IN TOWNSEND, TENNESSEE.**

Commissioner Wright made a motion to send the item to the July County Commission meeting. Commissioner Lambert seconded the motion.

Commissioner Burkhalter made a motion to table until the next Agenda Committee meeting. Commissioner Moon seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion to table:

Burchfield – absent	French – no	Kirby – yes	Murrell – yes
Burkhalter - yes	Gamble – no	Lail – yes	Samples – yes
Carver – yes	Greene – no	Lambert – yes	Wright – no
Caylor – no	Harrison – yes	Lewis – yes	
Farmer – yes	Hasty – yes	Melton – no	
Folts – yes	Helton – yes	Moon – yes	

There were 14 voting yes, 6 voting no, and 1 absent. Chairman Pro Tem Farmer declared the motion to have passed.

**IN RE: ADJOURNMENT.**

Chairman Pro Tem Farmer declared the meeting to be adjourned.

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE**  
**Called Meetings at Least Once Every Other Month**  
(1 year term appointed annually in September)

Ed Mitchell Blount County Mayor 341 Court Street Maryville, TN 37804	865-273-5700 - W
John Herron 337 Court Street Maryville, TN 37804	865-273-5730 - W
Roy Gamble 4012 Davis Ford Road Maryville, TN 37804	865-983-0584 - H
Scott Helton 816 Wells Road Maryville, TN 37801	865-681-0342 - H
Steve Samples 1217 Karina Circle Maryville, TN 37804	865-984-6238 - H
Roy Crawford Blount County Clerk 345 Court Street Maryville, TN 37804	865-273-5800 - W
<b>Vacancy</b> Blount County Schools 831 Grandview Drive Maryville, TN 37803	865-984-1212 - W
Keith Hackney Blount County Sheriff's Office 940 E. Lamar Alexander Parkway Maryville, TN 37804	865-273-5150 - W
Jeff Hatcher Blount County Highway Department 1227 McArthur Road Maryville, TN 37804	865-982-4652 - W
Scott Graves Blount County Trustee 347 Court Street Maryville, TN 37804	865-273-5900 - W

# JOHN EDWARD DALTON

## OBJECTIVE

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To lead an educational institution that firmly believes in making a difference in the lives of children.

## EDUCATION

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2002-2008 University of Tennessee Knoxville, TN

*Doctorate of Education*

- Educational Administration, Supervision & Policy Studies

1994-1995 Lincoln Memorial University Harrogate, TN

*Master of Arts*

- Educational Administration and Supervision
- Tennessee Beginning Administrative Certification (480)

1990-1994 Maryville College Maryville, TN

*Bachelor of Arts*

- Child Development & Learning
- Tennessee K-8 Teacher Certification (402)

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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*BLOUNT COUNTY SCHOOLS* Maryville, TN

1994-PRESENT

July 2011 Blount County Schools Maryville, TN

*Supervisor*

- Pre-K, Elementary & Technology Supervisor

2008-2011 Townsend Elementary Townsend, TN

*Principal*

- Managed students and staff for grades pre K-5
- Supervised delivery of curriculum and standards
- Implemented data-driven instruction
- Supervised cafeteria program and staff
- Conducted staff evaluations and professional development activities
- Directed campus security and led the crisis management team
- Managed building maintenance and improvements
- Responsible for financial decisions including budgets, expenditures, deposits & fundraising
- Implemented classroom technology program

- 2010 U.S. Department of Education Blue Ribbon School

2005-2008                      Carpenters, Friendsville &                      Blount County,  
TN

Montvale Elementary

*Assistant Principal*

- Managed student discipline issues
- Supervised delivery of curriculum
- Conducted staff evaluations and professional development activities
- Supervised campus security and conducted emergency drills
- Member of school crisis management team
- Developed student schedules

1999-2005                      William Blount High School                      Maryville, TN

*Assistant Principal*

- Coordinated the management of student affairs for 1700 students
- Managed employee affairs, including personnel issues, staff evaluations, and professional development activities
- Managed campus security, crisis management and emergency drills
- Assisted in developing school schedules
- Provided extra-curricular support for student and community activities including athletic events, arts and academic events, and parent participation
- Coordinated student and staff parking
- Directed transition programs for 9<sup>th</sup> grade students

Spring 1999                      Hubbard Elementary                      Maryville, TN

*Interim Principal*

- Coordinated daily activities in absence of principal
- Provided field day activities for all students in grades K-3
- Created and filled a new teaching position for the 1999-2000 school year
- Expanded technology in all classrooms by purchasing new computers

1995-1999 Eagleton Elementary                      Maryville, TN

*Middle School Teacher*

- Taught 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> grade Language Arts, 8<sup>th</sup> grade Science, and 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade Physical Education
- Member of school's disciplinary committee
- Eagleton Middle School Head Football coach - 1997 & 1998
- Eagleton Middle School Co-head Football coach - 1995 & 1996
- Substitute for principal and assistant principal

1994-1995 Walland Middle                      Walland, TN

*Middle School Teacher*

- Taught 6<sup>th</sup> grade English, 7<sup>th</sup> grade Reading, and 6<sup>th</sup> grade Physical Education
- Beta Club Sponsor
- Heritage Middle Assistant Football coach
- Heritage High School Assistant Football coach

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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2010-2011 Blount County Schools Administrator's Association  
*President*

## PUBLICATIONS

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Dalton, John Edward. "Characteristics of High-Performing, High-poverty Elementary Schools in East Tennessee." PhD. diss, University of Tennessee, 2008,  
[http://trace.tennessee.edu/utk\\_graddiss/423](http://trace.tennessee.edu/utk_graddiss/423)

Henderson, C.L., Buehler, A.E., Stein, W.L., Dalton, J.E., Robinson, T.R., & Anfara, V.A. (2005, September). Organizational Health and Student Achievement in Tennessee Middle Level Schools. *NASSP Bulletin*, 89(644), 54-75.

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

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*Hillcrest Baptist Church* Maryville, TN  
Sunday School Teacher, Sunday School Superintendent, Vacation Bible School  
Teacher, Children's Church Teacher

*Maryville Little League* Maryville, TN  
Manager and coach for baseball & softball - 1996 to 2000

*Foothills Kiwanis Club* Townsend, TN

**BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS**  
(TERMS - 5 YEARS)  
Blount County Article 11.1 and T.C.A.13-7-106

<u>Name/Address</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Jim Melton 521 Arthur Avenue Maryville, TN 37804	977-0801 (APPT. 9/16/10)	9/16/15
Rob Walker 237 Meadow Road Friendsville, TN 37737	995-2564	8/20/14
Stanley Headrick 3806 E. Lamar Alexander Pkwy. Maryville, TN 37804	681-1846	8/31/13
Andy Allen (Appt. 9/16/10) 232 Littlebrook Circle Rockford, TN 37853	380-0996 (GORDON WRIGHT APPT. 8/16/07 <u>RESIGNED 9/1/2010</u> )	8/16/12

**VACANCY**

Associates:

Joe Everett (Appointed 02/21/08) Term expires 2/21/13  
Bruce Damrow (Appointed 9/16/10) Term expires 9/16/15  
Larry Chesney appointed 10/21/10 Term expires 10/21/15

**RESUME**  
**LARRY J CHESNEY**  
**July 29, 2011**

Name: Larry J Chesney  
Address: 350 Martin Valley Road, Walland, TN 37886  
Home Phone: 865-980-0824, Cell Phone: 865-621-4942  
E-Mail: martinvalley1@comcast.net

Education: University of Tennessee - 1964 BS degree in Mechanical Engineering  
Marital Status: 1968 married Hilda Martin of Walland, TN  
Children: Chad of Austin, TX and Mandy of Pittsburgh, PA  
Church Affiliation: Maryville First United Methodist Church  
Retired: Jan 1, 2010 from Alcoa, Inc. (after 45 years)

Employment history with Alcoa, Inc.

1964-1979 - Tennessee Operations, Alcoa, TN  
Various engineering and maintenance positions

1979-1987 - Rockdale Works, Rockdale, TX  
Atomizer rebuild Project Manager, Chief Mechanical Engineer

1987 - 1998 - Alcoa Technical Center, Pittsburgh, PA  
Engineering, Maintenance, Machining & Security Manager

1998 - 2010 - Alcoa Primary Metals, Knoxville, TN  
Primary Metals Project Engineering Manager

Blount County Board of Zoning Appeals - November, 2010 to present  
Served as alternative on BZA. Have attended all meetings and participated in approximately 1/2 of meetings as member as a replacement for an absent member.

# Memo

**To:** Blount County Commission  
**From:** Building Commissioner  
**CC:** Other commission members  
**Date:** 8/2/2011  
**Re:** Mr. Larry Chesney.

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It has been requested for me to supply a report to the Blount County Commission concerning Mr. Larry Chesney's performance as an alternate member of the Blount County Board of Zoning Appeals. Since his appointment last year, his attendance to BZA meetings has been very consistent even when there is a quorum and he is not required to vote. On three occasions Mr. Chesney has sit in as a voting member of the BZA. Mr. Chesney always asks good questions and appears to be very diligent in doing his home work prior to every meeting. Mr. Chesney has been great to work with and takes his duties very seriously.

Roger D. Fields

**EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION DISTRICT BOARD (911)**

(All terms four years after initial appointment)

(Interlocal Agreement July 1, 1999 – T.C.A. 7-86-105)

Sheriff James Berrong  
940 E. Lamar Alexander Parkway  
Maryville, TN 37804  
273-5000

**County Commission Appointed 7-21-11**

Judge William Brewer - Chairman  
934 E. Lamar Alexander Parkway  
Maryville, TN 37804  
273-5570

**County Commission Appointed 7-21-11**

Mike Caylor  
Karina Circle  
Maryville, TN 37803

**County Commission Appointed 7-21-11**

**Scott Helton/Opening**

**Blount County Commission Appointment**

Bob Kidd  
1733 St. Ives Blvd.  
Alcoa, TN 37701  
982-5662

At Large Member Appointed by Board 7-07

Chief Tony Crisp  
City of Maryville Police Dept.  
418 West Broadway  
Maryville, TN 37801  
273-3700

City of Maryville Appointment

Fire Chief Deputy David Hodges  
City of Maryville Fire Dept.  
418 West Broadway  
Maryville, TN 37801  
273-3610

City of Maryville Appointment

Chief Kenneth E. Burge  
City of Alcoa Police Dept.  
Public Safety Building  
2020 N. Wright Road  
Alcoa, TN 37701  
981-4111

City of Alcoa Appointed July 12, 2011

Chief Roger Robinson  
City of Alcoa Fire Dept.  
Public Safety Building  
2010 N. Wright Road  
Alcoa, TN 37701  
380-4996

City of Alcoa Appointed July 12, 2011

AGREEMENT

This agreement made and entered into on this the 1st day of July, 1999 by and between Blount County, a political subdivision of the State of Tennessee, City of Maryville, a municipal corporation located in Blount County, Tennessee, and City of Alcoa, a municipal corporation located in Blount County, Tennessee.

WITNESSETH:

THAT WHEREAS, the above named parties desire to establish a joint Emergency Communications District for the purpose of answering, processing and directly dispatching emergency calls for all three governmental entities; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable that a common District be established for the benefit of the citizens of the three governmental entities; and

WHEREAS, the most practical and cost-effective method to establish such a District is through a joint and cooperative effort of the three governmental entities; and

WHEREAS, the parties hereto desire to enter into an intergovernmental local cooperative agreement in accordance with Tennessee Code Annotated Section 5-2-113, et seq., and Tennessee Code Annotated Section 12-9-101, et seq for the purpose of exercising all of the authority of the parties to this Agreement with respect to the establishment and operation of an Emergency Communications District/Communications Center for all three governmental entities; and

WHEREAS, at present the Communications Center is governed by a three-person Board and the Emergency Communications District is governed by a separate Board and, Whereas, it is desirable to consolidate the authority and operations of the two boards into one;

NOW THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the premises and the mutual covenants and agreements hereinafter contained, it is agreed between the parties hereto as follows:

1. **NAME.** There is hereby established the Blount County Emergency Communications District Board of Directors.
2. **PURPOSE.** The purpose of the Blount County Emergency Communications District Board of Directors, hereby established, is to replace the existing BCECD Board of Directors and method of appointment and the Communications Center Board and method of appointment, to exercise all of the rights and privileges conferred or possessed by the parties hereto to operate an Emergency Communications District and Communications Center.
3. **JURISDICTION.** The Blount County Emergency Communications District will have exclusive jurisdiction to exercise all rights, authority and obligation of the parties hereto with respect to the operation of an Emergency Communications District in Blount County, Tennessee.
4. **COMPOSITION.** The Blount County Emergency Communications District Board of Directors will be composed of nine members. Four members as appointed by the County Legislative Body of Blount County, Tennessee, two as appointed by the City Council of the City of Maryville, two as appointed by the Board of Commissioners of the City of Alcoa and one as unanimously agreed upon by all locally appointed Board Members. At least one of the appointees from each agency will be the Chief Law Enforcement Officer of that governmental agency or that person's designee. Each member will be appointed to four year terms and will serve until the end

of their term and until their successor is duly appointed, unless removed by a majority vote of their electing authority, or moves from the jurisdiction or employment of their appointing authority.

**5. QUALIFICATION OF MEMBERS.** Each member of the Blount County Emergency Communications District Board of Directors will be at least twenty-one (21) years of age and a citizen of the United States. The members appointed by the Cities of Maryville and Alcoa will be a resident or employee of the City which they represent. The members appointed by Blount County will be a resident or employee of the County. The ninth member unanimously agreed upon by the Board Members will be a resident of Blount County to include any city therein.

**6. POWERS.** There is hereby granted to the Blount County Emergency Communications District Board of Directors all power vested in the parties to this agreement to operate a communications center under the laws of the State of Tennessee and this agreement.

The Blount County Emergency Communications District will have the following powers:

- a. to sue and be sued;
- b. to employ such personnel as necessary to efficiently and effectively perform the duties imposed upon it by this agreement;
- c. to employ such consultants, auditors, attorneys and other professionals as may be necessary to carry out its responsibilities;
- d. to establish such rules and regulations to the conduct of its business as it deems necessary;
- e. to organize itself in such manner as it will determine, electing such officers as it in its judgement will deem appropriate to carry out the purposes for which it has been organized; and
- f. to annually adopt a budget, both operating and capital, for the proper and necessary costs of the operation of the District and to keep such records of all transactions, including, but not limited to receipts and expenditure of all funds by the District.

**7. EXISTING FACILITIES.** The parties hereto, by the execution of this Agreement, do hereby transfer to the District all their right, title, interest, real estate, claim and demand in and to all furniture, fixtures and equipment, supplies and records of the Communications Center presently being operated by the Blount County Communications Committee and which was formerly operated by all three government entities in a cooperative manner.

**8. FUNDING.** The Blount County Emergency Communications District Board of Directors will annually approve both operating and capital budgets to include a reserve fund for emergency operating purchases and future capital projects from telephone revenues. The Blount County Emergency Communications District Board of Directors reserve the right to designate 20 percent of telephone revenues for communications equipment upgrades. This money will remain in savings until such time the board deems an equipment upgrade is necessary. The remaining 80 percent of telephone revenues will go toward the funding of the annual budget. The remaining funding requirements of the District will be appropriated by each governmental entity at the time of the adoption of its annual budget in the following proportions:

Blount County	49%
City of Maryville	24%
City of Alcoa	24%

Smaller governmental entities using the communications centers' services will be charged a users' fee, rather than an appropriated percentage of the governmental shares of the annual budget. This fee will be one percent of the annual budget, and the board reserves the right to amend the

amount of this users' fee upon board approval due to increased calls for service for a particular entity, or any other circumstance that may increase that entity's use of the communications center's service. The Board will use all means allowed by law to collect revenues authorized. Any signatory to this agreement who fails to provide the required funding without first meeting the stated requirements for termination not be entitled to liquidated assets, direct dispatch services or any claim to financial or property assets of the District. Non signatories to this agreement who provide financial support or contributions for service will not be entitled to direct dispatch services should they stop providing the required financial support nor will they ever be entitled to a share of property or financial assets.

9. **ANNUAL AUDIT.** The District will be audited annually in accordance with State Laws and any party hereto will have a right, at its own expense, to cause to be made a special audit by an independent certified accounting firm of its choice of the books of the District and the District will be obligated to make available to said independent certified accounting firm all of the records of the District.

10. **COMPENSATION.** The members of the Blount County Emergency Communications District will serve without compensation.

11. **DURATION.** This Agreement will continue indefinitely, except that by mutual Agreement of all parties hereto, this Agreement may be sooner terminated.

12. **TERMINATION.** On the termination of this Agreement the District will liquidate all its assets and after payment of all outstanding debts or obligations, will distribute the remaining funds to the parties hereto in the following proportions:

Blount County	50%
City of Maryville	25%
City of Alcoa	25%

All other agreements are hereby repealed, null and void. Governmental entities paying users' fees will not be entitled to a percentage of the remaining funds should this agreement terminate.

13. **AMENDMENTS.** This Agreement may be altered or amended at any time by the unanimous agreement of all parties hereto, which agreement will not become effective until reduced to writing and executed by all of the parties hereto.

14. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Agreement will become effective upon its approval by the Legislative Bodies of the Cities of Maryville and Alcoa and the Blount County Commission to include the appropriate signatures but not sooner than July 1, 1999.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be duly executed in triplicate on the day and date first above written.

Blount County

By: William A. Craig  
County Executive

Attest:

Ray Crawford

County Clerk

City of Maryville

By:

A. B. Shields

Mayor

Attest:

Deborah A. Caughion

City Recorder

City of Alcoa

By:

Donald R. M...y

Mayor

Attest:

Ray E. Beckman

City Recorder

**STATE OF TENNESSEE  
COUNTY OF BLOUNT**

**BE IT REMEMBERED**, that a meeting of the Blount County Board of County Commissioners was held on Thursday, July 21, 2011, at 7:00 pm at the courthouse in Maryville, Tennessee.

Roll call was taken by Roy Crawford, Jr., County Clerk:

Tonya Burchfield – present	Roy Gamble – present	Peggy Lambert – present
Ted Burkhalter - present	Tom Greene – present	Mike Lewis– present
Richard Carver – present	Brad Harrison – present	Kenneth Melton – present
Mike Caylor – absent	Mark Hasty– present	Jerome Moon – present
Gary Farmer – present	Scott Helton – present	Monika Murrell – present
Jim Folts – present	Gerald Kirby – present	Steve Samples – present
Ron French - present	Holden Lail – present	Gordon Wright, Sr. – present

There were 20 present and 1 absent. Chairman Melton declared a quorum to exist. The following proceedings were held to-wit:

**IN RE: SETTING OF AGENDA.**

Commissioner Lambert made a motion to set the agenda. Commissioner Wright seconded the motion.

A vote was taken on the motion:

Burchfield – yes	French – yes	Kirby – yes	Murrell – yes
Burkhalter - yes	Gamble – yes	Lail – yes	Samples – yes
Carver – yes	Greene – yes	Lambert – yes	Wright – yes
Caylor – absent	Harrison – yes	Lewis – yes	
Farmer – yes	Hasty – yes	Melton – yes	
Folts – no	Helton – yes	Moon – yes	

There were 19 voting yes, 1 voting no, and 1 absent. Chairman Melton declared the motion to have passed.

**IN RE: CONSENT CALENDAR:**

**MINUTES OF JUNE 16, 2011 MEETING and  
MINUTES OF JUNE 24, 2011 CALLED MEETING and  
APPROVAL OF DEPUTY SHERIFF AND NOTARY PUBLIC BONDS AND OATHS and  
ELECTION OF NOTARIES and  
APPOINTMENT OF E-911 BOARD: SHERIFF JAMES BERRONG, JUDGE WILLIAM BREWER, AND MIKE CAYLOR.**

Commissioner French made a motion to approve the consent calendar and remove Scott Helton from the names to be appointed to the E-911 Board. Commissioner Carver seconded the motion.

A vote was taken on the motion:

Burchfield – yes	French – yes	Kirby – yes	Murrell – yes
Burkhalter - yes	Gamble – yes	Lail – yes	Samples – yes
Carver – yes	Greene – yes	Lambert – yes	Wright – yes
Caylor – absent	Harrison – yes	Lewis – yes	
Farmer – yes	Hasty – yes	Melton – yes	
Folts – no	Helton – yes	Moon – yes	

There were 19 voting yes, 1 voting no, and 1 absent. Chairman Melton declared the motion to have passed.

**IN RE: BUDGET TRANSFER - GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND - \$283,100.00 and  
BUDGET TRANSFER - GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND - \$281,810.00.**

Commissioner Kirby made a motion to approve the transfers. Commissioner Moon seconded the motion.

Commissioner Folts made a motion to amend to consider the transfers separately. Commissioner Murrell seconded the motion.

A vote was taken on the motion to amend:

Burchfield – yes	French – yes	Kirby – no	Murrell – yes
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**PUBLIC BUILDING AUTHORITY**

**Meets as needed**

**(Recommendations submitted by Board to County Mayor for six year terms.  
Recommendations are subject to Commission approval)**

**UPDATED 07/11/11**

**BOARD MEMBERS**

**Darrell Tipton**

P. O. Box 283

Alcoa, TN 37701

982-5072 (h), 984-1111 (w), 216-1111 (c)

Expires: 7/31/11

**John Lambert, Jr.**

1320 Dunbarton Dr.

Maryville, TN 37803

977-4195 (h)

Expires: 7/31/13

**Bob Kidd**

122 Plymouth Dr.

Maryville TN 37801

982-5662 (h), 984-5738 (w), 679-5035 (c)

Expires: 7/31/15

**Abbe Evans**

2811 Louisville Rd.

Louisville, TN 37777

984-2911 (w), 548-8461 (c)

Expires: 7/31/15



# BLOUNT COUNTY MAYOR

Ed Mitchell

341 Court Street, Maryville, TN 37804-5906

Phone: (865) 273-5700

Fax: (865) 273-5705

Email: emitchell@blounttn.org



## MEMO

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**TO:** Blount County Commission  
**FROM:** Ed Mitchell, Mayor  
**RE:** Appointment for the Blount County Public Building Authority  
**DATE:** July 27, 2011

I hereby submit the following names as my recommendation for re-appointment to the Board of the Public Building Authority:

Cheri Huffman Jones  
Darrell Cook  
Bo Henry  
Darrell Tipton, Re-appointment

Enclosed herewith are copies of resumes. These terms would be for six (6) year terms and would begin on September 1, 2011.

Thank you for your consideration and approval.

**Cheri Huffman Jones**

- 1118 Oxford Hills Drive, Maryville, TN 37803
- Master of Accountancy and J.D. from the University of Tennessee
- Associate Professor of Accounting and Law with Tusculum College (since May 2001)

L. Darrell Cook  
132 Cutter Gap Road  
Townsend, TN 37882  
448-6867  
448-6024

### **Experience**

40+ years of bank management, lending and supervisory experience in an industry that stresses quality customer service and business development.

Most recent, Senior Vice Presence and commercial lending officer with BankEast. Job responsibilities consist of lending functions in the commercial/business banking areas. There is also real estate lending responsibilities, and construction lending experience.

During my banking career, I have had experiences as a branch manager, administrator, having been a cluster manager, business development officer, consumer, commercial and real estate lending officer. I have served in various positions on the retail banking side.

### **Education**

University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN  
Cooper Institute, Knoxville, TN  
Tennessee School of Banking, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN  
Everett High School, Maryville, TN

### **Personal**

2 Children  
2 Grandchildren

### **Community Involvement**

Campground United Methodist Church  
Previous member Blount County Chamber  
Previous VP, Clearwater, FL Chamber of Commerce  
Previous Treasurer, Child & Family Services of Blount County  
Other civic memberships & clubs

Bo Henry  
311 Cranfield Drive  
Maryville, TN 37801  
(865) 983-8600

Native Blount County, 7<sup>th</sup> generation

Graduate of Everett High School

Graduate of Maryville College

Married to Shirley Brown Henry

4 children, 8 grandchildren

Retired from Paine Webber brokerage firm

Community Involvement includes:

Served on the Board at Maryville College & Hiwassee College

Former – TN Board of Regents, served 15 years

Several non-profit boards

Darrell L Tipton  
812 Royal View Drive  
Maryville, TN 37801

DOB- September 20, 1948

Wife- Teena Daughters- Wendy, Tammy, Dusten

## Employment

### Realty III

535 W Lamar Alexander Parkway  
Maryville, TN 37701  
865-984-1111

**Real Estate Broker**

## Government

Blount County PBA (Vice Chairman)	2007 to present
Blount County Commission	1978-1990
Blount County Planning Commission	2000-2004
Smoky Mountain Visitors Bureau	1988-1992
Blount County E-911	1986-1994

## Civic & Trade activities

Blount County Chamber of Commerce  
Better Business Bureau  
Maryville-Alcoa Jaycees  
United Way of Blount County  
Leadership Blount (1994)  
Blount County Association of Realtors  
Knoxville Association of Realtors  
Maryville-Alcoa Homebuilders

**BOARD OF CONSTRUCTION APPEALS**  
**(Meet on "As Needed" basis)**  
**(3 year terms)**

**Updated 11/10/2010**

- 1. Mechanical - Bob Reed**  
**Bob Reed Builders**  
**8/12**
- 2. Fire Protection - Doug McClanahan**  
**BC Fire Protection District**  
**8/13**
- 3. Electrical – J. W. Baker**  
**J. Baker Electric**  
**8/12**
- 4. General Contractor – Patrick O'Hara**  
**Merit Construction**  
**8/11**
- 5. Structural Engineer – Donald Adsit**  
**Sole Proprietor (PE)**  
**8/13**
- 6. Alternate – Jeffery T. Fletcher**  
**Fletcher Architects, Inc.**  
**08/12**
- 7. Alternate – Leon Williams**  
**Leon Williams Contractors, LLC**  
**08/11**



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TO: Blount County Board of Commissioners

FROM: Ed Mitchell, County Mayor

RE: Board of Construction Appeals

DATE: August 4, 2011

For the consideration of the full commission, I am recommending the following persons to be reappointed to the Board of Construction Appeals:

Patrick O'hara, Board Member (General Contractor), 3 year term, August 2014

Leon Williams, Board Member (Alternate), 3 year term, August 2014

Since these are reappointments, please see the original applications for serving on this Board.

Thank you for your consideration.



## Application for Appointment Blount County Board of Construction Appeals (Department of Building Safety)

Name: Patrick O'Hara, Date of Application: 8-3-07

Business or Company Name: Merit Construction, Inc.

Address: 10435 Duttonway Rd. Knoxville TN 37932  
Street City State Zip

Home Phone: (865) 964-0285 Business Phone: (865) 966-4100

Fax Line: (865) 966-4101 Cell / Pager: (865) 818-9509

EMAIL Address: phara@meritconstruction.com Web Page URL: \_\_\_\_\_

Professional License Type: \_\_\_\_\_ State of Issuance: \_\_\_\_\_

License No: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Month Day Year

1. Which membership position on the Board are you interested in? (Check one) Note – Service time will be up to 3 year terms.

BOARD MEMBER - Registered design professional with architectural experience or a builder or superintendent of building construction with at least ten years' experience, five of which shall have been in responsible charge of work.

BOARD MEMBER - Registered design professional with structural engineering experience.

BOARD MEMBER - Registered design professional with mechanical and plumbing engineering experience or a mechanical contractor with at least ten years' experience, five of which shall have been in responsible charge of work.

BOARD MEMBER - Registered design professional with electrical engineering experience or an electrical contractor with at least ten years' experience, five of which shall have been in responsible charge of work.

BOARD MEMBER - Registered design professional with fire protection engineering experience or a fire protection contractor with at least ten years' experience, five of which shall have been in responsible charge of work.

ALTERNATE MEMBER -- One of two positions to hear appeals during the absence or disqualification of a board member. Alternate members shall possess the qualifications required for board membership and shall be appointed for five years, or until a successor has been appointed.

2. Please briefly explain why you want to serve on the construction Board of Appeals:

civic duty - born and raised in Blount County and still reside in Blount Co.  
with my wife and four children.

Dept. of Building Safety

Board of Construction Appeals  
Application Page 2 of 2

3. Please submit a resume or use this section to provide your work experience with dates:

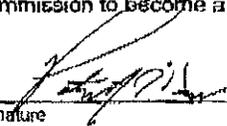
"See attached resume"

4. Please provide three professional references:

Jerry Lewis	The Lewis Group (Architect)	Knoxville, TN	(865) 588-1272
Name	Business Name	City/State	Contact Number
Pete Fletcher	Fletcher Architects, Inc.	Maryville, TN	(865) 982-5477
Name	Business Name	City/State	Contact Number
Larry Cofer	Cofer & Associates Inc. (Architects)	Knoxville, TN	(865) 694-9000
Name	Business Name	City/State	Contact Number

5. Statement of Understanding:

The above information provided is true and correct. I understand that the Board of Appeals for construction is a voluntary appoint and that I will not receive compensation for my time. Service terms should be staggered and each new member shall serve for three years or until a successor has been appointed. A Chairperson shall be selected annually by the board members and a Secretary shall be appointed by the Building Official. The Building Official shall be an ex officio member of said board but shall have no vote on any matter before the board. A board or alternate member shall not hear an appeal in which that member has a personal, professional or financial interest. I understand that no meetings will be called unless appeals are properly submitted to this board for hearing or the Chairperson calls a special meeting. All hearings shall be on a predetermined regular schedule and location. All hearings shall be open to the public and any interested person or party in attendance shall be given an opportunity to be heard. Five members are required to hear an appeal. Board decisions shall be made by a concurring vote of two-thirds of its members. Any decision of the board shall be by resolution. The Building Official shall take immediate action in accordance with the decision of the board. All board applicants must be approved by Blount County Commission to become a board or alternate member.

  
Signature

8-3-07  
Date

**Patrick D. O'Hara**  
**Vice President • Merit Construction, Inc.**



1435 Dutchtown Road  
 Knoxville, TN 37932  
 865.966.4100 • phone  
 865.966.4101 • fax

• **Education**

Bachelor's of Science, Construction Engineering Technology, 1988  
*East Tennessee State University, Johnson City, Tennessee*  
 Associates in Arts Degree  
*Miwassee College, Madisonville, Tennessee*  
 Civil Engineering Technology  
*State Technical Institute of Knoxville, Knoxville, Tennessee*

• **Experience**

2002 – Present

Merit Construction, Inc.  
*Vice President*

1992-2001

Merit Construction, Inc.  
*Project Manager/Estimator*  
 Responsibilities: estimating, contract negotiation, project management, procuring quality control, contract compliance and expediting field crews

1989-1992

McKnight & Associates  
*Project Manager/Estimator*  
 Responsibilities: shop drawing approval, estimating, bidding and project management, procuring contracts, purchasing materials and equipment; developed project manual and bid packages for construction management on school work

1984-1989

Dave Troutman, Home Builder  
*Finish Carpenter*  
 Responsibilities: layout, framing and finish carpentry work on upscale residential homes

• **Projects of Significance**

Blount County Primary Care  
 Townsend Elementary School Addition  
 Union Grove Middle School  
 Gibbs Elementary School  
 Carpenters Elementary School  
 Copper Basin High School  
 Hardin Valley Elementary School  
 Eagleton Elementary School  
 Midway Middle School  
 South Fentress School (K-8 School)  
 Oneida Elementary School  
 Scott County High School  
 Pine Haven School  
 Monroe County Schools (3)  
 Huntsville Middle School  
 Tennessee Technology Center, Knoxville  
 Lenoir City High School  
 Allardt Elementary School  
 Blount County Health Department  
 Fentress County Health Care Facility

• **Of Merit**

Faith Promise Church - Member



**Application for Appointment**  
**Blount County Board of Construction Appeals**  
(Department of Building Safety)

Name: Leon Williams, Date of Application: 08/01/07

Business or Company Name: Leon Williams Contractors, LLC

Address: 337 Whitecrest Drive Maryville TN 37801  
Street City State Zip

Home Phone: ( 865 ) 856-2061 Business Phone: ( 865 ) 982-1734

Fax Line: ( 865 ) 982-0797 Cell / Pager: ( 865 ) 755-2399

EMAIL Address: leon.williams@charter.net Web Page URL: \_\_\_\_\_

Professional License Type: general contractor BC mechanical CMC State of Issuance: Tennessee

License No: 13553 Expiration Date: July 31 2009  
Month Day Year

1. Which membership position on the Board are you interested in? (Check one) Note – Service time will be up to 3 year terms.

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2. Please briefly explain why you want to serve on the construction Board of Appeals:

to help protect the public concerning life safety codes, to ensure proper construction and design take  
place throughout Blount County -- to work with codes officials in their daily tasks

Dept. of Building Safety

3. Please submit a resume or use this section to provide your work experience with dates:

I have been a state licensed contractor since 1971 and obtained a OMC (mechanical contractor) designation  
in 2000. I started in residential, then went to commercial work. Today we are a design-build contractor,  
having been involved in over 40 church projects, schools, National Guard armories, day cares, health  
care centers, municipal utilities

4. Please provide three professional references:

Stacy Cox Name	Studio Four Architects Business Name	Knoxville, TN City/State	523-5001 Contact Number
Gene Daves Name	Engineering Services Group Business Name	Knoxville, TN City/State	522-0393 Contact Number
Maurice Mallia Name	Mallia Engineering Business Name	Knoxville, TN City/State	637-3224 Contact Number

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Signature

Maurice Mallia

Date

1 Aug 2001

# State of Tennessee

218782

BOARD FOR LICENSING CONTRACTORS

CONTRACTOR

LEON WILLIAMS CONTRACTORS, LLC

*This is to certify that all requirements of the State of Tennessee  
have been met.*

ID NUMBER: 00013553

LIC STATUS: ACTIVE

EXPIRATION DATE: 07/31/2009

BC: MU-A,B,C,D

HC: HRA

CMC

\$1,440,000.00



IN-1313

DEPARTMENT OF  
COMMERCE AND INSURANCE

## Classification Outline

The following is an outline of classifications currently utilized by the Board and list whether there is a "Trade" test. In addition, contractors are assigned a classification and a monetary limit on their license. Pursuant, T.C.A. 62-6-111(4)(d) a contractor may bid a contract in a classification other than as licensed, as long as their classification covers 60% of the total project or if they have a BC or BC-B (commercial) classification. They would be required to subcontract to a properly licensed contractor for the portion over \$25,000, not under their classification. Electrical, mechanical, plumbing and HVAC subcontractors must be licensed as contractors to perform projects in excess of \$25,000 and their license information must also be listed on the bid pursuant T.C.A. 62-6-119.

### **BC - BUILDING CONSTRUCTION - (Test Required)**

#### **A. Residential (BC-A) - (Test Required)**

"Residential building contractors" are those whose services are limited to construction, remodeling, repair, or improvement of one, two, three, or four family unit residences not exceeding three (3) stories in height and accessory use structures in connection therewith.

#### **Restricted Residential (BC-A/r) - (No Test)**

BC-A/r is a limited licensed restricted to building tract homes where the TOTAL amount is \$70,000. In lieu of an exam, they must take the limited license course with a community technical college. They may not joint venture; no 10% bid tolerance; and cannot perform home improvement work. In order to increase above \$70,000, they must take the Business and Law exam, a trade exam, and submit a reviewed financial statement prepared by a CPA.

#### **B. Commercial (BC-B) - (Test Required)**

A commercial building contractor is authorized to bid on and contract for the construction, erection, alteration, repair or demolition of any building or structure for use and occupancy by the general public, including residential construction with more than four (4) units or greater than three (3) stories in height.

#### **b. Small Commercial (BC-b) - (Test Required)**

A small commercial building contractor is authorized to bid on and contract for the construction, erection, alteration, repair or demolition of any building or structure for use and occupancy by the general public where the total cost of which does not exceed seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$750,000.00).

#### **C. Industrial (BC-C) - (Test Required)**

A contractor under this classification is authorized to bid on and contract for the erection, alteration, repair and demolition of buildings or structures used for industrial production and service, such as manufacturing plants.

### **BC BUILDING SUBCATEGORIES – (No Test Required for five (5) or less of the following subcategories; classification approved based upon experience and equipment)**

1. Acoustical Treatments
2. Carpentry, Framing and Millwork, etc.
3. Drywall
4. Floor Covering
5. Foundations
6. Glass, Window and Door Construction
7. Institutional and Recreational Equipment
8. Lathe, Plaster and Stucco
9. Masonry
10. Ornamental and Miscellaneous Metal
11. Painting, Interior Decorating
12. Roof Decks
13. Site and Subdivision Development
14. Special Coatings and Waterproofing
15. Tile, Terrazzo and Marble
16. Insulation
17. Elevators, Escalators, and Dumbwaiters
18. Erection and Fabrication of Structural Steel
19. Concrete
20. Sheet Metal
21. Roofing
22. Conveyors

23. Sandblasting
24. Golf Courses
25. Tennis Courts
26. Swimming Pools
27. Outdoor Advertising
28. Excavation
29. Landscaping
30. Fencing
31. Demolition
32. Millwright
33. Irrigation

*Example:* A contractor with a full **BC** classification is considered licensed to bid and perform "residential, commercial and industrial building, as well as, any of the 33 listed building subcategories. A contractor with a **BC-A** would be licensed for "residential" building, as well as any of the 33 subcategories. A contractor with a **BC-31 classification** would be licensed for "demolition", only.

**HC - HEAVY CONSTRUCTION** (No Test - for HC or any of the HC subcategories)

- A. Marine (HC-A)  
(Wharves, Docks, Harbor Improvements and Terminals)
- B. Tunnel and Shaft (HC-B)
- C. Energy and Power Plants (HC-C)
- D. Dams, Dikes, Levees and Canals (HC-D)
- E. Mining Surface and Underground (HC-E)
- F. Oil Field Construction (HC-F)
- G. Oil Refineries (HC-G)

**Heavy Construction Categories** (Apply to All Areas)

1. Structural Steel Erection
2. Tower and Stack Construction
3. Foundation Construction, Pile Driving, Foundation Drilling, and Stabilization
4. Demolition and Movement of Structures
5. Clearing, Grubbing, Snagging and Rip Rap
6. Slipform Concrete Structures
7. Rigging and Crane Rigging
8. Welding

*Example:* A contractor with a full **HC** classification may perform all heavy construction; a contractor with a **HC-A** may perform "marine" work; **HC-A-1**, may perform "marine" and "structural steel erection".

**HRA - HIGHWAY, RAILROAD AND AIRPORT CONSTRUCTION** (No Test – for HRA or HRA subcategories)

- A. Grading and Drainage (HRA-A)  
Includes grading, drainage pipe and structures, clearing and grubbing.
- B. Base and Paving (HRA-B)
  1. Base Construction
  2. Hot and Cold Mix Asphalt
  3. Surface Treatment Asphalt
  4. Concrete Paving
- C. Bridges and Culverts (HRA-C)
  1. Painting
  2. Repair
  3. Demolition
  4. Bridge Deck Overlay (Sealant)
  5. Gunite
  6. Cofferdam
  7. Steel Erection
- D. Railroad Construction and Related Items (HRA-D)
- E. Miscellaneous and Specialty Items (HRA-E)
  1. Traffic Safety
    - (a) Pavement Markers

- (b) Signing
- (c) Guardrail and Fencing
- (d) Attenuators, signalization and roadway lighting
- 2. Landscaping  
Includes seeding, sodding, planting, and chemical weed and brush control.
- 3. Pavement Rehabilitation  
Includes pressure grouting, grinding and grooving, concrete joints, and underdrains.
- 4. Well Drilling
- 5. Miscellaneous Concrete  
Includes sidewalks, driveways, curb and gutter, and box culverts.

**MU - MUNICIPAL AND UTILITY CONSTRUCTION** – (No Test - for MU subcategories, except for a full MU or MU-B classification)

Municipal and Utility Construction includes all supervision, labor, material and equipment to complete underground piping, water and sewer plants and sewer disposal, grading and drainage, and paving (unless restricted to specific areas named).

**A. Underground Piping (MU-A)**

Furnish supervision, labor, material and equipment to complete all underground piping for municipal and utility construction (unless restricted to specific areas names).

- 1. Gas Distribution and Transmission Lines
- 2. Sewer Lines, Storm Drains, Rehabilitation and Structures
- 3. Waterlines
- 4. Underground Conduit

**B. Water and Sewer Systems\* (MU-B)**

\* requires a BC-B or commercial or industrial trade exam to construct water and sewer plants.

**C. Grading and Drainage (MU-C)**

Includes grading, drainage pipe and structures, clearing and grubbing.

**D. Base and Paving (MU-D)**

- 1. Base Construction
- 2. Hot and Cold Mix Asphalt
- 3. Surface Treatment Asphalt
- 4. Concrete Pavement
- 5. Miscellaneous Concrete (includes sidewalks, driveways, curb and gutter, and box culverts)

*Example:* A contractor with a full **MU** classification may perform all the above under municipal utility construction; a contractor with a **MU-A, 3** is licensed to perform underground piping for "waterlines".

**CMC - MECHANICAL CONTRACTING** (formerly MC; "C" in front of "M" means tested prior to 1992 – statewide certification law went into effect) - (Test Required for full CMC)

**A. Plumbing and Gas Piping (CMC-A) - (Test Required)**

**B. Process Piping (CMC-B) – (No Test)**

**C. HVAC, Refrigeration and Gas Piping (CMC-C) - (Test Required)**

**1. Solar HVAC (geothermal) – (Test Required – CMC-C)**

**D. Sprinklers & Fire Protection (must register with Fire Prevention) - (CMC-D) - (Test Required)**

**E. Insulation of Mechanical Work (CMC-E) – (No Test)**

**F. Pollution Control (CMC-F) – (No Test)**

**G. Pneumatic Tube Systems (CMC-G) – (No Test)**

**H. Temperature Controls (Pneumatic) (MC-H) - (No Test)**

**I. Boiler Construction & Repairs (CMC-I) - (No Test)**

**J. Fuel Gas Piping and Systems (CMC-J) - (No Test)**

*Example:* A contractor with a full mechanical, **CMC** classification is licensed to perform all mechanical subcategories. A contractor with a **CMC-A** may perform "plumbing" and considered statewide certified (do not have to re-test with each county). A contractor with **CMC-E** may perform "insulation" of mechanical work, only. A contractor with **CMC-C** may perform "HVAC".

**CE - Electrical Contracting** (formerly E; the "C" in front of "E" means tested after May, 1992) (Test Required for full CE)

**A. Electrical Transmission Lines (CE-A) - (Test Required – High Voltage)**

**B. Electrical Work for Buildings and Structures - (Test Required – full CE)**

**C. Underground Electrical Conduit Installation (CE-C) – (No Test for Low Voltage – 70 volts)**

# CRAIG L. GARRETT

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MARYVILLE, TENNESSEE 37803

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EMAIL: mail@cgarettlaw.com

### M E M O

TO: MAYOR ED MITCHELL  
FROM: CRAIG L. GARRETT  
RE: TOWNSEND BRIDGE PROJECT  
DATE: JULY 14, 2011

At your request, I have investigated the possibility of the County incurring liability based on the inability of emergency vehicles to pass through the Tennessee Department of Transportation bridge project located in Townsend, Tennessee. I can find no basis for the County having any potential liability based on this project. If it was the County's project and we actually had personnel on the grounds, it is possible for potential liability to exist under certain limited circumstances if our personnel were actually negligent. Under the circumstances of this contract, however, I see no basis for liability on the part of the County.

If you have any further questions, feel free to contact me.

# BUDGET TRANSFERS

## (COMMISSION ACTION NEEDED)

<u>FUND</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>BUDGET COMMITTEE</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
101- Gen. County Var./Other Gen. Adm.	\$197,000.00	Recommended	5 - Yes

**Blount County, Tennessee  
REQUEST FOR BUDGET TRANSFER  
Fiscal Year 2011-2012**

Fund Number 101 Cost Center Number Various/51900  
 Fund Name Gen. Co. Cost Center Name Various/Other Gen. Adm.

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT NAME	AMOUNT
101-051900-500399-0	Other contracted services	62,000.00
101-051900-500341-0	Pauper burials	6,000.00
101-051900-500211-0	Retiree insurance	127,500.00
101-051900-500435-0	Office supplies	1,500.00
<b>Total Transferred to:</b>		<b>197,000.00</b>

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT NAME	AMOUNT
101-054610-500399-0	Other contracted services	62,000.00
101-055510-500341-0	Pauper burials	6,000.00
101-058400-500211-0	Retiree insurance	127,500.00
101-058400-500435-0	Office supplies	1,500.00
<b>Total Transferred from:</b>		<b>197,000.00</b>

Reason for Transfer Request:  
Reclass coroner, pauper burials, retiree insurance, & storeroom supplies to correct  
cost center.

  
 Signature of Department Head Date 7/25/11

Note:  
 Total transferred to  
 must agree with total  
 transferred from.

Signature of County Mayor Date



STEPHEN S. OGLE

BLOUNT COUNTY CLERK & MASTER

MEMORANDUM

To: Budget Committee Members  
From: Stephen S. Ogle, Clerk and Master *SSO*  
Date: August 3, 2011  
Re: County Litigation Tax

The Budget Committee of the Blount County Commission has asked our office for information to assist the Commission in consideration of increasing the county litigation tax in the Courts that are served by the office of the Clerk and Master. Attached to this memorandum as Exhibit A is a table showing a comparison of the amount of litigation tax imposed in Blount County and eleven other East Tennessee counties. As you can see, litigation tax in Circuit Court, Equity Division, and Chancery Court is currently set at \$6.25, which is far below the amount of litigation tax imposed in the other counties. Litigation tax in General Sessions Court is currently set at \$31.25, which is still below the average of the other counties we surveyed. Exhibit B shows the averages in these other counties.

In addition to the county litigation tax, at the initiation of litigation plaintiffs must also pay state litigation tax in Circuit Court, Equity Division, and in Chancery Court in the amount of \$23.75, and in General Sessions Court in the amount of \$24.75. In divorce cases, an additional clerk's fee in the amount of \$200.00 for cases involving children and \$155.00 for cases not involving children is collected at the time a case is filed.

Increasing the county litigation tax to \$44.25 in Circuit Court, Equity Division, and in Chancery Court, and to \$43.25 in General Sessions Court would generate additional revenue in the approximate amount of \$35,786.00 based upon collection of county litigation tax in the 2009-2010 fiscal year. The one dollar difference in the increase is to keep filing fees in all three courts uniform despite the one dollar difference in state litigation tax. This would put litigation tax in Blount County slightly above the average for the counties surveyed, as shown in Exhibit B.

We estimate that we will collect approximately \$13,000.00 less additional revenue with order of protection proceedings transferred to the office of the Circuit Court Clerk; however, that office will collect this revenue instead.

# Exhibit A

## COUNTY LITIGATION TAXES BY COUNTY - AS OF 4/26/11

County	Circuit	Chancery	General Sessions
Blount	6.25	6.25	31.25
Jefferson	34.50	23.75	28.50
Sevier	23.75	23.75	40.50
Cocke	22.75 + 50.00 CLBJF*	13.75	28.50
Grainger	33.75	23.75	32.25
Knox	81.50	83.75	42.50
Loudon	12.75	23.75	23.75
Anderson	82.50	20.75	25.25
Hamblen	43.75	57.50	50.75
Monroe	86.00	86.00	117.00
Greene	23.75	23.75	17.75
Roane	23.75	73.75	23.75

\*County Legislative Body Jail Fund - \$50.00 per case

# Exhibit B

## COUNTY LITIGATION TAXES BY COUNTY - AS OF 4/26/11

County	Circuit	Chancery	General Sessions
Jefferson	34.50	23.75	28.50
Sevier	23.75	23.75	40.50
Cocke	22.75 + 50.00 CLBIF*	13.75	28.50
Grainger	33.75	23.75	32.25
Knox	81.50	83.75	42.50
Loudon	12.75	23.75	23.75
Anderson	82.50	20.75	25.25
Hamblen	43.75	57.50	50.75
Monroe	86.00	86.00	117.00
Greene	23.75	23.75	17.75
Roane	23.75	73.75	23.75

\*County Legislative Body Jail Fund - \$50.00 per case

**AVERAGE:**

**47.16**

**41.30**

**39.14**

## John Herron

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**Subject:** FW: Litigation Tax increase  
**Attachments:** Heather LitigationTax Smmary 2010 # 2.xls; Litigation Tax Breakdown 2010.xls

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**From:** Stephen Jennings [<mailto:sjennings@blounttn.org>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 09, 2011 1:47 PM  
**To:** 'Ed Mitchell'; [rcrawford@blounttn.org](mailto:rcrawford@blounttn.org); [bbrewer@blounttn.org](mailto:bbrewer@blounttn.org); [sogle@blounttn.org](mailto:sogle@blounttn.org); [thatcher@blounttn.org](mailto:thatcher@blounttn.org); [rheadrick@blounttn.org](mailto:rheadrick@blounttn.org); [rpitts@blounttn.org](mailto:rpitts@blounttn.org)  
**Subject:** FW: Litigation Tax increase

All, here is the CTAS response to the question from last night's Budget Committee

Steve Jennings  
Blount County Finance Director  
865-273-5719

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**From:** Hayes, Gary [<mailto:gary.hayes@tennessee.edu>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 09, 2011 1:25 PM  
**To:** Stephen Jennings  
**Subject:** RE: Litigation Tax increase

Steve,

The county can increase it's litigation taxes by private act or by resolution of the CLB. I'm attaching two spreadsheets that I did for Coffee County when they increased their litigation taxes. The spreadsheets say Circuit/General Sessions, but they both apply to the C&M.

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**From:** Stephen Jennings [[sjennings@blounttn.org](mailto:sjennings@blounttn.org)]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 09, 2011 9:26 AM  
**To:** Hayes, Gary  
**Cc:** 'Ed Mitchell'; 'Susan Gennoe'  
**Subject:** Litigation Tax increase

Gary,

After a survey of surrounding counties, the Clerk and Master recommended an increase to the Blount County Litigation Tax to the Budget Committee last night. The Budget Committee approved this by motion and unanimous vote, but we really do not know what is required for full approval. Can the County Legislative Body do this?...Does the State have to approve?...do we have to hold public hearings?

Can you please advise....We have a Commission work session tonight. I told the Budget Committee that I would attempt to get an answer from CTAS today.

Steve Jennings  
Blount County Finance Director  
865-273-5719

Coffee County, Tennessee  
 County Litigation Tax Summary  
 General Sessions Civil & Criminal

Court	Litigation Tax	Administrative Director of Courts	Motor Vehicle Violations	Fingerprint	General Sessions Judge Litigation Tax	Total Litigation Tax	Increase in GSJ (\$10)
<b>Maximum Litigation Tax Rates</b>							
Civil	\$ 16.75	\$ 1.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6.00	\$ 23.75	\$ 33.75
Criminal	\$ 28.50	\$ -	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 6.00	\$ 36.50	\$ 46.50
<b>Current Litigation Tax Rates</b>							
Civil	\$ 16.75	\$ 1.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6.00	\$ 23.75	\$ 33.75
Criminal	\$ 28.50	\$ -	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 6.00	\$ 36.50	\$ 46.50
<b>Difference</b>							
Civil	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10.00
Criminal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10.00

TCA Code Authorization

§ 67-4-602

§ 16-15-5007  
 GSJ Retirement

Title 55, Chapter 8  
 This revenue is collected by the Clerk and remitted to the State General Fund  
 The county can match the \$1.00 by resolution

§ 67-4-406  
 This revenue is collected by the Clerk and remitted to the State General Fund  
 The county can match the \$1.00 by resolution

§ 16-15-5006

**Coffee County, Tennessee**  
**Summary of Litigation & Workhouse Taxes**  
**General Sessions - Civil & Criminal**  
**Circuit - Civil & Criminal**

<u>Account Code</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>General Fund Chart of Accounts</u>	<u>Current Amount</u>
<b><i>General Sessions - Civil</i></b>			
General Litigation Tax	101	40250	\$ 17.75
Special Purpose (GSJ)	101	40260	6.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ 23.75</b>
Jail, Workhouse (1)	151	40266	10.00
Courtroom Security (2)	101	40268	-
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ 33.75</b>
<b><i>General Sessions - Criminal</i></b>			
General Litigation Tax	101	40250	\$ 30.50
Special Purpose (GSJ)	101	40260	6.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ 36.50</b>
Jail, Workhouse (1)	151	40266	10.00
Courtroom Security (2)	101	40268	-
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ 46.50</b>
<b><i>Circuit - Civil</i></b>			
General Litigation Tax	101	40250	\$ 23.75
Jail, Workhouse (1)	151	40266	10.00
Courtroom Security (2)	101	40268	-
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ 33.75</b>
<b><i>Circuit - Criminal</i></b>			
General Litigation Tax	101	40250	\$ 29.50
Jail, Workhouse (1)	151	40266	10.00
Courtroom Security (2)	101	40268	-
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ 39.50</b>

**Coffee County, Tennessee**  
**Summary of Litigation & Workhouse Taxes**  
***Clerk & Master***

General Litigation Tax	101	40250	\$	23.75	\$	23.75	\$	-
Jail, Workhouse (1)	151	40266		10.00		<b>40.00</b>		<b>30.00</b>
Courtroom Security (2)	101	40268		-		<b>10.00</b>		<b>10.00</b>
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$</b>	<b>33.75</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>73.75</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>40.00</b>

**Notes:**

**(1)TCA § 67-4-601**

**(2) Public Chapter 1187 of the Public Acts 2008**

RESOLUTION No. 11-08-004

Sponsored By Commissioners Kenneth Melton and Mike Lewis

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LEASE UNDER TENNESSEE CODE ANNOTATED 7-51-904 OF OFFICE COPIERS FOR THE CIRCUIT COURT OFFICES OF BLOUNT COUNTY.

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated 7-51-904 (a) states that "Whenever the period or term, including any renewal term or extension period, of any contract, lease, or lease-purchase agreement for any real property is to be for less than five (5) years, under the authority of 7-51-902 or 7-51-903, or for tangible personal property, regardless of the period or term, such contract, lease or lease-purchase agreement shall first be approved by resolution or ordinance duly adopted by the governing body of the municipality, and no such contract, lease, or lease-purchase agreement shall be entered into by a municipality without such approval."; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated 7-51-901 (4) defines a municipality as any county or incorporated city or town of the state of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the Circuit Court Offices, of Blount County wishes to lease office copiers to meet the duplicating needs of the Circuit Court offices; and

WHEREAS, the following copiers are available under the terms and conditions of the State Contract No. SWC404:

<u>Office</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Cost per Mo.</u>
Circuit Court Clerk's Office	Oce Imagistics	\$115.09
Orders of Protection		
Circuit Court Bookkeeper	Oce Imagistics	\$84.03
Circuit Court General Sessions	Oce Imagistics	\$84.03
Circuit Court Juvenile Bookkeeper	Oce Imagistics	\$84.03
Circuit Court Clerk's Office	Oce Imagistics	\$84.03
Circuit Court Magistrate	Oce Imagistics	\$84.03
Circuit Court Juvenile	Oce Imagistics	\$84.03
Main Office		

WHEREAS, there is sufficient money available within the department budget to fund the lease of the copier.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Blount County, Tennessee, meeting in session assembled this 18th day of August, 2011 that the lease of copy machines for the Circuit Court Offices, under terms and conditions of the State Contract No. SWC404 is hereby authorized.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THIS RESOLUTION TAKES EFFECT FROM AND AFTER ITS PASSAGE, THE PUBLIC WELFARE REQUIRING IT; AND THAT ANY PRIOR RESOLUTION TO THE CONTRARY IS HEREBY DECLARED VOID.

CERTIFICATION OF ACTION

ATTEST

\_\_\_\_\_  
Commission Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_  
County Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Vetoed: \_\_\_\_\_  
County Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Copier Lease Vs. Multifunction Printer Purchase

	<b>Lease available through State Contract</b>	<b>Direct Purchase through office supply store at Govt. price</b>
Type:	Canon imageRUNNER 3225 Monochrome Digital Multifunction Imaging System	Lexmark X364dn Laser Multifunction Printer
Copy speed:	25 ppm	35 ppm
Resolution:	1200 x 1200 dpi	1200 x 1200 dpi
Duplexing:	Yes, standard automatic trayless duplexing	Yes
Max. print size:	11" x 17"	8-1/2" x 14"
Memory:	512MB RAM + 256MB RAM	128 MB, expandable to 1024MB
Document Feeding Method:	100-sheet Duplexing Automatic Document Feeder (DADF)	50-sheet Automatic Document Feeder (ADF)
Paper tray sizes:	Dual 550-sheet paper cassettes + 50-sheet stack bypass	250-sheet paper tray 50-sheet multipurpose tray
First page output:	4.2/4.9 seconds (from platent glass) 5.9 seconds (from DADF)	7 seconds
Magnification:	Preset reduction/enlargement	<i>Not available</i>
Zoom:	Platen: 24% - 400% (in 1% increments) DADF: 25% - 200% (in 1% increments)	<i>Not available</i>
Scan:	Color	Black & White
Fax:	Yes	Yes
Collate/Sort/Staple/3-Hole Finisher:	Yes (3-hole finisher optional)	<i>Not available</i>
Annual cost:	\$1,381.08 Includes copier lease, full maintenance, and all consumables except paper	* \$1, 348.77 This cost is for toner, 12 @ \$109.99 ea. & drum/photoconductor kit, 1 ea. @ \$28.89 Does not include cost of printer or paper
Other costs:	None	\$549.99 Purchase of the printer \$145.89 Fuser Assembly Unit (as needed) \$20.00 Transfer Roller (as needed) \$60.00 ADF Maintenance Kit (as needed)
Maintenance:	All parts and labor included in lease	\$54.99 Optional 2-year Protection Plan - limited maintenance
	There are no overage charges on this machine lease.	* This is based on usage of 3,000 images per month which is our standard usage. We have some dept. monthly usage of 6,000+ images. If 6,000 images are made per month on this machine, the annual cost for consumables excluding paper would be \$2,697.54.
5 year total spend on lease	\$6,905.40 (fixed)	N/A
5 year spend on purchase	\$10,360.00 (5,000 images/month) \$10,954.00 (6,000 images/month)	\$7,348.83 (3,000 images/month) \$14,092.68 (6,000 images/month)
	The Govt. purchase price of this machine is \$6,340.00 Full maintenance contract w/all consumables except paper - \$804.00/year Overage charges would apply to purchased machine - \$0.0099 each over 5,000/month	Purchase price includes printer, toner, drum, & 2-year limited maintenance but not any additional parts that may be needed Supplies subject to price increase Some features not available

**RESOLUTION NO. 11-08-005**

**SPONSORED BY COMMISSIONERS GARY FARMER, MIKE LEWIS,  
HOLDEN LAIL, AND TONYA BURCHFIELD**

**DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES**

**WHEREAS**, The position of Director of Human Resources was established by the Blount County Commission on June 20, 1996; and

**WHEREAS**, Blount County has a need for someone to coordinate human resources activities; and

**WHEREAS**, more State and Federal regulations are being passed each year; and

**WHEREAS**, Blount County wishes to ensure that employees are treated fairly and paid equal pay for equal work.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of Blount County, Tennessee meeting in session this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2011, that the position Director of Human Resources will report and answer to the Blount County Human Resource and Insurance Committee.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

1. That a uniform personnel policy must be in effect.
2. When a vacancy for this position occurs, the position will be posted in compliance with Equal Employment Opportunity Laws.
3. Applications for this position will be interviewed by a three (3) member Ad Hoc Committee selected from the Human Resource and Insurance Committee.
4. The successful applicant will be appointed by the Human Resource and Insurance Committee.
5. This appointee must be approved by the Blount County Legislative Body.

**CERTIFICATION OF ACTION**

**ATTEST**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_  
County Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Vetoed: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
County Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Human Resources/Insurance Committee Meeting  
Minutes  
Tuesday July 19, 2011 – 5:00 P.M.  
COUNTY COMMISSION ROOM

*Committee Members Present:*

Ed Mitchell	Holden Lail	James Berrong
Gary Farmer	Tonya Burchfield	Phyllis Crisp
Mike Lewis	Bill Dunlap	David Murrell

*Committee Members Absent:*

Ron French

*Others Present:*

Don Stallions	Jodie King	Steve Jennings
Drew Mann and Betsy Cunningham, Trinity Benefit Advisors		

Minutes

- 1.) Approval of April 5, 2011 minutes. David Murrell made the motion and second by Tonya Burchfield. All approved.
- 2.) Motion was made by Bill Dunlap establishing a new resolution regarding Director of Human Resources to Commission meeting on August 18, 2011. Holden Lail seconded the motion. Roll call vote is as follows:

Ed Mitchell-abstained	Mike Lewis-yes	Bill Dunlap-yes
Phyllis Crisp-yes	James Berrong-yes	Tonya Burchfield-yes
Gary Farmer-yes	David Murrell-yes	Holden Lail-yes
Ron French-absent		
- 3.) Jeff Hatcher presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding Blount County Insurance with other county comparisons.
- 4.) The Committee asked Drew Mann with Trinity Benefits to present at the next meeting an updated cost savings plan regarding the Blount County Insurance Plan. Drew also discussed upcoming open enrollment and will have more information at the next meeting.
- 5.) A special called meeting will be August 16, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. in the County Commission Room.
- 6.) Motion was made by Bill Dunlap asking Steve Jennings to look at doing a comprehensive salary study of all Blount County Employees. Steve will bring

back at the next meeting information regarding the study to include vendors and cost. Ed Mitchell seconded the motion. All in favor.

7.) Drew Mann explained how and why no new payroll slots are open.

8.) Adjourned 5:50 p.m.

**RESOLUTION NO. 11-08-006**

**Sponsored by Commissioners Gary Farmer, Mike Lewis, and Kenneth Melton**

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE STRATEGIC  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, the Three-Star Program was developed to meet the needs and challenges of the evolving economic environment in urban and rural communities and to partner with communities to create opportunities for sustained economic growth; and

**WHEREAS**, communities seeking certification as a Three-Star community must meet certain criteria, including the adoption of a five-year strategic economic development plan; and

**WHEREAS**, in achieving the mission of the Three-Star Program, the Department of Economic and Community Development commits to assist communities in developing and implementing a strategic economic plan;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the county legislative body of Blount County, Tennessee, meeting in regular session at the Blount County Courthouse in Maryville, Tennessee, that:

**SECTION 1.** The legislative body of Blount County declares that the county has adopted a five-year strategic economic development plan to be updated annually.

**SECTION 2.** The strategic economic development plan includes the county's economic goals in promoting economic growth, a plan to accomplish those goals and a projected timeline in achieving those goals.

**SECTION 3.** The strategic economic development plan addresses the county's goals pertaining to existing industry, manufacturing recruitment, workforce development, retail/service, tourism, agriculture, infrastructure assessment and educational assessment.

Adopted this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2011.

**CERTIFICATION OF ACTION**

**ATTEST**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Commission Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_  
County Clerk

Approved: \_\_

Vetoed: \_\_

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County Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



**Blount County, Tennessee**

*Five Year Asset Based  
Strategic Economic Development Plan  
2011 - 2015*

# Blount County, Tennessee

## *2011 Three-Star Program*

Located in the foothills of the Great Smoky Mountains, Blount County covers an area of 584 square miles. The county has an elevation of 989 feet above sea level and it's located near the geographic center of the eastern United States and is within 500 miles of approximately 50 percent of the U.S. population. Our area has been one of the fastest growing counties in Tennessee, increasing its population by 10.5 percent from 1980 to 1990 and an additional 17.7 percent from 1990-2000 and 16.2 percent from 2000-2010. The county has approximately 125,000 residents and it has been projected that by 2014 that will grow to over 130,000. McGhee Tyson Airport is conveniently located in Blount County and Knoxville is only minutes away. A web of highways and interstates connecting commerce are also quickly accessible.

Vibrant, dynamic, friendly, supportive and good business sense is just a few of the comments our investing companies have voiced following their move to Blount County. Years ago, many companies came to Blount County because of low taxes, inexpensive labor and land. Today, while they still enjoy financial benefits, companies choose relocating to Blount County and the cities of Alcoa, Maryville, Rockford, Louisville, Friendsville and Townsend because of quality issues:

- quality of labor
- quality of the community
- quality of life in a county that encompasses part of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, yet lies only 15 minutes from metropolitan Knoxville, the University of Tennessee and just 40 minutes from Oak Ridge National Laboratories and a hot bed of research and development.

Blount County has been a member of the Governor's Three-Star program since 2001.

**Blount County  
Five Year Strategic Plan**

<b>Program Name Five Year Strategic Plan</b>	<b>Planning and Infrastructure Development</b>					
	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>
<b>GOALS:</b>  Participate in Plan ET (East Tennessee), a regional plan to promote livability in East Tennessee  Expand broadband access in Blount County  Assist in planning for Friendsville, Louisville, and Rockford	X  X  X	X  X  X	X  X  X	X  X  X	X  X  X	<i>Planning Commission EDB</i>  <i>Connected TN Rep City and County Governments EDB</i>  <i>Planning departments</i>

## Strategic Priority - Planning and Infrastructure Development:

Participate in Plan ET (East Tennessee), a regional plan to promote livability in East Tennessee

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### 1. Who are the stakeholders for this strategic priority? How will they benefit?

Stakeholders	Benefit to Stakeholders
1. Planning Commission	Better sense of direction for the future More livable community
2. EDB	Improve access to employment centers and educational opportunities Expand business access to markets
3.	
4.	
5.	

<b>Program Name</b> <b>Five Year Strategic Plan</b>	<b>Community Development</b>					
	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>
<b>GOALS:</b>						
Provide opportunities for city and county leaders to meet on a regular basis	X	X	X	X	X	<i>Blount Partnership County &amp; City Governments</i>
Provide opportunities to develop cooperative community relationships	X	X	X	X	X	<i>United Way Leadership Blount Blount Partnership</i>
Assist residents in improving educational potential through school readiness programs, maintaining low dropout rate, and providing access to adult job skills	X	X	X	X	X	<i>United Way School Systems Career Center &amp; Adult Educ.</i>
Promote self-sufficiency through programs focused on: stable housing, financial stability, and transportation	X	X	X	X	X	<i>United Way &amp; Partner Agencies</i>

## Strategic Priority – Community Development:

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Assist residents in improving educational potential through school readiness programs, maintaining low dropout rate, and providing access to adult job skills

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### 1. Who are the stakeholders for this strategic priority? How will they benefit?

Stakeholders	Benefit to Stakeholders
1. United Way	Early Literacy Programs Parent/Caregiver Education Programs
2. School Systems	Mentoring Programs Healthy Behavior Education Programs Remain below target drop-out rate of 10%
3. Career Center & Adult Education	GED Training Programs Computer Skill Training Programs Young Adult (18-24) Work Skill Programs
4.	
5.	

<b>Program Name</b> <b>Five Year Strategic Plan</b>	<b>Leadership Development</b>					
	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>
<b>GOALS:</b>  Continue training opportunities for elected and appointed officials  Promote existing programs and develop new opportunities for youth leadership and training  Promote leadership opportunities to be involved in community activities, be cognizant of happenings in the county, and be made aware of opportunities to give back to our community	X  X  X	X  X  X	X  X  X	X  X  X	X  X  X	<i>EDB</i> <i>United Way</i> <i>Govt. Staff</i>  <i>School Systems</i> <i>Non-Profits</i> <i>Youth Leadership Blount</i> <i>United Way</i>  <i>Leadership Blount</i> <i>Blount Partnership</i> <i>United Way</i>

**Strategic Priority - Leadership Development:**

Promote leadership opportunities to be involved in community activities, be cognizant of happenings in the county, and be made aware of opportunities to give back to our community

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**1. Who are the stakeholders for this strategic priority? How will they benefit?**

<b>Stakeholders</b>	<b>Benefit to Stakeholders</b>
1. Leadership Blount	Provides needed community resource
2. Blount Partnership	Better understanding of issues affecting the community
3. United Way	Provides needed community resources
4.	
5.	

<b>Program Name</b> <b>Five Year Strategic Plan</b>	<b>Economic Development</b>					
	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>
<b>GOALS:</b>						
Promote and participate in the Innovation Valley regional economic development initiative	X	X	X	X		<i>IDB</i>
Focus economic development efforts on recruiting high-tech, innovative companies	X	X	X	X	X	<i>IDB</i> <i>City and County Governments</i>
Begin Hwy. 33 road improvements, including new signal and closure of Jackson Hills Road	X	X	X	X	X	<i>TDOT</i> <i>IDB</i> <i>City of Alcoa</i>

## Strategic Priority - Economic Development:

Begin Hwy. 33 road improvements, including new signal and closure of Jackson Hills Road

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### 1. Who are the stakeholders for this strategic priority? How will they benefit?

Stakeholders	Benefit to Stakeholders
1. TDOT	Better traffic flow and less congestion
2. IDB	Ease of access to Pellissippi Place Increased opportunities to promote smart development
3. City of Alcoa	Improved corridor connecting community to Pellissippi Parkway
4.	
5.	

**Program Name**  
**Five Year Strategic Plan**

**Education/Workforce Development**

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Responsibility
<b>GOALS:</b>						
Address needs of workforce development through Innovation Valley	X	X	X	X		<i>Blount Partnership Innovation Valley Partners</i>
Promote training opportunities to existing industries in Blount Co. at Pellissippi State and Career Center	X	X	X	X	X	<i>Blount Partnership Pellissippi State Career Center</i>
Publish a workforce development resource guide for educators at local high schools and colleges.	X	X				<i>Blount Partnership School Systems Colleges</i>

## Strategic Priority – Education/Workforce Development:

Promote training opportunities to existing industries in Blount Co. at Pellissippi State and Career Center

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### 1. Who are the stakeholders for this strategic priority? How will they benefit?

Stakeholders	Benefit to Stakeholders
1. Blount Partnership	Promote customized training as incentive to recruit new jobs to Blount Co. Provides grant funding for customized training for existing businesses through the Incumbent Worker Training Program
2. Pellissippi State	Provide benefits such as pre-employment and on-the-job training, leadership skills, and training materials
3. Career Center	Gives employers access to job seekers
4.	
5.	

**RESOLUTION NO. 11-08-007**

**Sponsored by Commissioners Gary Farmer, Mike Lewis and Kenneth Melton**

**RESOLUTION TO AFFIRM COMPLIANCE WITH  
FEDERAL TITLE VI REGULATIONS**

**WHEREAS**, both Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987 provide that no person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color or national origin be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tennessee Attorney General opined in Opinion No. 92.47 that state and local governments are required to comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act in administering federally funded programs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Community Development Division of the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development administers the Three-Star Program and awards financial incentives for communities designated as Three-Star communities; and

**WHEREAS**, by virtue of the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development receiving federal financial assistance all communities designated as Three-Star communities must confirm that the community is in compliance with the regulations of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the county legislative body of Blount County, Tennessee, meeting in regular session at the Blount County Courthouse in Maryville, Tennessee, that:

**SECTION 1.** The legislative body of Blount County declares that the county is in compliance with the federal Title VI regulations.

**SECTION 2.** The Department of Economic and Community Development may from time to time monitor the county's compliance with federal Title VI regulations.

**SECTION 3.** This Resolution shall take effect upon adoption, the public welfare requiring it.

Adopted this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2011.

**CERTIFICATION OF ACTION**

**ATTEST**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Commission Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_  
County Clerk

Approved: \_\_

Vetoed: \_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
County Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

RESOLUTION No. 11-08-008

Sponsored By Commissioners Mike Lewis and Kenneth Melton

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF PRODUCTS AND SERVICES THAT HAVE BEEN COMPETITIVELY BID THROUGH COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated 12-9-102 states that "It is the purpose of this chapter to permit local governmental units the most efficient use of their powers by enabling them to cooperate with other localities on a basis of mutual advantage and thereby provide services and facilities in a manner and pursuant to forms of governmental organization that will accord best with geographic, economic, population, and other factors influencing the needs and development of local communities."; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated 12-9-104 (a) (1) states "...The authority for joint or cooperative action of political subdivisions shall apply to powers, privileges or authority vested in, funded by, and/or under the control of the governing bodies and relative to which the governing bodies may make other types of contracts. ..."; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated 12-9-104 (b) states "Any two (2) or more public agencies may enter into agreements with one another for joint or cooperative action pursuant to the provisions of this chapter. Appropriate action of the governing bodies of the participating public agencies by resolution or otherwise pursuant to law shall be necessary before any such agreement may enter into force."; and

WHEREAS, Blount County wishes to participate in the cooperative agreements, U. S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance (U. S. Communities), The Cooperative Purchasing Network (TCPN), and National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Blount County, Tennessee, meeting in session assembled this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2011, that the purchase from cooperative agreements U. S. Communities, TCPN, and NJPA is hereby authorized through June 30, 2016.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THIS RESOLUTION TAKES EFFECT FROM AND AFTER ITS PASSAGE, THE PUBLIC WELFARE REQUIRING IT; AND THAT ANY PRIOR RESOLUTION

TO THE CONTRARY IS HEREBY DECLARED VOID.

CERTIFICATION OF ACTION

ATTEST

\_\_\_\_\_  
Commission Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_  
County Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Vetoed: \_\_\_\_\_

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County Mayor

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Date

*Tenn. Code Ann. § 12-9-102*

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Title 12 Public Property, Printing And Contracts  
Chapter 9 Interlocal Cooperation

Tenn. Code Ann. § 12-9-102 (2011)

**12-9-102. Purpose.**

It is the purpose of this chapter to permit local governmental units the most efficient use of their powers by enabling them to cooperate with other localities on a basis of mutual advantage and thereby provide services and facilities in a manner and pursuant to forms of governmental organization that will accord best with geographic, economic, population, and other factors influencing the needs and development of local communities.

**HISTORY:** Acts 1967, ch. 350, § 1; T.C.A., § 12-802.

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Tenn. Code Ann. § 12-9-103 (2011)

**12-9-103. Definitions.**

As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

(1) "Local government entity" means any city, town, municipality, county, including any county having a metropolitan form of government, local education agency, development district, utility district, human resource agency or other political subdivision of this state;

(2) "Local government joint venture entity" means any entity created pursuant to this chapter, including, but not limited to, a self-insurance pool, trust, joint venture, nonprofit organization, or any other type of organization that is sponsored, owned, operated, or governed by two (2) or more local government entities as a separate and specific activity;

(3) "Public agency" means:

(A) Any political subdivision of this state;

(B) Any private incorporated fire department and industrial fire department not supported by public funds or which are only partially supported by public funds;

(C) Any incorporated rescue squad that is not supported by public funds or that is only partially supported by public funds;

(D) Any agency of the state government or of the United States; and

(E) Any political subdivision of another state; and

(4) "State" means a state of the United States.

**HISTORY:** Acts 1967, ch. 350, § 3; T.C.A., § 12-803; Acts 1983, ch. 45, § 2; 1995, ch. 17, § 1; 2006, ch. 923, § 1.

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Tenn. Code Ann. § 12-9-104 (2011)

**12-9-104. Interlocal agreements.**

(a) (1) Any power or powers, privileges or authority exercised or capable of exercise by a public agency of this state, including those provided in § 6-54-307 or § 68-221-1107(b), may be exercised and enjoyed jointly with any other public agency of this state having the power or powers, privilege or authority, and jointly with any public agency of any other state or the United States to the extent that laws of such other state or of the United States permit such joint exercise or enjoyment. Any agency of the state government when acting jointly with any public agency may exercise and enjoy all of the powers, privileges and authority conferred by this chapter upon a public agency. The authority for joint or cooperative action of political subdivisions shall apply to powers, privileges or authority vested in, funded by, and/or under the control of their governing bodies and relative to which the governing bodies may make other types of contracts. No joint or cooperative agreement shall be entered into affecting or relating to the constitutional or statutory powers, privileges or authority of officers of political subdivisions, or of agencies of political subdivisions with a separate governing board and having powers granted by statute independent of the governing body. Notwithstanding any provision of the law to the contrary, any municipality may enter into an agreement with the sheriff, court of general sessions, and the governing body of any county in which it is located to provide for the enforcement of the municipality's ordinances according to the provisions of §§ 8-8-201(34) and 16-15-501. The agreement between the municipality and the county governing body shall be limited to provide that the cost of such enforcement will be borne by the municipality where the court costs paid over to the county, as provided by § 16-15-501, are not adequate.

(2) Agencies of political subdivisions that have governing boards separate from the governing bodies of the political subdivisions may make agreements for joint or cooperative action with other such agencies and with other public agencies. The power to make joint or cooperative agreements includes any power, privilege or authority exercised or that may be exercised by each of the agencies that is a party to the agreement. Agreements between agencies of political subdivisions that have separate governing boards and other such agencies and agreements between such agencies and public agencies shall substantially conform to the requirements of this chapter. The governing bodies of such political subdivisions shall require agreements made by their agencies pursuant to this chapter to be submitted to the governing body for approval before the agreements take effect.

(b) Any two (2) or more public agencies may enter into agreements with one another for joint or cooperative action pursuant to the provisions of this chapter. Appropriate action of the governing bodies of the participating public agencies by resolution or otherwise pursuant to law shall be necessary before any such agreement may enter into force.

(c) Any such agreement shall specify the following:

(1) Its duration;

(2) The precise organization, composition and nature of any separate legal or administrative

entity or entities created thereby, which may include, but is not limited to, a corporation not for profit, together with the powers delegated to such a corporation;

(3) Its purpose or purposes;

(4) The manner of financing the joint or cooperative undertaking and of establishing and maintaining a budget for such undertaking;

(5) The permissible method or methods to be employed in accomplishing the partial or complete termination of the agreement and for disposing of property upon such partial or complete termination; and

(6) Any other necessary and proper matters.

(d) In the event that the agreement does not establish a separate legal entity or entities to conduct the joint or cooperative undertaking, the agreement shall, in addition to the requirements of subdivisions (c)(1)-(6), contain the following:

(1) Provision for an administrator or a joint board responsible for administering the joint or cooperative undertaking. In the case of a joint board, public agencies party to the agreement shall be represented; and

(2) The manner of acquiring, holding and disposing of real and personal property used in the joint or cooperative undertaking.

(e) (1) No agreement made pursuant to this chapter shall relieve any public agency of any obligation or responsibility imposed upon it by law, except that, to the extent of actual and timely performance thereof by a joint board or other legal or administrative entity or entities created by an agreement made hereunder, those performances may be offered in satisfaction of the obligation or responsibility.

(2) (A) Notwithstanding the provisions of title 9, chapter 21, including § 9-21-105 and § 9-21-107 to the contrary, a separate legal or administrative entity, created by interlocal agreement between two (2) or more political subdivisions of the state acting pursuant to this chapter, is not empowered to:

(i) Assess, levy, or collect ad valorem taxes;

(ii) Issue general obligation bonds; or

(iii) Exercise the power of eminent domain.

(B) However, to the extent that the participating political subdivisions possess such powers, the political subdivisions may exercise such powers on behalf and for the benefit of the separate legal or administrative entity.

(f) Financing of joint projects by agreement shall be as provided by law.

**HISTORY:** Acts 1967, ch. 350, § 4; 1973, ch. 88, § 3; 1973, ch. 355, § 3; T.C.A., § 12-804; Acts 1981, ch. 289, § 3; 1982, ch. 930, § 2; 1984, ch. 890, § 1; 1985, ch. 84, §§ 1-4; 1986, ch. 698, § 1; 1990, ch. 921, § 2; 1991, ch. 91, § 1; 1992, ch. 880, § 2; 1993, ch. 401, § 1; 2004, ch. 849, § 2.

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## **MHASPA – Mental Health Awareness & Suicide Prevention Alliance**

The MHASPA is a part of Blount County's Community Health Initiative. The mental health aspect of the team was created in 1998 as an outgrowth of the original community brainstorming sessions for needs in Blount County. The suicide aspect of the team was formed in 2002 as a response to the extremely high suicide rate we had in Blount County that year (29). The two teams combined in 2005 as the concerns and issues are very much intertwined.

**Mission Statement:** To improve the lives of people in Blount County by

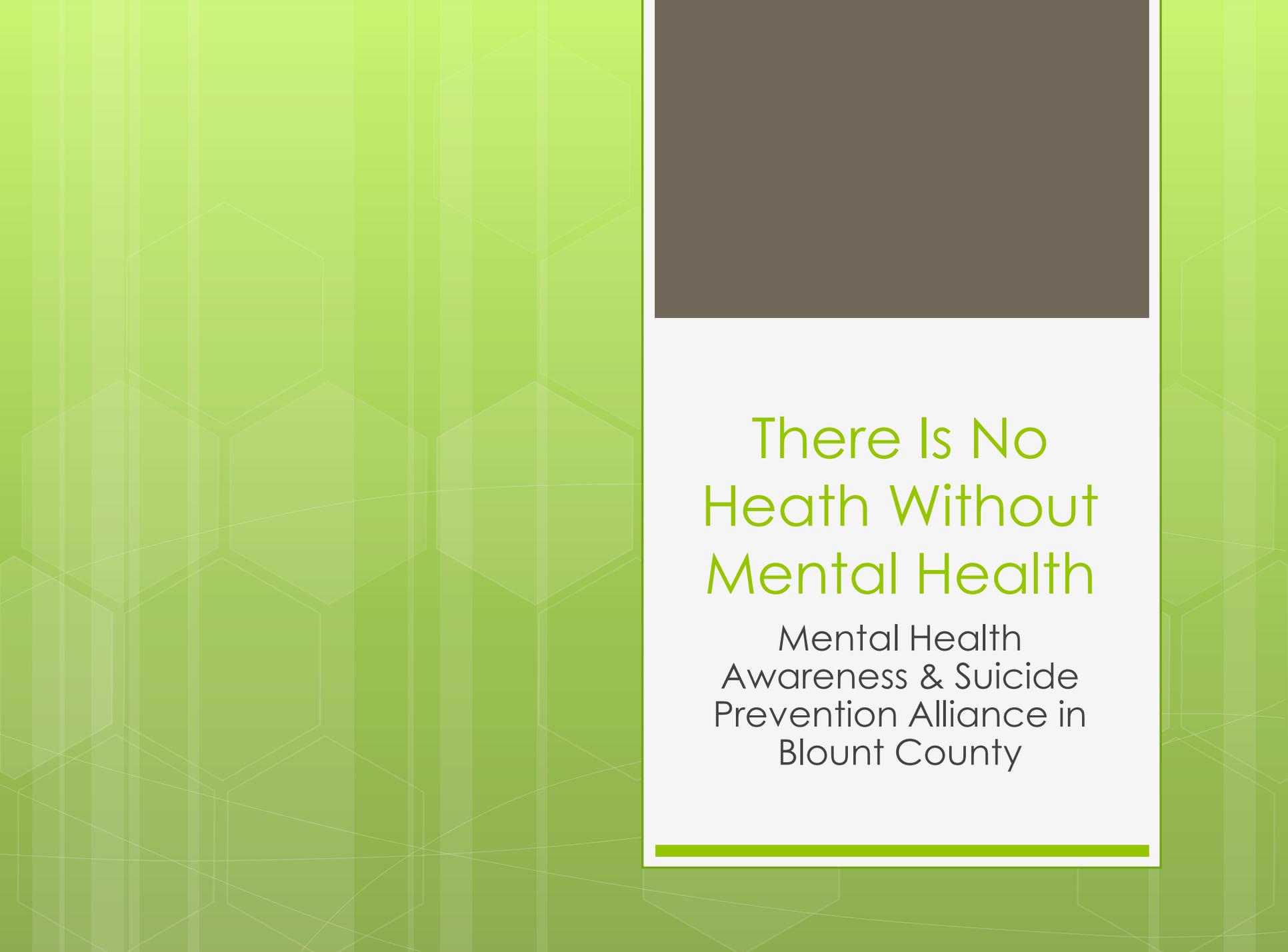
- ❖ Identifying existing and potential gaps in mental health resources,
- ❖ Facilitating the acquisition and provision of needed resources,
- ❖ Educating consumers on the availability of mental health and suicide prevention resources in Blount County,
- ❖ And reducing the number of suicides in Blount County.

We have representatives from a variety of professional groups, community organizations and interested individuals, all of whom have some investment in wanting to help prevent and/or reduce the suicide rate in our community and to improve access to mental health services. We have team members from law enforcement, the school systems, treatment providers, United Way, district attorney's office, the local newspaper, local crisis services, etc.

The large team meets monthly - the first Friday of the month at the Blount County Health Department, at noon and lunch is provided. It is an hour long meeting in which a lot of information is shared and discussed. Suicide demographics are reviewed for the previous month with the help of Blount County's Medical Examiner, Dr. Gilliam; resources and ideas for prevention are shared and sub-committees that work on designing community intervention projects report their progress to the larger group.

Our current focus stays true to the mission statement in three areas:

- ❖ Advocacy – staying current with policy and resources on a local, state, national and international level as it pertains to mental health and suicide prevention.
- ❖ Awareness – Promoting and sustaining awareness about mental health issues and suicide prevention throughout the year.
- ❖ Activities – Plan and implement community-based projects, events, educational opportunities, presentations, training, etc. to promote the goals of the mission statement.



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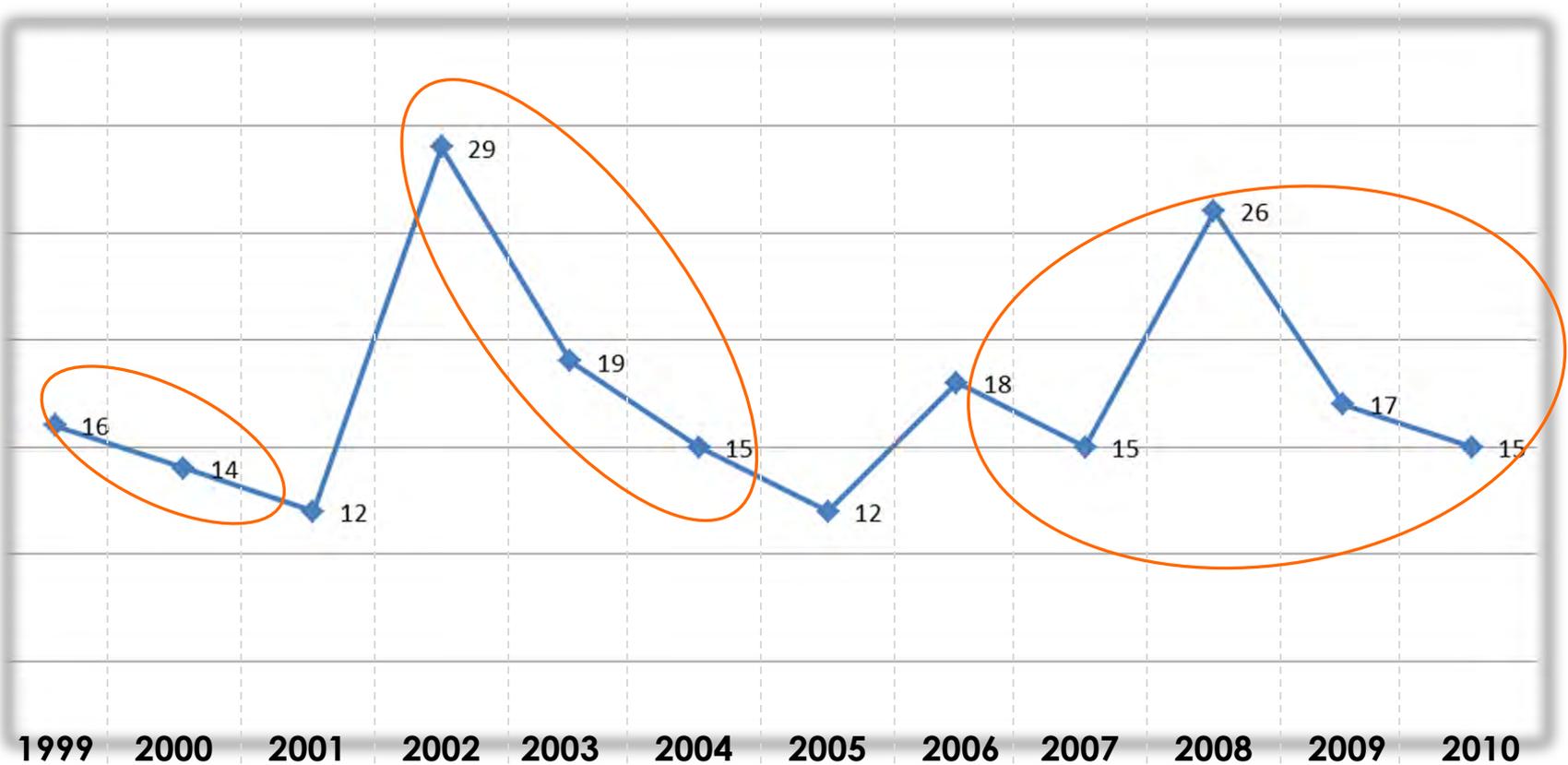
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# Mental Health in Blount County

- 1 in 4 adults experiences mental illness in any year. For Blount County that translates to about 30,375 people
- The number of uninsured persons in Blount County is approximately 12,000 and another 12,000 are on TNCare
- The County “Mental Health Safety Net” is strained to the bursting point

## Suicides in Blount County

With our population size, we should “expect” 13 suicides per year



*10 completed suicides have been identified to date in 2011*

# Key Facts About Mental Health



## Problems Start Early

- **50% of symptoms of mental illness start by age 14**
- **75% of symptoms present by 24 years of age**



## Suicide & Mental Illness Go Together

- **Strong link between mental illness and suicide**
- **Suicide is costly: average annual cost to Blount over past 3 years is \$22M**



## Mental Illness is Highly Treatable

- **Treatment works: 65% success rate with depression, 80% success with bi-polar disorder.**
- **Contrast: success with heart disease is 52%**

# The Alliance has a clear mission

## Awareness

- Educate about mental illness & suicide
- Link people with resources
- Reduce stigma of mental illness for individuals & families

## Advocacy

- Actively lobby for change
- Identify resource gaps & seek solutions

## Action

- Execute targeted projects to improve mental health & reduce suicides in Blount County

# Our projects align with our mission

## Awareness

- Maintain & distribute guide of mental health resources in the county
- 2009 Suicide Awareness Walk and education campaign

## Advocacy

- Lobby State legislators in Nashville during annual Mental Health Day on the Hill
- Presentation to State Legislators in April 2011

## Action

- Inserts in Sunday bulletins for 32 churches during *Mental Illness Awareness Week* for the past 8 yrs.
- Suicide awareness & prevention event at Pellissippi State campus in September 2010

# MHASPA strategies for the future

- Focus on ways to improve mental health for people while they are young
- Find ways to maximize our efforts by selecting projects with “long reach”
- Target specific interventions to high risk groups
- Raise public awareness of MHASPA’s work