

AGENDA
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AGENDA COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2013, 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. February 12, 2013 meeting.
- D. SETTING OF AGENDA.**
- E. ITEMS FOR CONSENT CALENDAR.**
 - 1. Resolutions for special recognitions.
 - 2. Appointments:
 - a. Industrial Development Board. (Tab Burkhalter)
 - b. Allocation of Space Committee nomination to fill vacancy due to resignation of member. (Rick Carver)
- F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.**
- G. NEW BUSINESS:**
 - 1. Budget transfers.
 - 2. Budget increases.
 - 3. Other budget items.
 - 4. Resolution to amend the zoning resolution of Blount County, Tennessee, adding a new planned rural resort district. (Gordon Wright)
 - 5. Resolution to amend the zoning map of Blount County, Tennessee, from R-2 Rural District 2 to R-1 Rural District 1 for the property located at 6250 Paul Boone Road, being Tax Map 126, and part of parcels 079.00 and 014.00. (Gordon Wright)
- H. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA.**
- I. ADJOURNMENT.**



**STATE OF TENNESSEE
COUNTY OF BLOUNT**

BE IT REMEMBERED that a meeting of the Agenda Committee of the Blount County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, February 12, 2013 at 6:30 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
Tab Burkhalter - present	Tom Greene - present	Mike Lewis - present
Rick Carver - present	Brad Harrison - present	Kenneth Melton - absent
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 - present

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

IN RE: MINUTES OF JANUARY 8, 2013 MEETING.

Commissioner Carver made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Lambert seconded the motion.

A voice vote was taken on the motion with Chairman Burkhalter declaring the motion to have passed.

IN RE: SETTING OF AGENDA.

Commissioner Moon made a motion to set the agenda. Commissioner Lambert 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 - yes	Harrison - yes	Lewis - yes	
Farmer - yes	Hasty - yes	Melton - absent	
Folts - yes	Helton - yes	Moon - yes	

There were 20 voting yes, 0 voting no, 0 abstaining, and 1 absent. Chairman Burkhalter declared the motion to have passed.

IN RE: APPOINTMENT OF CAROLYN FORSTER TO THE BLOUNT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS and APPOINTMENT OF DANNY GALYON TO SHERIFF'S MERIT BOARD and APPOINTMENT OF DON MUNSON AS ALTERNATE TO BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS.

Commissioner Moon made a motion to send the items to the consent calendar of the February County Commission meeting. Commissioner Farmer 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 - yes	Harrison - yes	Lewis - yes	
Farmer - yes	Hasty - yes	Melton - absent	
Folts - yes	Helton - yes	Moon - yes	

There were 20 voting yes, 0 voting no, 0 abstaining, and 1 absent. Chairman Burkhalter declared the motion to have passed.

IN RE: APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER OF SMOKY MOUNTAIN TOURISM AUTHORITY.

Chairman Burkhalter stated that the committee would vote on the recommendation of the Smoky Mountain Tourism Authority of Scott Maddux, or Boyce Smith, or Mary Beth West to fill the position.

Commissioner Farmer made a motion to forward one of the three names to the Commission for approval. Commissioner Moon 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 - yes	Harrison - yes	Lewis - yes	
Farmer - yes	Hasty - yes	Melton - absent	
Folts - yes	Helton - yes	Moon - yes	

There were 20 voting yes, 0 voting no, 0 abstaining, and 1 absent. Chairman Burkhalter declared the motion to have passed.

A vote was taken on the nominations:

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

There were 4 voting for Maddux, 3 voting for West, and 13 voting for Smith. Chairman Burkhalter declared that Boyce Smith's name would be sent to the Commission for approval.

**IN RE: JANUARY 17, 2013 COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING CONSENT CALENDAR:
MINUTES OF DECEMBER 20, 2012 REGULAR MEETING AND JANUARY 8, 2013, ZONING
PUBLIC HEARING and
APPROVAL OF DEPUTY SHERIFF AND NOTARY PUBLIC BONDS AND OATHS AND
ELECTION OF NOTARIES and
AGRICULTURE EXTENSION COMMITTEE – ROY GAMBLE, MISSY BURKHART, DR. ANDY
DAUGHERTY and
BUDGET COMMITTEE – MIKE LEWIS, STEVE SAMPLES, JEROME MOON, AND GERALD
KIRBY and
PURCHASING COMMISSION – MIKE LEWIS, STEVE SAMPLES, JEROME MOON, AND
GERALD KIRBY and
JAIL INSPECTION COMMITTEE – SHARON HANNUM, ROBERT MATHIS, LARRY SHEARER
and
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD – FRED LAWSON and
JANUARY 17, 2013 BUDGET TRANSFERS:
HIGHWAY/ROADS & BRIDGES - \$26,000.00
GENERAL LIABILITY/ACCOUNTING - \$109,944.50
WORKERS' COMPENSATION/ACCOUNTING – \$109,944.50
GENERAL LIABILITY/ACCOUNTING - \$1,352,386.00
WORKERS' COMPENSATION/ACCOUNTING - \$551,248.00
HEALTH & LIFE BENEFITS/ACCOUNTING - \$15,877,800.00
HEALTH & LIFE BENEFITS/ACCOUNTING - \$1,520,270.00
HEALTH & LIFE BENEFITS/ACCOUNTING - \$54,530.00
HEALTH & LIFE BENEFITS/ACCOUNTING - \$35,400.00 and
RESOLUTION TO AMEND GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET - \$10,556.00 and
RESOLUTION TO AMEND GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET - \$6,432.00 and
RESOLUTION TO AMEND ENDOWMENT FUND BUDGET – (\$12,000.00.) and
RESOLUTION TO AMEND GENERAL LIABILITY FUND BUDGET - \$179,683.00 and
RESOLUTION TO AMEND EMPLOYEE INSURANCE FUND BUDGET - \$160,000.00 and
RESOLUTION CLASSIFYING THE ROADS OF BLOUNT COUNTY, TENNESSEE
ACCORDING TO TENNESSEE CODE ANNOTATED 54-10-103 ET SEQ.**

Commissioner Farmer made a motion to send the items to the consent calendar of the February County Commission meeting. Commissioner Moon seconded the motion.

A vote was taken on the motion:

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

There were 20 voting yes, 0 voting no, 0 abstaining, and 1 absent. Chairman Burkhalter declared the motion to have passed.

**IN RE: BUDGET TRANSFER – CLERK & MASTER - \$2,461.00 and
BUDGET TRANSFER – SOIL CONSERVATION - \$576.00 and
BUDGET TRANSFER – RECORDS MANAGEMENT - \$1,273.00 and
BUDGET TRANSFER – TRUSTEE - \$26,000.00 and
BUDGET TRANSFER – SCHOOLS - \$13,290.00.**

Commissioner Carver made a motion to send the items to the agenda of the February County Commission meeting. Commissioner Lambert 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 - yes	Harrison - yes	Lewis - yes	
Farmer - yes	Hasty - yes	Melton - absent	
Folts - yes	Helton - yes	Moon - yes	

There were 20 voting yes, 0 voting no, 0 abstaining, and 1 absent. Chairman Burkhalter declared the motion to have passed.

**IN RE: RESOLUTION TO INCREASE GENERAL COUNTY FUND BUDGET - \$12,058.00 and
RESOLUTION TO AMEND GENERAL COUNTY FUND BUDGET - \$63,202.00 and
RESOLUTION TO AMEND LIBRARY FUND BUDGET - \$7,998.00.**

Commissioner Samples made a motion to send the items to the agenda of the February County Commission meeting. Commissioner Caylor 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 - yes	Harrison - yes	Lewis - yes	
Farmer - yes	Hasty - yes	Melton - absent	
Folts - yes	Helton - yes	Moon - yes	

There were 20 voting yes, 0 voting no, 0 abstaining, and 1 absent. Chairman Burkhalter declared the motion to have passed.

**IN RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR A GRANT FOR REPAIR
WORK TO LONG RIFLE ROAD.**

Commissioner Lail made a motion to send the item to the agenda of the February County Commission meeting. Commissioner Lewis 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 - yes	Harrison - yes	Lewis - yes	
Farmer - yes	Hasty - yes	Melton - absent	
Folts - yes	Helton - yes	Moon - yes	

There were 20 voting yes, 0 voting no, 0 abstaining, and 1 absent. Chairman Burkhalter declared the motion to have passed.

IN RE: RESOLUTION TO AMEND GENERAL COUNTY FUND BUDGET - \$5,000.00.

Commissioner French made a motion to send the item to the agenda of the February County Commission meeting. Commissioner Kirby 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 - yes	Harrison - yes	Lewis - yes	
Farmer - yes	Hasty - yes	Melton - absent	
Folts - yes	Helton - yes	Moon - yes	

There were 20 voting yes, 0 voting no, 0 abstaining, and 1 absent. Chairman Burkhalter declared the motion to have passed.

IN RE: INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITIES OF ALCOA AND MARYVILLE FOR THE ANIMAL SHELTER.

Commissioner Lambert made a motion to send the item to the agenda of the February County Commission meeting. Commissioner Wright seconded the motion.

Commissioner Carver called for the previous question. Commissioner Lambert seconded the call.

A voice vote was taken with Chairman Burkhalter declaring the motion to have passed.

A vote was taken on the original motion:

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

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

IN RE: RESOLUTION TO IMPLEMENT GRANT PROCEDURES AND WORKSHEET.

Commissioner Farmer made a motion to send the item to the agenda of the February County Commission meeting. Commissioner Samples 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 - absent	Lambert - yes	Wright - yes
Caylor - yes	Harrison - yes	Lewis - yes	
Farmer - yes	Hasty - yes	Melton - absent	
Folts - yes	Helton - yes	Moon - yes	

There were 19 voting yes, 0 voting no, 0 abstaining, and 2 absent. Chairman Burkhalter declared the motion to have passed.

IN RE: AMENDMENTS TO EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK.

Commissioner Moon made a motion to send the item to the agenda of the February County Commission meeting. Commissioner Farmer seconded the motion.

A vote was taken on the motion:

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

There were 14 voting yes, 5 voting no, 0 abstaining, and 2 absent. Chairman Burkhalter declared the motion to have passed.

IN RE: REQUEST FROM KEEP BLOUNT BEAUTIFUL FOR OFFICE SPACE IN ROOMS G222 & G223 IN THE BLOUNT COUNTY COURTHOUSE.

Commissioner Carver made a motion to send the item to the agenda of the February County Commission meeting and amend the rent amount for Keep Blount Beautiful to an amount equal to the square footage rent paid by Congressman Duncan for Courthouse office space. Commissioner Lail seconded the motion.

Commissioner Samples made a motion to refer the item back to the Space Allocation Committee pending formation of a uniform policy and that the proposed policy be brought to the Commission regarding rental of office space in the Courthouse and all county buildings. Commissioner Lewis seconded the motion.

A vote was taken on the motion to refer:

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

There were 18 voting yes, 1 voting no, 0 abstaining, and 2 absent. Chairman Burkhalter declared the motion to have passed.

IN RE: REQUEST FROM CONGRESSMAN JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR. FOR DISTRICT OFFICE SPACE IN THE BLOUNT COUNTY COURTHOUSE.

Commissioner Farmer made a motion to send the item to the agenda of the February County Commission meeting. Commissioner Kirby 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 - absent	Lambert - yes	Wright - yes
Caylor - yes	Harrison - yes	Lewis - yes	
Farmer - yes	Hasty - yes	Melton - absent	
Folts - yes	Helton - yes	Moon - yes	

There were 19 voting yes, 0 voting no, 0 abstaining, and 2 absent. Chairman Burkhalter declared the motion to have passed.

IN RE: SETTING OF PUBLIC HEARING AT 6:45, MARCH 21, 2013, REGARDING RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE ZONING MAP OF BLOUNT COUNTY, TENNESSEE, FROM R-2 RURAL DISTRICT 2 TO R-1 RURAL DISTRICT 1 FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 6250 PAUL BOONE ROAD, BEING TAX MAP 126 AND PART OF PARCELS 079.00 AND 014.00.

Commissioner Farmer made a motion to send the item to the agenda of the February County Commission meeting. Commissioner Kirby 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 - absent	Lambert - yes	Wright - yes
Caylor - yes	Harrison - yes	Lewis - yes	
Farmer - yes	Hasty - yes	Melton - absent	
Folts - yes	Helton - yes	Moon - yes	

There were 19 voting yes, 0 voting no, 0 abstaining, and 2 absent. Chairman Burkhalter declared the motion to have passed.

IN RE: RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH AD HOC COMMITTEE TO STUDY SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING.

Commissioner Farmer made a motion to send the item to the agenda of the February County Commission meeting. Commissioner Kirby 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 - absent	Lambert - yes	Wright - yes
Caylor - yes	Harrison - yes	Lewis - yes	
Farmer - yes	Hasty - yes	Melton - absent	
Folts - yes	Helton - yes	Moon - yes	

There were 19 voting yes, 0 voting no, 0 abstaining, and 2 absent. Chairman Burkhalter declared the motion to have passed.

IN RE: POTENTIAL SCOPE OF WORK AND FUNDING AVENUES TO REPAIR LONG RIFLE ROAD.

Commissioner Farmer made a motion to send the item to the agenda of the February County Commission meeting and that once the Highway Superintendent hears back on emergency funding and the plan be submitted to the Budget Committee for recommendation to the County Commission. Commissioner Lewis seconded the motion.

Commissioner Farmer made a motion to refer back to the Planning Commission a request to furnish the County Commission information, including court records in reference to Homestead and Long Rifle Road with a copy going to the County Attorney. Commissioner Folts seconded the motion.

A vote was taken on the motion to refer:

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

There were 18 voting yes, 0 voting no, 0 abstaining, and 3 absent. Chairman Burkhalter declared the motion to have passed.

A vote was taken on the original motion:

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

There were 18 voting yes, 0 voting no, 0 abstaining, and 3 absent. Chairman Burkhalter declared the motion to have passed.

IN RE: RESOLUTION REGARDING THE ADDITION OF AN ADDITIONAL PORTION OF CUSTER DRIVE TO THE OFFICIAL ROADS LIST FOR BLOUNT COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

Commissioner French made a motion to send the item to the agenda of the February County Commission meeting. Commissioner Moon seconded the motion.

A 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 - absent	Lambert - yes	Wright - yes
Caylor - yes	Harrison - yes	Lewis - yes	
Farmer - yes	Hasty - yes	Melton - absent	
Folts - yes	Helton - yes	Moon - yes	

There were 18 voting yes, 0 voting no, 0 abstaining, and 3 absent. Chairman Burkhalter declared the motion to have passed.

IN RE: RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE THE BACKCOUNTRY CAMPING FEE FOR THE GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK, TO OPPOSE THE IMPOSITION OF ANY FEE FOR THE USE OF THE GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK THAT IS NOT DIRECTLY ASSOCIATED WITH THE USE OF AMENITIES OR A COMMERCIAL PURPOSE AND TO DEMAND IMMEDIATE REPEAL OF THE BACKCOUNTRY CAMPING FEE AND ASKING ALL

COUNTIES TO JOIN IN PASSING THIS RESOLUTION AND FORWARDING TO THEIR STATE DELEGATES.

Commissioner Lambert made a motion to send the item to the agenda of the February County Commission meeting. Commissioner Farmer seconded the motion.

A 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 - absent	Lambert - yes	Wright - yes
Caylor - yes	Harrison - yes	Lewis - yes	
Farmer - yes	Hasty - yes	Melton - absent	
Folts - yes	Helton - yes	Moon - yes	

There were 18 voting yes, 0 voting no, 0 abstaining, and 3 absent. Chairman Burkhalter declared the motion to have passed.

IN RE: ANNUAL ADJUSTMENTS – FINANCIAL ASSURANCE AGREEMENT FOR THE ALCOA/MARYVILLE/BLOUNT COUNTY LANDFILL – PERMITS SNL 05-103-0105 ORIGINAL, VERTICAL, AND LATERAL EXPANSION (PHASE 1 – 7); AML 05-0091 NA, DML 05-0091 SA.

Commissioner Farmer made a motion to send the item to the agenda of the February County Commission meeting. Commissioner Kirby seconded the motion.

A 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 - absent	Lambert - yes	Wright - yes
Caylor - yes	Harrison - yes	Lewis - yes	
Farmer - yes	Hasty - yes	Melton - absent	
Folts - yes	Helton - yes	Moon - yes	

There were 18 voting yes, 0 voting no, 0 abstaining, and 3 absent. Chairman Burkhalter declared the motion to have passed.

IN RE: ADJOURNMENT.

Chairman Burkhalter declared the meeting to be adjourned.



MEMORANDUM

To: Blount County Commission

From: Bryan Daniels, President & CEO

Date: February 28, 2013

Re: Board Member Appointment

The Board of Directors of the Industrial Development Board of Blount County and the cities of Alcoa and Maryville, Tennessee, submits for your approval, the following individuals to fill the vacancy to the Board. In accordance with our guidelines, the three (3) names submitted are ranked in order of preference. We have also attached biographical information on each of the individuals.

1. Monica Gawet, President, Tennessee Marble Company
2. Greg Wilson, President, First Tennessee
3. Mary Beth West, President, Mary Beth West Consulting

We request your selection of one of these individuals. Your consideration of this request at your next meeting is greatly appreciated.



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Bio for Monica Gawet

Monica is President of Tennessee Marble Company which was founded in 1993. She has been the owner/operator of the Company since 1993. She is a third-generation family member in the stone business. The Company is a quarrier of Tennessee pink marble and operates 4 quarries, one of which is located in Vermont. In addition to being a quarrier, the company has produced hundreds of projects, large and small of custom, commercial marble projects in several other domestic stone varieties. In 2007, the company acquired another Tennessee marble operation expanding their fabrication capacity and number of quarries producing Tennessee marble.

Monica is Past President of the Marble Institute of America and served on several committees and task-forces while servicing on the Board of the MIA between 1998 and 2001. She continues to be an active member of the MIA as a past President. TMC is also a member of the Building Stone Institute. In 2007-2008, TMC was a contributing member of the NSC's sustainability initiative with the University of Tennessee's Center for Clean Products. The Company has been recognized twice by her peers in receiving a Pinnacle Award of Excellence from the MIA on two projects.

She is a graduate of Pace University in New York City, and earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree. Prior to entering the family business, she was employed as a finance analyst with 2 Wall Street firms specializing in banking. She also worked for the Department of the Treasury as an examiner in the SF field office. Monica and her husband, Gus Zacharias, live in Maryville. They have 3 children.

Monica has served in her community in several ways. She is a member of the Blount County Chamber of Commerce, and has served as a Board member for the organization. She served a 4-year term in public office on the Blount County School Board. She is a past Board member of Leadership Blount, and a 1998 graduate of the organization. She is a past Chair of the Maryville City Schools Foundation, and current sits on the Board. The foundation raises money to fund unique grants and needs in the school system. She has also served on the Board of the Blount County Education Foundation.

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PERSONAL:

Born: August 23, 1966, Paducah, Kentucky
Marital Status: Married for 22 years to Jennifer Wilson
Children: Two daughters, Morgan and Claire
Church: Attends First Baptist Church of Maryville
Blount County Resident: Moved to Blount County, TN in 1997

EDUCATION:

Murray State University – Murray, Kentucky
Bachelor of Science – Finance, 1989

Graduate School of Banking at Louisiana State
University – Baton Rouge, LA, 1997

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

FIRST TENNESSEE BANK, N.A. – Maryville, TN
2007 - Present
MARYVILLE COMMUNITY PRESIDENT & BUSINESS BANKING
LINE OF BUSINESS EXECUTIVE FOR THE EAST TENNESSEE REGION

FIRST TENNESSEE BANK, N.A. – Maryville, TN
2000 – 2007
SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT / COMMERCIAL BANKING MANAGER

FIRST TENNESSEE BANK, N.A. – Knoxville, TN
1999 – 2000
VICE PRESIDENT / COMMERCIAL BANKING RELATIONSHIP MANAGER

REGIONS BANK formerly known as UNION PLANTERS BANK, N.A. – Maryville, TN
1997 – 1999

VICE PRESIDENT / COMMERCIAL BANKING OFFICER

REGIONS BANK formerly known as UNION PLANTERS BANK, N.A. – Saint Louis, MO
1994 – 1997

VICE PRESIDENT / COMMERCIAL BANKING OFFICER

COMMUNITY FINANCIAL SERVICES BANK formerly known as BANK OF BENTON
Benton, KY

1992 – 1994

INDIRECT LENDING OFFICER

US BANK formerly known as BANK OF MARSHALL COUNTY – Benton, KY
1990 – 1992

FINANCIAL ANALYST / REAL ESTATE APPRAISER

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

- Robert Morris & Associates – Atlanta, GA
Loan Structuring for Commercial Lenders, 1998
- Tennessee Bank's Association – Knoxville, TN
Lending to small business workshop, 1997
- U.S. Small Business Administration – St. Louis, MO
Preferred Lending Training Program, 1997
- Union Planters Credit Services, Memphis, TN
Omega Small Business Lending Program, 1996
- U.S. Small Business Administration – St. Louis, MO
LowDoc Training Program
- Academic Systems Institute – Louisville, KY
130 hours completed of real estate appraisal courses for residential and commercial properties, 1991

CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

- Serves on the Knoxville Chamber Board of Directors
- Serves on the East Tennessee Development District Loan Committee (SBA 504 Loans)
- Serves on the Blount County United Way Board of Directors (2010 Campaign Chair)
- Serves on the Maryville City Foundation Board of Directors
- Serves on the Blount Partnership Foundation Board (2013 Chair)

- Served on the Maryville City School Foundation Board of Directors
- Served on the Blount County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors (2011 Chair)
- Served on the Blount County Chapter of the American Red Cross Board of Directors
- Leadership Blount (Class of 2000)

Mary Beth West, APR, Principal Mary Beth West Consulting, LLC

Mary Beth West founded her public relations firm in March 2003, where she serves as the key strategist on agency accounts, leads the financial and business growth of the company, and manages the development of her team.

Mary Beth originally launched this 100-percent woman-owned business as an independent practice, with a prior 10-year career that included posts in the banking industry as well as corporate and agency sectors. She ultimately developed a client portfolio with annual billings at nearly three times the national industry average for solo public relations consultancies in the U.S.



Mary Beth and her staff manage a diverse client base in multiple industries, including the utility, construction, renewable energy, scientific, regional planning, financial services, retail, travel/tourism and education sectors. The firm also serves as one of the most vocal proponents of communications best-practices in the regional market through its award-winning blog, "In the Profession," (www.marybethwest.com/blog) and through active outreach to the business community.

For the past several years, Mary Beth West Consulting, LLC, has been ranked among the top public relations firms in the *Greater Knoxville Business Journal's* Book of Lists. In 2010 and 2011, the firm was the largest recipient of local Public Relations Society of America "Award of Excellence" recognitions for its peer-reviewed work developing effective communications campaigns and tactics. In 2011, the firm won "Best in Show."

Mary Beth's award-winning work has included creation and implementation of national media relations campaigns, employee communications programs, consumer and business-to-business marketing initiatives, and crisis preparedness systems.

Accredited in Public Relations (APR) by the PRSA Universal Accreditation Board, Mary Beth holds a bachelor's degree in communications / public relations from the University of Tennessee, where she was honored as the Sammie Lynn Puett Public Relations Student of the Year in 1994 and received the UT Chancellor's Citation for campus leadership and service.



She has served in national leadership roles throughout the past decade with the largest public relations professional organization in the world, the 32,000-member, New York-based Public Relations Society of America (PRSA), for which she led the organization's National Advocacy Advisory Board from 2007-08 in close collaboration with PRSA's Board of Ethics and Professional Standards. She has also served on PRSA's national board.

A native of Columbia (Maury County), Tenn., Mary Beth lives in Maryville, Tenn., with her husband, Charles, president of West Chevrolet, a fourth-generation, family-owned franchise dealership. They have three daughters.

Professional Experience:

- **2003-Present – Principal, Mary Beth West Consulting, LLC.** Manages all aspects of agency business development and financial management / growth. Provides account team leadership for all agency clients in developing strategic plans, execution and budgets – per client objectives and resources. Oversees account team.
 - *Current and most recent clients of note include Alcoa-Tennessee Operations, PlanET, DenTek, Blount Memorial Hospital, Red Chair Architects, Hickory Construction, Oak Ridge National Laboratory / Neutron Sciences Directorate, City of Maryville, LeConte Wealth Management, South Carolina Higher Education Foundation, Lumberjack Sports International, Maryville College, Clayton Center for the Arts, Dominion Virginia Power, Efficiency, Black Hills Energy, BP Solar, Douglas Cherokee Economic Authority, Rainscapes and the Maury County Chamber.*
- **1999-2002 – Vice President / Regional Marketing, Union Planters Bank of East Tennessee and Southeastern Kentucky (Knoxville, Tenn.).** Oversaw marketing communications for a 39-office region, including public relations, advertising, branch merchandising, sales promotions, special events and charitable giving.
- **1998-1999 – Assistant Vice President / BankFirst (Knoxville, Tenn.).** Produced award-winning work in employee communications following BankFirst's initial public offering and its acquisition of two other banking institutions in East Tennessee.
- **1996-1998 – Director of Community Relations / Corrections Corporation of America (Nashville, Tenn.).** Created and managed public relations programs for the largest international private-sector builder and manager of prisons, jails and other detention facilities worldwide; created an award-winning crisis preparedness plan that gave CCA its first full-scale communications infrastructure for managing emergency situations that were subject to local, national and/or international media attention.
- **1993-1995 – Entry-level and internship positions with Cohn & Wolfe (New York City) in the public relations firm's health care division and Ackermann Public Relations (Knoxville, Tenn.)**

General Areas of Expertise:

- Advertising program management
- Brand strategy and deployment
- Business development and sales-support communications plans and campaigns
- Charitable giving and strategic social responsibility planning
- Community relations / outreach plans and campaigns
- Corporate communications departmental development
- Corporate investor relations and capitalization support strategies
- Crisis communications preparedness, media training and management for business continuity
- Event concepts, planning and management
- Employee relations and internal communications / stakeholder development
- Issues monitoring, management and advocacy
- Media relations, publicity, editorial strategies and campaign implementation (local, regional, national; consumer, business-to-business)
- New product, facility or operations marketing communications plans / roll-outs
- Non-profit donor relations and fund-raising development
- Research strategies and management
- Social and interactive media strategies and content development
- Speakers bureau start-up and management
- Third-party stakeholder relationship and coalition-building
- Web, online and mobile marketing

Highlights of Leadership, Professional and Volunteer Affiliations:

- 2012 – **First Tennessee Bank**, Advisory Board (Maryville Region)
- 2012 – **Knoxville Chamber of Commerce**
- 2012 – **The Legacy Centre** / EntreVision leadership team
- 2011 – **Leadership Oak Ridge** class
- 2011-Present – **East Tennessee Economic Council**
- 2001-13 – Board of Directors, **Blount County Library**
- 2011-13 – Board of directors, **Blount County Chamber of Commerce**
- 2010 – “40 Under 40” Honoree, *Greater Knoxville Business Journal*
- 2010 – Recipient of the David Ferguson Award, a national honor from the **Public Relations Society of America (PRSA)** Educators Academy for support of public relations education
- 2010-Present – Member, **Fort Loudoun Regional Library Board**
- 2008-Present – Member, **Oak Ridge Chamber of Commerce**
- 2008 – Senior counsel / Advocacy to the national board of the 32,000-member **PRSA**
- 2007-2010 – Board of directors, **Maryville City Schools Foundation**
- 2007-2008 – Board of directors, **Girl Scouts of Tanasi (now Southern Appalachian) Council**
- 2007 – National Chair, Advocacy Advisory Board, PRSA
- 2006 – Recipient of PRSA Harvey I. Cobert Award for professional contributions in East Tennessee
- 2006 – Alumna of the Year, Knoxville Alumnae Chapter – **Alpha Omicron Pi**
- 2002-Present – **University of Tennessee College of Communication & Information** Board of Visitors
- 2002-07 – Instructor, University of Tennessee Personal & Professional Development Program (seminars on strategic planning and media relations)
- 2002-04 – Board of directors of the **Blount County Education Foundation**
- 2001-04 – Board of directors of **Second Harvest Food Bank of East Tennessee**
- 2001-02 – Youngest director elected to PRSA’s national board in organization’s 50-year history; two-year term
- 2001-02 – Adjunct faculty member, public relations undergraduate program / University of Tennessee-Knoxville College of Communication & Information
- 2000 – Chapter president of the 100-plus member Volunteer Chapter of PRSA
- 1999 – **Accredited in Public Relations (APR)** certification earned from the PRSA Universal Accreditation Board
- 1998-Present – Member, **National Investor Relations Institute**
- 1997 – Nashville Young Leaders Council
- 1997 – Board of directors, Nashville Area CrimeStoppers
- 1996-97 – Board of directors, PRSA Nashville Chapter

PEGGY LAMBERT
Blount County Commissioner
District 5 - Seat A
1320 Dunbarton Drive, Maryville, TN 37803

February 13, 2013

The Honorable Jerome Moon, Chairman
Blount County Board of Commissioners
359 Court Street
Maryville, TN 37804

Dear Chairman Moon:

Thank you for the opportunity to serve on the Blount County Government Allocation of Space Committee. Please accept my resignation from this committee effective February 13, 2013.

Sincerely,

Peggy Lambert
Blount County Commissioner
District 5 - Seat A

PL/rp

c: Blount County Board of Commissioners

BUDGET INCREASES/DECREASES

(COMMISSION ACTION NEEDED)

<u>FUND</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>BUDGET COMMITTEE</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
101 – Gen. County County Clerk	\$19,800.00	Recommended	5 – yes
101 – Gen. County Circuit Court Clerk	\$70,028.26	Recommended	5 – yes
177 – Edu. Capital Edu. Cap. Projects	\$ 2,600.00	Recommended	5 – yes

RESOLUTION NO. 13-03-002

Sponsored by: Commissioners Steve Samples and Jerome Moon

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND GENERAL COUNTY FUND BUDGET.

WHEREAS, Blount County would like to amend the General County Fund Budget to appropriate funds for scanning system and signature pads to be purchased from County Clerk's Data Processing Reserve.

WHEREAS, it is deemed to be in the best interest of Blount County to amend the General County Fund Budget as requested.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Board of Commissioners of Blount County, Tennessee assembled in regular session this 21st day of March, 2013 that the General County Fund Budget shall be amended as follows:

From Account Number:

101-052500-500709-0 Data Processing Equipment.....\$19,800.00

To Account Number:

101-0-433961-0 Data Processing Fee – County Clerk....\$19,800.00

Duly authorized and approved this 21st day of March, 2013.

CERTIFICATION OF ACTION

ATTEST

Commission Chairman

County Clerk

Approved: ____

Vetoed: _____

County Mayor

Date

BLOUNT COUNTY GOVERNMENT
BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUEST
FY 12/13

TYPE OF AMENDMENT

TRANSFER:

INCREASE/DECREASE:

DEPARTMENT: County Clerk

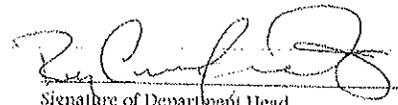
TO ACCOUNT NUMBER:	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
101-0-433961-0	Data Processing Fee - County Clerk	19,800.00
Total transferred to:		19,800.00

<i>Flb M</i> ACCOUNT NUMBER:	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
101-052500-500709-0	Data Processing Equipment	19,800.00
Total transferred from:		19,800.00

Justification / Explanation:

Scanning system and signature pads to be purchased from County Clerks Data Processing Reserve.

**Please attach additional sheet if necessary for additional information.


Signature of Department Head

FEBRUARY 28, 2013
Date

Signature of County Mayor

Date

Important Note: This form is due to the Budget Manager's Office by 10:00 a.m. on the Tuesday before the Budget Committee meeting.

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Blount County, Tennessee
Analysis of Reserves
As of June 30, 2012
Date Completed - August 18, 2012

Reserve for County Clerk

Balance, 7/1/11	31,891.00		
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Revenues, 6/30/12 433961	10,668.00		
Expenditures: 101-52500			
Current Year Expenditures			
Current Year Outstanding Encumbrances			
Prior Year Encumbrances			
Ending Reserve, 6/30/12	<u>\$ 42,559.00</u>		

Adjustments to bring reserves to current:	Per Books	Per Above	Adjustment
County Clerk Fees (345153)	31,891.00	42,559.00	10,668.00

RESOLUTION NO. 13-03-003

Sponsored by: Commissioners Jerome Moon and Mike Lewis

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND GENERAL COUNTY FUND BUDGET.

WHEREAS, Blount County would like to amend the General County Fund Budget to appropriate funds for purchase of new court software and equipment, training, installation and annual software support for the Circuit Court Clerk.

WHEREAS, it is deemed to be in the best interest of Blount County to amend the General County Fund Budget as requested.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Board of Commissioners of Blount County, Tennessee assembled in regular session this 21st day of March, 2013 that the General County Fund Budget shall be amended as follows:

From Account Number:

101-0421900-0 Reserve for Circuit Court DP Expense\$70,028.26

To Account Number:

101-053120-500317	Data Processing Services	\$11,056.25
101-053120-500334	Maintenance Agreements.....	\$32,321.83
101-053120-500709	Data Processing Equipment	\$26,650.18
	TOTAL	\$70,028.26

Duly authorized and approved this 21st day of March, 2013.

CERTIFICATION OF ACTION

ATTEST

Commission Chairman

County Clerk

Approved: ____

Vetoed: _____

County Mayor

Date

BLOUNT COUNTY GOVERNMENT
BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUEST
FY 12/13

TYPE OF AMENDMENT

TRANSFER:

INCREASE/DECREASE:

DEPARTMENT: Circuit Court Clerk

TO ACCOUNT NUMBER:	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
101-053120-500317	Data Processing Services	11,056.25
101-053120-500334	Maintenance Agreements	32,321.83
101-053120-500709	Data Processing Equipment	26,650.18
Total transferred to:		70,028.26

From: ACCOUNT NUMBER:	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
101-0421900-0	Reserve for Circuit Court DP Expense	70,028.26
Total transferred from:		70,028.26

Justification / Explanation:

For purchase of new court software and equipment, training and installation, and annual software support.

**Please attach additional sheet if necessary for additional information.



February 27, 2013

Signature of Department Head

Date

Signature of County Mayor

Date

Important Note: This form is due to the Budget Manager's Office by 10:00 a.m. on the Tuesday before the Budget Committee meeting.

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Blount County, Tennessee
Analysis of Reserves
As of June 30, 2012
Date Completed August 18, 2012

Reserve for Circuit Court Clerk's Data Processing

Balance, 7/1/11 \$234,040.51
Revenues (#421900) incl 51900 51,464.25

Expenditures:
Current Year Expenditures (8,696.67) 101-053120-500709-0
Current Year Outstanding Encumbrances -
PY Encumbrances -

Ending Reserve, 6/30/12 \$276,808.09

Adjustments to bring reserves to current:	<u>Per Books</u>	<u>Per Above</u>	<u>Adjustment</u>
Circuit Court Clerk Data Processing (#345152)	234,040.51	276,808.09	42,767.58

RESOLUTION NO. 13-03-004

Sponsored by: Commissioners Jerome Moon and Steve Samples

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND EDUCATIONAL CAPITAL FUND BUDGET.

WHEREAS, Blount County would like to amend the Educational Capital Fund Budget to appropriate funds to increase QSCB funds for architect fees related to replacing the roof on the main building at Porter Elementary.

WHEREAS, it is deemed to be in the best interest of Blount County to amend the Educational Capital Fund Budget as requested.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Board of Commissioners of Blount County, Tennessee assembled in regular session this 21st day of March, 2013 that the Educational Capital Fund Budget shall be amended as follows:

From Account Number:

177-0-473050-11226 ARRA- QSCB\$2,600.00

To Account Number:

177-091300-500707-11226 Building Improvements\$2,600.00

Duly authorized and approved this 21st day of March, 2013.

CERTIFICATION OF ACTION

ATTEST

Commission Chairman

County Clerk

Approved: ____

Vetoed: _____

County Mayor

Date

- File -

**Blount County, Tennessee
REQUEST FOR BUDGET INCREASE/DECREASE
Fiscal Year 2012-2013**

Fund Number 177 Cost Center Number 91300

Fund Name Educational Capital Cost Center Name Education Capital Projects

	ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT NAME	AMOUNT
Appropriation:	177-091300-500707-11226	Building Improvements	2,600.00
	Total Appropriation:		2,600.00

	ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT NAME	AMOUNT
Estimated Revenue:	177-000000-473050-11226	ARRA - QSCB	2,600.00
	Total Estimated Revenue:		2,600.00

Reason for requested increase/decrease:
Increase QSCB funds for architect fees related to replace the roof on the main bldg at Porter Elementary.

Note:
Total appropriation
must agree with total
estimated revenue.

Tracy Logan 2-19-13
Signature of Department Head Date

"Approved By The Board Of Education" 3-7-13

OTHER BUDGET ITEMS

(COMMISSION ACTION NEEDED)

ITEM

BUDGET COMM

VOTE

Resolution to extend Agreement beyond the end of current fiscal year for pet food from Hill's Pet Nutrition, Inc.

Recommended

5 - yes

RESOLUTION No. 13-03-005

Sponsored By: Commissioners Steve Samples and Jerome Moon

A RESOLUTION TO EXTEND AN AGREEMENT BEYOND THE END OF THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR FOR PET FOOD FROM HILL'S PET NUTRITION, INC.

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated 5-14-108 (m) (1) states that "The county Purchasing Agent is authorized to purchase and contract to purchase materials, supplies, equipment and contractual services on a fiscal year basis, but no commitment shall be made that extends beyond the end of the fiscal year for which appropriations have been made by the county legislative body, except such commitments as are authorized by resolution of the county legislative body"; and

WHEREAS, the Blount County Animal Care Center wishes to enter into an agreement for a period of 36 months with Hill's Pet Nutrition, Inc. for delivery of Science Diet pet food at a discount of 74% off the latest list price for feline food and 56% off the latest list price for canine food, shipping included; and

WHEREAS, the cost would currently equate as follows: kitten \$.35/lb.; adult feline \$.35/lb.; puppy \$.37/lb.; and adult canine \$.34/lb.; and

WHEREAS, order quantities would depend upon pet population; and

WHEREAS, history would suggest approximate annual order totals of 3,180 lbs. kitten food; 200 lbs. adult feline food; 11,720 lbs. puppy food; and 24,160 lbs. adult canine food; and

WHEREAS, total annual spend would be approximately \$14,000.00; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated 5-14-108 (n) (1) states that "Perishable commodities, at the election of the local governing body, may be exempted from the requirements of public advertisements and competitive bidding when such items are purchased in the open market"; and

WHEREAS, monies for this charge have been budgeted;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Blount County, Tennessee, meeting in session assembled this 21st day of March, 2013, that the purchase of

Science Diet pet food from Hill's Pet Nutrition, Inc. for the Blount County Animal Care Center as herein stated be 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

2/27/13

Comparison on pet food programs for shelters –

Iams – discontinued their bulk feeding program

Purina – Not adding accounts to their donation program at this time

Purchase price – Dog food - Diamond Natural, 40 lb. chicken & rice - \$27.32/bag

Cat food - Diamond Natural, 18 lb. - \$17.91/bag

Active Cat, 18 lb. - \$17.78/bag

Flat fee delivery - \$18.00 per delivery

Pedigree & Nutro – both refer you to Rescue Bank, National Pet Food Distribution Program –

If approved as eligible recipient - receive email about distribution events in your region, submit Request for Distribution

If qualified to receive distribution – receive invitation to event, pick up food at the distribution center, reimburse the center for the shipping costs – this “handling fee” is subject to change but is generally \$.06 lb. or \$60.00/pallet

Science Diet (Hill’s Pet Nutrition, Inc.) –

Standing order of pet food is delivered directly to animal shelter

Purchase price – 74% discount from list for feline and 56% off list for canine, shipping included –

	Size	List price	Discount	Contract price	Cost
Kitten	35 lb. bag	\$46.48	74%	\$12.09	\$.345 lb.
Adult feline	20 lb. bag	\$27.15	74%	\$7.06	\$.353 lb.
Puppy	40 lb. bag	\$33.29	56%	\$14.65	\$.366 lb.
Adult canine	40 lb. bag	\$31.20	56%	\$13.73	\$.343 lb.

Provides adopter kits at no charge which includes 1 lb. bag of cat food or 2 lb. bag of dog food, \$5.00 instant coupons that can be redeemed for pet food, and additional digital coupons

Advantages of Hill’s Pet Nutrition, Inc. –

Pet food is delivered directly to the shelter

Same brand food each time (Science Diet)

Transition bags of food/coupons are provided for adopters

With rescue bank – availability varies and is not guaranteed / constantly switching foods can disrupt pets’ digestion system / would have to pick up food from regional distribution center – closest centers are Louisville, KY; Atlanta, GA; or Huntsville, AL

Note: The pet food order quantities depend on pet population. Approximately 39,000 lbs. of food was ordered for FY 2011-12 (kitten – 3,180 lbs.; adult feline – 200 lbs; puppy – 11,720; adult canine – 24,160 lbs.) for approximately \$14,000.00 and the year-to-date spend for FY 2012-13 is \$8,725.96.

Teresa Johnson

Purchasing Agent

Blount County, TN

RESOLUTION No. 13-03-006

Sponsored by Commissioners Gordon Wright and Brad Harrison.

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE ZONING RESOLUTION OF BLOUNT COUNTY, TENNESSEE, ADDING A NEW PLANNED RURAL RESORT DISTRICT.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Blount County, Tennessee, in session assembled this 21st day of March, 2013:

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Tennessee has enabled Blount County to adopt and amend zoning regulations in Tennessee Code Annotated Sections 13-7-101, *et seq.*, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Blount County, Tennessee adopted zoning regulations in Resolution 00-06-010 **A RESOLUTION ADOPTING ZONING IN BLOUNT COUNTY PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 13-7-101, *et seq.*, OF THE TENNESSEE CODE ANNOTATED**, and

WHEREAS, promoting and facilitating tourist related developments at the gateway to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park (GSMNP) is important for the economy of Blount County, and

WHEREAS, providing specific allowance and standards for tourist related resort facilities at the gateway to the GSMNP will facilitate proper and appropriate development in the rural area of the County,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF BLOUNT COUNTY, TENNESSEE, to adopt the following:

That Article 8 Establishment of Districts be amended to list a new Planned Rural Resort District to read as follows:

PRRD Planned Rural Resort District for low to medium density integrally planned mixed-use resort development

That a new Section 9.11 be added to read as follows:

Section 9.11 Planned Rural Resort District. In consideration of the substantial importance of tourism in the County, it is the intent of this district to allow low to moderate density mixed-use planned developments that combine resort type residential and recreational uses along with resort oriented accommodations and commercial uses in the rural gateway area to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, consistent with the overall purposes of this Resolution contained in Article 3, consistent with provisions in Public Chapter 1101 of 1998 (Tennessee Code Annotated Section 6-58-101, *et seq.*), and consistent with plans adopted by Blount County. Resort oriented commercial uses includes production of resort-related food, beverage, and alcohol items for retail, agricultural, and wholesale trade. The rural gateway area to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park is defined as that area past Walland Gap and extending toward Townsend and the entrance to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. For initial application, the area is limited to land adjacent to or directly accessible from West Millers Cove Road containing R-1 zoned land and any adjacent R-2 zoned land integral to a planned concept. The minimum area for application of the zone shall be 40 acres under one concept for development, and shall be either under one ownership, under partnership, under lease or contract or agreement for integrated use and development. This section does not amend the Zoning Map, nor zone, nor rezone any land to Planned Rural Resort District, but only identifies limits to location for any land that may in the future be zoned as such.

A. Permitted Uses:

1. All permitted uses allowed in R-1 Rural District 1, as described in Section 9.2A.
2. Within an overall mixed-use planned development, resort facilities and functions; restaurants, taverns and drinking establishments; hotels, motels, rooming and boarding houses, bed and breakfast and other similar uses; indoor and outdoor recreational facilities, including commercial guided activities, equestrian facilities, spa, gym and health club facilities; sales and rental of real estate and real estate development; and use of land and structures associated with resort-type facilities for the production of

food, crafts, and beer, and for retail and wholesale trade. Any mixed-use planned development within the zone shall include all the following: integrated resort accommodations, restaurant, recreational facilities, and defined open space of at least 20 percent of the zone as the core of the zone development.

3. Working farm facilities and functions, which may be included in required 20 percent open space.
 4. Agricultural, natural area uses, and farming activities, including breeding animals for consumption and for resale, production of food items from farm animals, harvesting farm animals for retail and wholesale trade industry purposes, which may be included in required 20 percent open space.
- B. Uses permitted as special exception: Special exception uses identified in Section 9.2B for the R-1 Rural District 1.
- C. Uses permitted as special exception with specific limitations: Special exception uses with specific limitations identified in Section 9.2C for the R-1 Rural District 1.
- D. Uses Prohibited: All uses are prohibited except those uses permitted or permitted as special exception specifically above.
- E. Uses Requiring Site Plan Review: All uses and customary accessory structures, except one or two single family or manufactured home dwelling on a single lot, duplex dwelling on separate lot, and customary accessory structures to such excepted uses.
- F. Minimum Lot Size and Density: Land within the zone may be divided into separate lots with mixed uses. For residential structures as required in Section 9.2 for the R-1 Rural District 1 zone, or greater as appropriate for previously R-2 zoned land on steep slopes. For all other uses: all lots shall be adequately sized to accommodate necessary parking requirements, setbacks, buffering, and soils requirements for any required on site septic disposal. A minimum of 20 percent of the zone shall be set aside as open space exclusive of required setbacks.
- G. Setback Requirements: All uses shall comply with the following setback requirements, except as otherwise provided for in Articles 3 and 5 for lots of record and nonconforming situations.
1. Front Setback: the minimum depth of the front building setback shall be 30 feet from any road right-of-way or easement line.
 2. Rear Setback: the minimum building setback from the rear property line shall be 20 feet for the principal structure, and five feet for any residential accessory structure.
 3. Side Setback: the minimum building setback from the side property line shall be ten (10) feet, provided that the side setback shall be 20 feet for any non-residential use with a side property line abutting a residential use lot, or abutting a lot in the R-1 or R-2 zones.
 4. Zone Boundary Setback: the minimum building setback from the zone boundary shall be 40 feet for all but single family and duplex residential use structures.
- H. Maximum Height of Structures: Unless otherwise explicitly allowed in other articles of this Section, all structures shall be no greater than 35 feet higher than the highest natural grade immediately adjacent to the structure.
- I. Additional Site Plan Requirements: In addition to the site plan requirements in Section 7.2, site plans for any commercial use permit under this Section shall be drawn by a qualified professional, and shall include front elevation of any proposed structure.
- J. Additional design requirements: All site plans shall be accompanied by a stormwater drainage plan, if necessary, prepared by a qualified engineer, and shall address the need for detention, if necessary, and pollution control. All non residential and non-agricultural uses permitted under this Section shall provide a vegetative landscape buffer, to be determined during site plan review, between the use/buildings on any commercial site, and any parcel or lot zoned other than Planned Rural Resort District. Such buffering shall apply to rear lot lines of the commercial site, and also to side lot lines behind the minimum front building setback lines, except where there is an immediately adjacent residential use that would require screening within the minimum front building setback line. All non-residential and non-agricultural uses permitted under this Section shall have a building

elevation, along all fronting public roads, constructed of at least 50 percent nonmetal building materials, or shall be screened from view from all fronting public roads. All external lighting shall be directed away from or screened from land used or zoned for residential use, and away from any public right-of-way. Where noise is determined to be a probable off-site impact of a proposed use, a noise mitigation barrier of solid structure or earth berm, in addition to vegetative buffer, shall be designed as part of the site plan and constructed.

K. Review on change of use.

1. For any change of use to special exception use under provisions for change of use requiring Board of Zoning Appeals approval, the Board of Zoning Appeals shall have permit and review authority under provisions of these regulations.
2. For other change of use, excluding change to uses allowed in Section 9.11.A, a permit application for zoning compliance shall be submitted, to be reviewed by the Building Commissioner for conformity to requirements for the zone and any previously approved site plan. The Building Commissioner shall require information on the application sufficient for determination of zoning compliance, and certification of zoning compliance in writing shall be considered as approval of the permit for change of use.
3. Notwithstanding subsection 2 above, upon determination by the Building Commissioner that a use will be of greater impact or will require new or changed site design elements upon change of use, the Building Commissioner shall require a new permit application and site plan to be reviewed by the Planning Commission as a new permit for that change of use.
4. All changes of use under this subsection shall require new permit application and charged fees as such.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THIS RESOLUTION SHALL BE IN FORCE AND BECOME EFFECTIVE UPON ITS ADOPTION, THE PUBLIC WELFARE REQUIRING IT.

CERTIFICATION OF ACTION

ATTEST

Commission Chairman

County Clerk

Approved: _____

Vetoed: _____
County Mayor

Date

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING. In accordance with Tennessee Code Annotated Sections 5-5-105 and 13-7-105, the Board of County Commissioners of Blount County, Tennessee, will hold public hearing on March 21, 2013 at 6:30 P.M., at the Blount County Courthouse Commission Meeting Room for the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Resolution of Blount County, Tennessee, being Resolution 00-06-010. **A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE ZONING RESOLUTION OF BLOUNT COUNTY, TENNESSEE, ADDING A NEW PLANNED RURAL RESORT DISTRICT.** In summary, establishing a new Planned Rural Resort District in Article 8, and setting forth regulations in a new Section 9.11 including delineation of permitted uses by reference to R-1 district and rural resort uses, uses permitted as special exception by reference to R-1 district, uses permitted as special exception with specific limitations by reference to R-1 district, uses prohibited, uses requiring site plan review, minimum lot size and density along with required 20 percent open space within district, setback requirements from property lines and zone boundary, maximum height of structures, additional site plan requirements, additional design requirements, and provisions for review on change of use. Copy of resolution may be reviewed at the offices of the County Commission in the Blount County Courthouse.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Jerome Moon
Commission Chairman

Roy Crawford, Jr.
County Clerk

Ed Mitchell
County Mayor

Think Quality - Think Future

Blount County Planning Department

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TO: Blount County Commission

FROM: John Lamb

DATE: March 4, 2013

SUBJECT: Proposed Planned Rural Resort District recommendation from Blount County Planning Commission.

The Blount County Planning Commission considered the attached proposed resolution for amendment to the zoning regulations for a new Planned Rural Resort District at its February 28, 2013 regular meeting. This is to certify that the Blount County Planning Commission recommends for approval of the proposed Planned Rural Resort District amendment resolution by unanimous vote of 11 yes, 0 no, with one absent.

The following is the information provided to the Planning Commission for consideration.

Context of “Blount County Policies Plan”

The “Blount County Policies Plan” was revised and adopted in September 25, 2008. The Policies Plan provides general context for reviewing any new proposal for zoning. The Plan provides five Guiding Policies as follows:

1. The rural, small town and natural character of the county should be preserved.
2. Land use and development should be managed and regulated in order to preserve the quality of our growing county.
3. The guiding policy in any government actions in relation to the use and development of land should be to limit regulations to specific public health, safety and welfare objectives balanced with responsible freedom in the use of land.
4. County roads should be improved and maintained to a level consistent with present development and expected future development.
5. Growth and development should be *balanced* with provision of adequate *public* infrastructure.

The proposed amendment is on its face geared to resort type of overall low to moderate density development, and may be considered as consistent with preserving rural character in the context

of a gateway to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. As part of rural character, the Policies Plan also recognizes the importance of mixed use in a planned manner. Of the five Guiding Policies, the two that may raise the most issues are numbers 4 and 5 concerning adequacy of infrastructure, particularly road infrastructure.

West Millers Cove Road has been judged as adequate for residential development, and shows a pavement width up to 20 feet. Care should be taken to also consider the impact on roads of possible commercial development. Note that West Millers Cove Road is a local road classified at present to carry only minor local traffic. The “Blount County Major Road Plan” may need to be amended to reclassify West Millers Cove Road as collector status to make any proposal for greater development potential consistent with consideration of road classification in other parts of the zoning regulations.

Given the commercial aspects of the new zone, care should also be taken to insure adequate utilities, particularly water. Since there is no public sewer in the area, the capacity of the soil to support any commercial uses should also be considered.

The area from Walland through Townsend is generally considered as a gateway to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. The Policies Plan recognizes the importance of Townsend for tourism in the county.

Context of “Conceptual Land Use Plan for Blount County”

The “Conceptual Land Use Plan for Blount County” was adopted March 23, 2000, and was reviewed along with the Policies Plan in 2008 with conclusion that there was no pressing need for amendment. The residential uses that are contemplated in the proposed new zone, are consistent with the Land Use Plan. Commercial uses are addressed directly in the Land Use Plan as follows:

Although the cities are expected to contain the major concentration of high density commercial land use and activity in the county, other commercial activity already exists outside the cities and outside the area identified for the high density commercial land use category. This type of commercial use is expected to grow in the future. The Plan projects that medium to low density commercial activities will establish in other areas of the county along arterial roads and collector roads.

In the context of rural areas, the Land Use Plan provides the following:

In deference to the predominantly residential nature of the area, only limited commercial activity is expected, particularly of medium to low density along arterial and collector status roads.

However, concerning other land use considerations, the Land Use Plan provides the following:

Mixed use and flexible clustering of development is accepted as a valid land use concept if planned for appropriately. Thus, planned unit developments will be an accepted type of development.

Taken together, low to moderate mixed commercial and residential development is accepted, with limitation based on quality of supporting road infrastructure. West Millers Cove Road may be considered adequate for higher order development, but is presently classified as a local road. It may be appropriate to consider amendment of the Major Road Plan to classify West Millers Cove Road as a Collector for the sake of consistency between plans and proposal.

Context of the Zoning Resolution

Planned Unit Development is recognized as appropriate in the Zoning Resolution as follows:

Section 7.3. Planned Unit Development. The purposes of these provisions for planned unit development are to allow flexibility in design of a large development, and to allow mixed use where such mixed use may be reasonably designed and integrated into a large development.

The proposed new zone expands on this concept to identify and formalize a specific type of planned unit development with its own zone identity.

The R-1 zone is referenced in the proposed amendment to identify permitted uses, special exception uses and special exception with specific limitation uses consistent with present zoning. For context, the provisions for the R-1 zone are as follows:

Section 9.2 R-1 – Rural District 1. It is the purpose and intent of this district to regulate rural development of expected moderate to low density within the county, consistent with the overall purposes of this Resolution contained in Article 3, consistent with provisions in Public Chapter 1101 of 1998 (Tennessee Code Annotated Section 6-58-101, *et seq*), and consistent with plans adopted by Blount County.

A. Permitted Uses: one or two single family dwellings or manufactured home dwellings on a single lot, duplex dwellings, customary home occupations, group homes as provided in Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 13-24-101, *et seq*; churches, temples and other places of worship, cemeteries associated with churches and other places of worship; local, state and federal government and utility uses necessary for providing services to land or population within the district; and accessory structures customarily associated with the above uses.

B. Uses Permitted as Special Exceptions: multifamily dwellings including three or more of any dwelling units per lot (see also Section 7.6) and their associated sales or rental offices for the development, family commercial enterprises (see Section 7.10), nursing homes, retirement homes, sanitariums, assisted care living facilities, and resident facilities with special services, treatment, or supervision; day care facilities; commercial cemeteries not associated with a church or other place of worship; government and utility uses of a regional character necessary for providing service to the land and population within a broader region including the district; sawmills and associated lumberyards; bed and breakfast accommodations; golf driving range; vacation cabin rental (see also section 7.11); and accessory structures customarily associated with the above uses.

C. Uses Permitted as Special Exceptions with Specific Limitations: Indoor Sport Shooting Range (Subject to provisions and requirements in Section 7.13); Outdoor Sport Shooting Range (Subject to provisions and requirements in Section 7.13); Convenience Stores with vehicle fuel sales, provided that any such convenience stores with vehicle fuel sales shall be located only with access and frontage on an arterial or collector status road as specified on the Major Road Plan of any regional planning commission within the county as registered with the Register of Deeds office, and provided that any such use shall be conducted on a lot or tract of at least one acre, that any such use shall be housed in a structure with footprint no greater than 4,000 square feet, and that buffering of the use from surrounding residential land shall be constructed and maintained.

Context of the 1101 Growth Plan

The 1101 Growth Plan was completed in 2001 and is the only plan adopted by the Blount County Commission. State statutes require that all land use decisions be consistent with the plan, and this would include amendment of the zoning regulations text and amendment of the zoning map (rezoning). The plan approved for Blount County is very general, and the only issue of concern in the present proposal is whether or not the proposal is consistent with the Rural Area limitation of low to moderate density development. As noted above, the proposed amendment on its face meets the criteria of low to moderate density development. The new proposed zone has one objective criteria on what would be considered as low to moderate density by requiring a minimum of 20 percent open space.

RESOLUTION No. _____

Sponsored by Commissioners _____ and _____.

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE ZONING RESOLUTION OF BLOUNT COUNTY, TENNESSEE, ADDING A NEW PLANNED RURAL RESORT DISTRICT.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Blount County, Tennessee, in session assembled this _____, 2013:

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Tennessee has enabled Blount County to adopt and amend zoning regulations in Tennessee Code Annotated Sections 13-7-101, *et seq.*, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Blount County, Tennessee adopted zoning regulations in Resolution 00-06-010 **A RESOLUTION ADOPTING ZONING IN BLOUNT COUNTY PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 13-7-101, *et seq.*, OF THE TENNESSEE CODE ANNOTATED**, and

WHEREAS, promoting and facilitating tourist related developments at the gateway to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park (GSMNP) is important for the economy of Blount County, and

WHEREAS, providing specific allowance and standards for tourist related resort facilities at the gateway to the GSMNP will facilitate proper and appropriate development in the rural area of the County,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF BLOUNT COUNTY, TENNESSEE, to adopt the following:

That Article 8 Establishment of Districts be amended to list a new Planned Rural Resort District to read as follows:

PRRD Planned Rural Resort District for low to medium density integrally planned mixed-use resort development

That a new Section 9.11 be added to read as follows:

Section 9.11 Planned Rural Resort District. In consideration of the substantial importance of tourism in the County, it is the intent of this district to allow low to moderate density mixed-use planned developments that combine resort type residential and recreational uses along with resort oriented accommodations and commercial uses in the rural gateway area to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, consistent with the overall purposes of this Resolution contained in Article 3, consistent with provisions in Public Chapter 1101 of 1998 (Tennessee Code Annotated Section 6-58-101, *et seq.*), and consistent with plans adopted by Blount County. Resort oriented commercial uses includes production of resort-related food, beverage, and alcohol items for retail, agricultural, and wholesale trade. The rural gateway area to the Great Smoky Mountains

National Park is defined as that area past Walland Gap and extending toward Townsend and the entrance to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. For initial application, the area is limited to land adjacent to or directly accessible from West Millers Cove Road containing R-1 zoned land and any adjacent R-2 zoned land integral to a planned concept. The minimum area for application of the zone shall be 40 acres under one concept for development, and shall be either under one ownership, under partnership, under lease or contract or agreement for integrated use and development. This section does not amend the Zoning Map, nor zone, nor rezone any land to Planned Rural Resort District, but only identifies limits to location for any land that may in the future be zoned as such.

A. Permitted Uses:

1. All permitted uses allowed in R-1 Rural District 1, as described in Section 9.2A.
2. Within an overall mixed-use planned development, resort facilities and functions; restaurants, taverns and drinking establishments; hotels, motels, rooming and boarding houses, bed and breakfast and other similar uses; indoor and outdoor recreational facilities, including commercial guided activities, equestrian facilities, spa, gym and health club facilities; sales and rental of real estate and real estate development; and use of land and structures associated with resort-type facilities for the production of food, crafts, and beer, and for retail and wholesale trade. Any mixed-use planned development within the zone shall include all the following: integrated resort accommodations, restaurant, recreational facilities, and defined open space of at least 20 percent of the zone as the core of the zone development.
3. Working farm facilities and functions, which may be included in required 20 percent open space.
4. Agricultural, natural area uses, and farming activities, including breeding animals for consumption and for resale, production of food items from farm animals, harvesting farm animals for retail and wholesale trade industry purposes, which may be included in required 20 percent open space.

B. Uses permitted as special exception: Special exception uses identified in Section 9.2B for the R-1 Rural District 1.

C. Uses permitted as special exception with specific limitations: Special exception uses with specific limitations identified in Section 9.2C for the R-1 Rural District 1.

D. Uses Prohibited: All uses are prohibited except those uses permitted or permitted as special exception specifically above.

E. Uses Requiring Site Plan Review: All uses and customary accessory structures, except one or two single family or manufactured home dwelling on a single lot, duplex dwelling on separate lot, and customary accessory structures to such excepted uses.

F. Minimum Lot Size and Density: Land within the zone may be divided into separate lots with mixed uses. For residential structures as required in Section 9.2 for the R-1 Rural District 1 zone, or greater as appropriate for previously R-2 zoned land on steep slopes. For all other uses: all lots shall be adequately sized to accommodate necessary parking requirements, setbacks, buffering, and soils requirements for any required on site septic disposal. A minimum of 20 percent of the zone shall be set aside as open space exclusive of required setbacks.

G. Setback Requirements: All uses shall comply with the following setback requirements, except as otherwise provided for in Articles 3 and 5 for lots of record and nonconforming situations.

1. Front Setback: the minimum depth of the front building setback shall be 30 feet from any road right-of-way or easement line.

2. Rear Setback: the minimum building setback from the rear property line shall be 20 feet for the principal structure, and five feet for any residential accessory structure.

3. Side Setback: the minimum building setback from the side property line shall be ten (10) feet, provided that the side setback shall be 20 feet for any non-residential use with a side property line abutting a residential use lot, or abutting a lot in the R-1 or R-2 zones.

4. Zone Boundary Setback: the minimum building setback from the zone boundary shall be 40 feet for all but single family and duplex residential use structures.

H. Maximum Height of Structures: Unless otherwise explicitly allowed in other articles of this Section, all structures shall be no greater than 35 feet higher than the highest natural grade immediately adjacent to the structure.

I. Additional Site Plan Requirements: In addition to the site plan requirements in Section 7.2, site plans for any commercial use permit under this Section shall be drawn by a qualified professional, and shall include front elevation of any proposed structure.

J. Additional design requirements: All site plans shall be accompanied by a stormwater drainage plan, if necessary, prepared by a qualified engineer, and shall address the need for detention, if necessary, and pollution control. All non residential and non-agricultural uses permitted under this Section shall provide a vegetative landscape buffer, to be determined during site plan review, between the use/buildings on any commercial site, and any parcel or lot zoned other than Planned Rural Resort District. Such buffering shall apply to rear lot lines of the commercial site, and also to side lot lines behind the minimum front building setback lines, except where there is an immediately adjacent residential use that would require screening within the minimum front building setback line. All non-residential and non-agricultural uses permitted under this Section shall have a building elevation, along all fronting public roads, constructed of at least 50 percent nonmetal building materials, or shall be screened from view from all fronting public roads. All external lighting shall be directed away from or screened from land used or zoned for residential use, and away from any public right-of-way. Where noise is determined to be a probable off-site impact of a proposed use, a noise mitigation barrier of solid structure or

earth berm, in addition to vegetative buffer, shall be designed as part of the site plan and constructed.

K. Review on change of use.

1. For any change of use to special exception use under provisions for change of use requiring Board of Zoning Appeals approval, the Board of Zoning Appeals shall have permit and review authority under provisions of these regulations.

2. For other change of use, excluding change to uses allowed in Section 9.11.A, a permit application for zoning compliance shall be submitted, to be reviewed by the Building Commissioner for conformity to requirements for the zone and any previously approved site plan. The Building Commissioner shall require information on the application sufficient for determination of zoning compliance, and certification of zoning compliance in writing shall be considered as approval of the permit for change of use.

3. Notwithstanding subsection 2 above, upon determination by the Building Commissioner that a use will be of greater impact or will require new or changed site design elements upon change of use, the Building Commissioner shall require a new permit application and site plan to be reviewed by the Planning Commission as a new permit for that change of use.

4. All changes of use under this subsection shall require new permit application and charged fees as such.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THIS RESOLUTION SHALL BE IN FORCE AND BECOME EFFECTIVE UPON ITS ADOPTION, THE PUBLIC WELFARE REQUIRING IT.

CERTIFICATION OF ACTION

ATTEST

Commission Chairman

County Clerk

Approved: _____

Vetoed: _____
County Mayor

Date

RESOLUTION No. 13-03-007

Sponsored by Commissioners Gordon Wright and Gerald Kirby

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE ZONING MAP OF BLOUNT COUNTY, TENNESSEE, from R-2-Rural District 2 to R-1-Rural District 1 for the property located at 6250 Paul Boone Road, being Tax Map 126, and part of Parcels 079.00 and 014.00.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Blount County, Tennessee, in session assembled this 21st day of March, 2013:

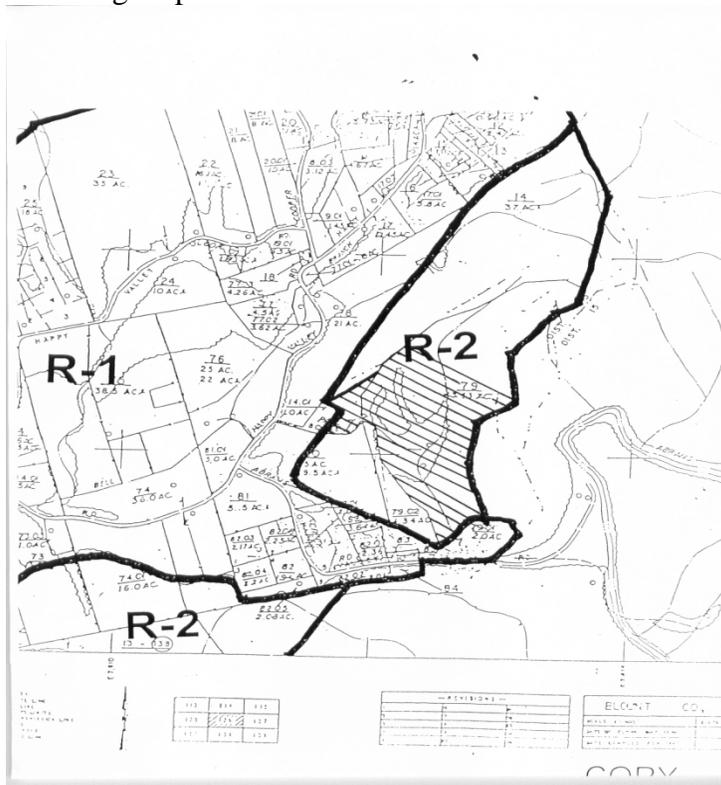
WHEREAS, the legislature of the State of Tennessee has enabled Blount County to adopt and amend zoning regulations, including a zoning map, in Tennessee Code Annotated Section 13-7-101, *et seq.*, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Blount County, Tennessee adopted zoning regulations, including the Zoning Map of Blount County, Tennessee in Resolution 00-06-010 **A RESOLUTION ADOPTING ZONING IN BLOUNT COUNTY PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 13-7-101, ET SEQ., OF THE TENNESSEE CODE ANNOTATED**, and

WHEREAS, it is desired to amend the Zoning Map of Blount County, Tennessee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF BLOUNT COUNTY, TENNESSEE, to adopt the following:

That the Zoning Map of Blount County, Tennessee, be amended by rezoning land from R-2-Rural District 2 to R-1-Rural District 1 for a portion of the property located at 6250 Paul Boone Road, being Tax Map 126, and part of Parcels 079.00 and 014.00, shown hatched on the following map.



BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THIS RESOLUTION SHALL BE IN FORCE AND BECOME EFFECTIVE UPON ITS ADOPTION, THE PUBLIC WELFARE REQUIRING IT.

CERTIFICATION OF ACTION

ATTEST

Commission Chairman

County Clerk

Approved: _____

Vetoed: _____

County Mayor

Date

Memo

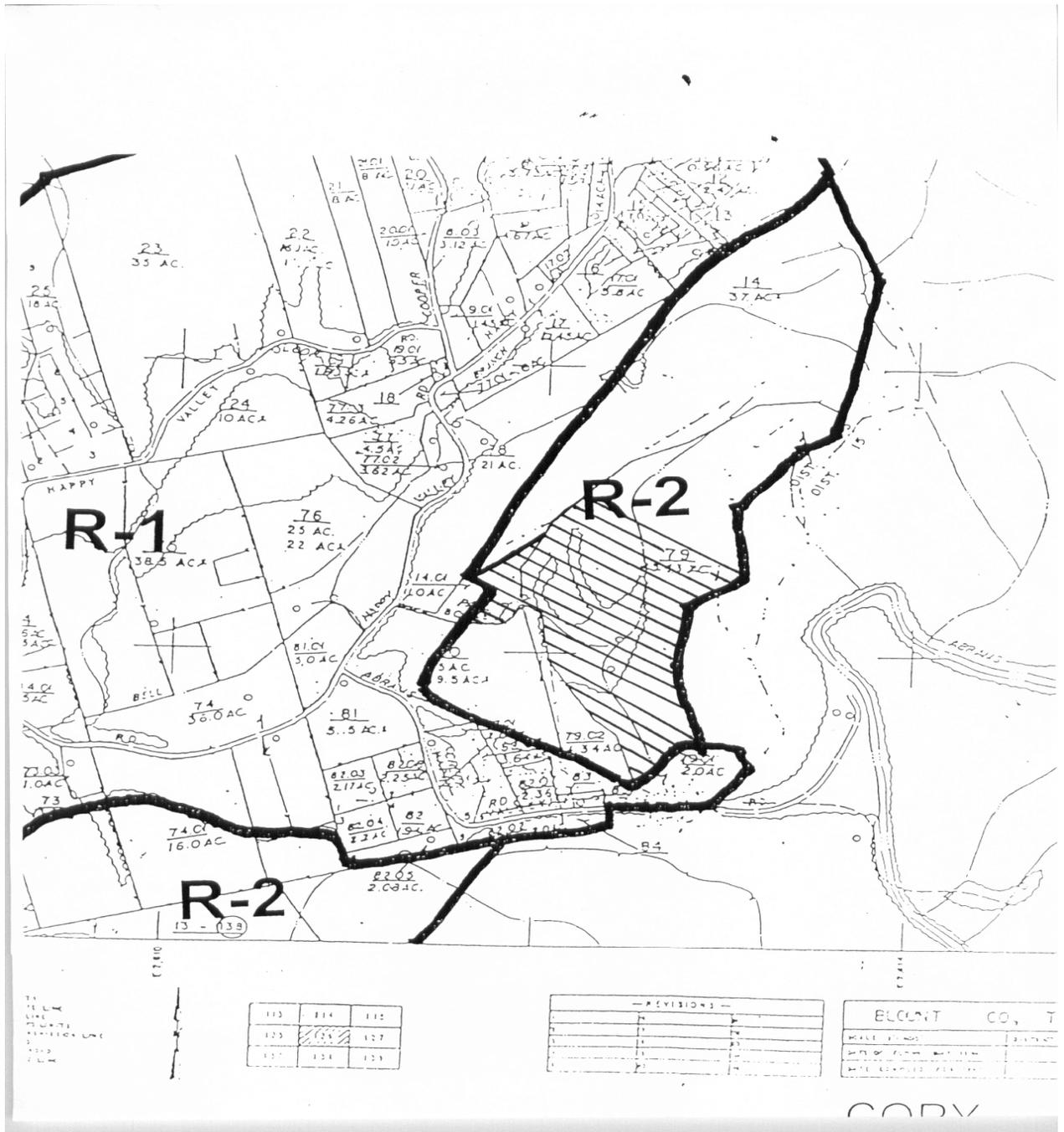
To: Blount County Commission
From: Building Commissioner
CC: Other commission members and staff.
Date: 3/1/2013
Re: Rezoning request.

Background:

This is a revised map for the rezoning of property located at 6250 Paul Boone Road being Tax Map 126 part of Parcel 079.00, and part of adjacent parcel 014.00.. The request came before you in January. This property is identified on tax map 126 and part of parcels 079.00 and 014.00. The rezoning would be for the Southern 2/3 of parcel 079.00 and approximately one acre of parcel 014.00, which comes out to approximately 32 acres. The one acre of parcel 014.00 ties parcel 079.00 to the existing R-1 zone.

The correction to the map is the deletion of parcel 079.02 and part of parcel 080.00. I had inadvertently hatched them on the previous map and they were not requested to be rezoned. The new map reflects the removal of those two properties. There was a conflict in the wording on the final resolution which has been corrected and is reflected on the resolution that I have included in this packet.

The property that abuts this property along the Western and Southern borders is currently zoned R-1, so this rezoning would be a continuation of the R-1 zone. Based on a site visit and a slope analysis the average slope for these 32 acres is less than 30%, which normally defines the R-2 zone. The primary differences in the R-1 and R-2 zone are density and minimum lot size. The R-2 has an overall density of one dwelling unit per 5 acres verses 1.2 dwelling units per acre in the R-1 zone. The minimum lot size in the R-2 is 5 acres verses 30,000 square feet in the R-1 zone.



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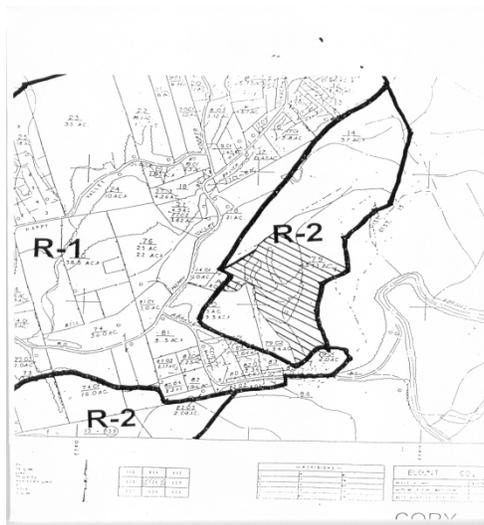
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING. In accordance with Tennessee Code Annotated Sections 5-5-105 and 13-7-105, the Board of County Commissioners of Blount County, Tennessee, will convene and hold public hearing on March 21, 2013 at 6:45 P.M., at the Blount County Courthouse Commission Meeting Room for the following proposed amendments to the Zoning Resolution of Blount County, Tennessee, being Resolution 00-06-010, and specifically the Zoning Map of Blount County, Tennessee.

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE ZONING MAP OF BLOUNT COUNTY TENNESSEE, from R-2(Rural District 2) to R-1 (Rural District 1) for a portion of the property located at 6250 Paul Boone Road, The property is identified as part of Tax Map 126 and Parcels 079.00 and 014.00, and is shown hatched on the map below.



Copies of the Resolutions may be obtained at the offices of the Blount County Building Commissioner and Secretary to the County Commission, during regular office hours. Blount County does not discriminate based on race, color or national origin in federal or state sponsored programs, pursuant to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 200d).

APPROVED:

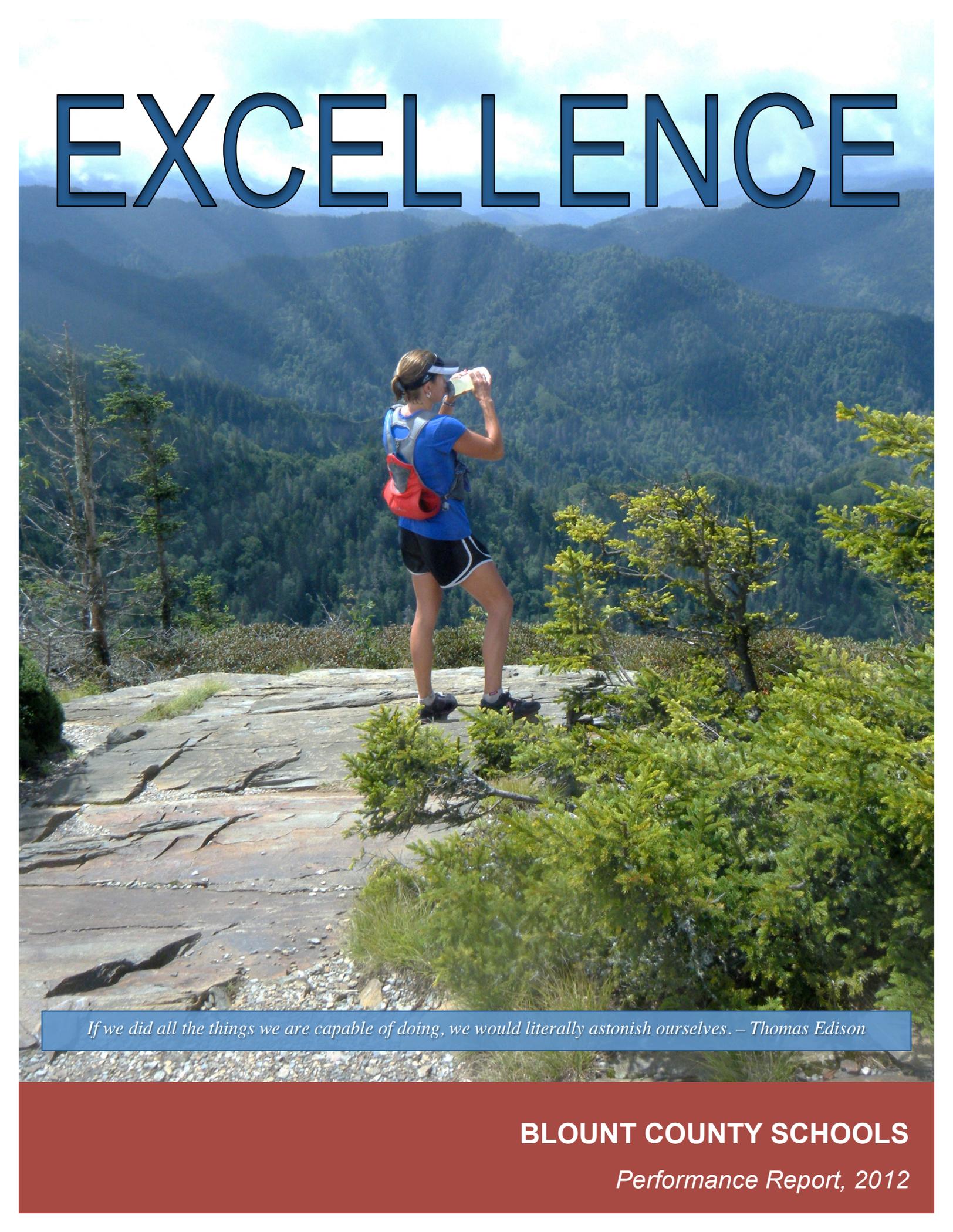
Jerome Moon
Commission Chairman

ATTEST:

Roy Crawford, Jr.
County Clerk

Ed Mitchell
County Mayor

EXCELLENCE

A hiker wearing a blue shirt, black shorts, a red hydration pack, and a visor stands on a rocky mountain peak, drinking from a water bottle. The background shows a vast, forested mountain range under a blue sky with light clouds.

If we did all the things we are capable of doing, we would literally astonish ourselves. – Thomas Edison

BLOUNT COUNTY SCHOOLS

Performance Report, 2012

From the Desk of
Robert E. Britt

Director, Blount County Schools



Dear Community Stakeholders:

On behalf of the Blount County School Board, our administrative team, our Central Office staff and the representative principals, educators and support staffs from 21 schools, it is my pleasure and privilege to present this 2012 Performance Report entitled "Excellence." Included in this presentation is a reflection of our five-year strategic plan, 2011-2016, with a current update of our accomplishments in our continual focus on achieving "educational excellence for all students".

Tennessee Commissioner of Education Kevin Huffman has named Blount County Schools as "exemplary." In fact, only 21 other school districts out of 136 districts statewide received such recognition. While we have celebrated our accomplishments, if we are truly to continue to strive for excellence this award can't just be a once in a lifetime recognition, but an expectation to maintain for our staff, our students, their parents and the Blount County community.

It is our responsibility to ensure that all of our students are learning at a high level and that each day, teachers and students are developing key relationships to personalize the learning. It is our privilege to connect these two high standards with parents and stakeholders to maintain our accountability and to join us in this process.

I believe the data demonstrates that we are certainly making great strides in achieving our vision. In spite of the hurdles, there have been many successes and a review of this presentation will give you a bird's eye view of our accomplishments.

Please feel free to contact me with feedback via phone call, email or letter. I also challenge you to join hands with us and become an active participant with us in our continual journey toward excellence.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rob Britt". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Rob Britt
Director of Schools



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Educational Excellence for all students!

This vision statement has become more than just words for our staff, our teachers, our students and our entire school community. It has become our passion and our driving mantra. When Blount County Schools was recognized as one of 136 districts in the state of Tennessee to be named “exemplary” for the 2011- 2012 school year, it became clear that striving for educational excellence for all students pays off for everyone. Four of our Blount County schools were named Reward schools because of their achievement and value added growth and two of our employees received state-wide recognition for their accomplishments in their respective fields. We can celebrate our successes, but are continuing to strive for educational excellence every day, in every class, with every student.

Development of the 2011 – 2016 Strategic Plan

In spring of 2010, the Director, system supervisors, and instructional coaches met to review, reaffirm, and revise the BCS beliefs, vision, mission, goals, and objectives for the next five years. As a result, the 2011-2016 BCS Strategic Plan is guided by the following fundamental beliefs:

BELIEFS

- Believing that all children can and will learn.
- Personalizing the educational experience for all students.
- Providing uncompromising educational service to all students.
- Making parents our partner in educating students.
- Producing positive outcomes in student learning is the combination of outstanding teachers and exceptional leadership at each school.



OUR MISSION:

Maximize the academic potential of every child in a safe and personalized environment. BCS will graduate students who are college and career ready and prepared to meet the challenges of the twenty-first century workplace.

Master Plan Goals and Objectives – *Where the System Wants to Be*

Building on the philosophical foundations of the beliefs, vision and mission and taking into consideration all that is needed to maintain “excellence”, Blount County Schools continue to focus on four overarching goals.

ATTAINING GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

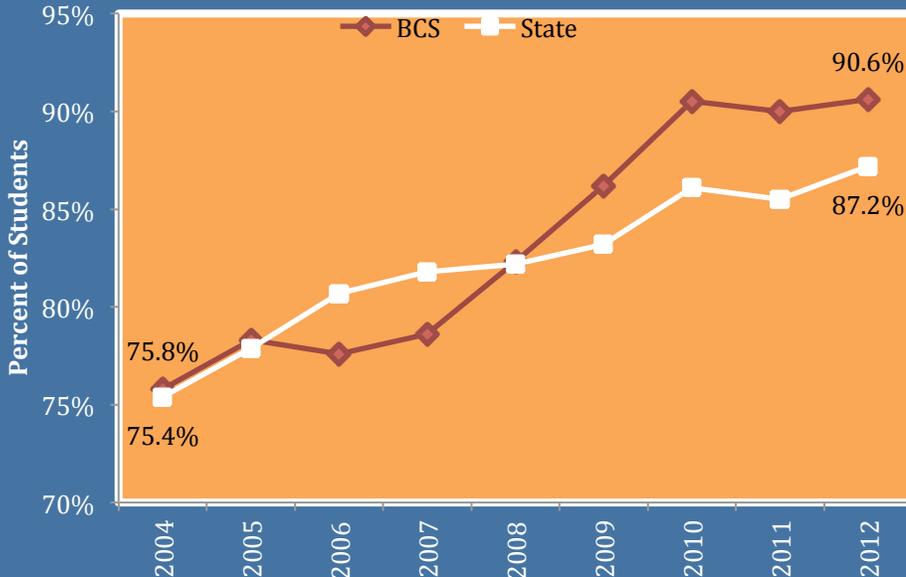
- GOAL I: IMPROVE ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE IN ALL CORE SUBJECTS**
- GOAL II: GRADUATE STUDENTS WHO ARE COLLEGE AND CAREER READY AND PREPARED FOR POST SECONDARY EDUCATION, CAREERS AND CITIZENSHIP**
- GOAL III: HIRE, TRAIN, DEVELOP AND GROW GREAT TEACHERS AND LEADERS, PROVIDING UNCOMPROMISING EDUCATIONAL SERVICES TO OUR STUDENTS COMPLIMENTED BY A HIGHLY MOTIVATED, CARING, AND DEDICATED STAFF**
- GOAL IV: INCREASE PARENTAL, PUBLIC, AND PRIVATE SUPPORT FOR EDUCATION**



OUR VISION:

Educational excellence
for all students!

BCS GRADUATION RATES 2004 - 2012



While the graduation rate has remained flat at the state level, BCS have achieved an all-time high graduation rate of 90.6% in correlation with the increasing demands placed on school systems for graduation by the state government. Supports that help students to graduate include, but are not limited to the following: a range of academic interventions, strategic academic planning, multiple course offerings, length of course offerings, graduation coaches and other student support programs.

Attaining Goals and Objectives –

GOAL I: IMPROVE ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE IN ALL CORE SUBJECTS - Literacy



Objective 1: Continuing an intense focus on reading fluency and comprehension

Objective 2: Employ a reading specialist, with certification in reading and/or a Wilson level I certification to direct the school-level intervention program and provide direct reading instruction to students.

Objective 3: Adoption of a comprehensive reading program that provides clear, rigorous grade-level expectations for proficiency, utilizes frequent assessments to measure growth and guide instruction, and employs an early identification system for struggling readers.

Key Components of Success:

Reading intervention for a minimum of 30 minutes each day using more than one strategy

Balanced literacy approach including: phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension

Daily literacy block

Concentration of reading in the content area in grades 4 through 12

Phonetic focus in the early grades and comprehension in the later grades

Reading support/intervention for struggling readers at the high school level

Improved skills in reading content to include additional reading comprehension

The foundation for reaching academic excellence is literacy. Blount County Schools have outlined a three-prong attack in achieving these goals at all levels of proficiency and with all children. Emphasis on reading fluency and comprehension have been directed by a county-wide Title I reading coordinator who directs the school-level intervention programs and a Wilson Reading System “in district” certified trainer both of whom offer numerous professional development for teachers for consistent, grade-level strategies for full literacy skills and early identification and intervention for those readers who are struggling in regular education classes and special education situations.



Great strides have been made in Blount County schools because of this team effort to improve literacy. More and more teachers are receiving training toward certification in the Wilson Reading programs each semester. Plans are in progress for trainers at each school to complete their levels of certification in Wilson to be able to teach teachers at their respective sites. The impact of the Partner for Assessment of Ready for College and Careers (PARCC) Common Core standards may change the scope and sequence of reading skills, but Blount County students will be more prepared than ever before for these adjustments as teachers take the additional steps necessary to have their students striving for excellence.

Attaining Goals and Objectives –

GOAL I: IMPROVE ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE IN ALL CORE SUBJECTS - Writing



Objective 4: All Blount County Schools will adopt a comprehensive writing program with a specific focus on writing across the curriculum.

Key Components of Success:

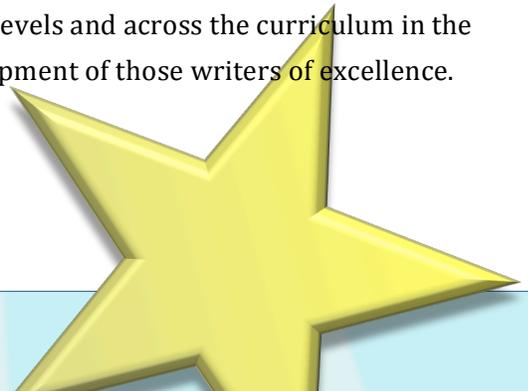
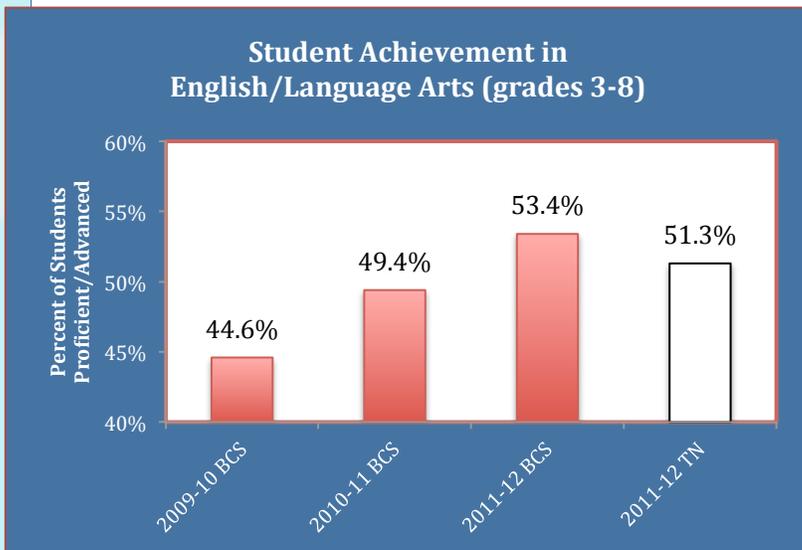
Writing instruction to include a variety of modes and genres in every content area, with a strong command of usage, mechanics, spelling, and sentence structure.

Clear communication skills stressed in writing strategies demonstrating audience awareness, varied sentence structure, accurate and varied vocabulary.

Concentration on instruction of the writing process including pre-writing, drafting, revising, editing, evaluating, and publishing of both fiction and non-fiction texts, including technical manuals.

With the responsibility for preparing 21st century students for college and career readiness, writing across the content areas is more than just the practice of writing in the different content areas. While it is a challenge to incorporate the instruction of writing, the practice of multiple styles of writing and the art of the analysis of writing across the content areas this has become a new focus for all Blount County teachers as is keyboarding and computer usage across the grades. At the elementary level, our schools are participating in the Constructive Response Assessment (CRA) tests in preparation for the statewide writing

assessment and fervently adding to their computer numbers in preparation for the 2013 writing assessments for its first time with on-line writing. Blount County schools will meet the state of Tennessee demands for total on-line achievement testing in 2015 as teachers lead students through their writing practices, at all grade levels and across the curriculum in the development of those writers of excellence.



Attaining Goals and Objectives –

GOAL I: IMPROVE ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE IN ALL CORE SUBJECTS - Mathematics

Objective 5: All Blount County Schools will adopt a comprehensive mathematics program.



Key Components of Success:

Classroom instructional activities to foster conceptual understanding: drawing models, creating problems to illustrate computations, and working with manipulatives.

Students able to demonstrate procedural fluency and perform basic mathematical operations efficiently and appropriately with and without calculators.

Students able to demonstrate strategic competence in determining what the problem is asking them to do. Making conjectures and forming conclusions, students can understand and use various approaches to solving problems and are able to check their answers using different approaches.

Students able to construct viable arguments and critique the reasoning of others with adaptive reasoning; understand and use stated assumptions, definitions, and previously established results in constructing arguments. Then students are able to analyze situations and justify their conclusions to others.

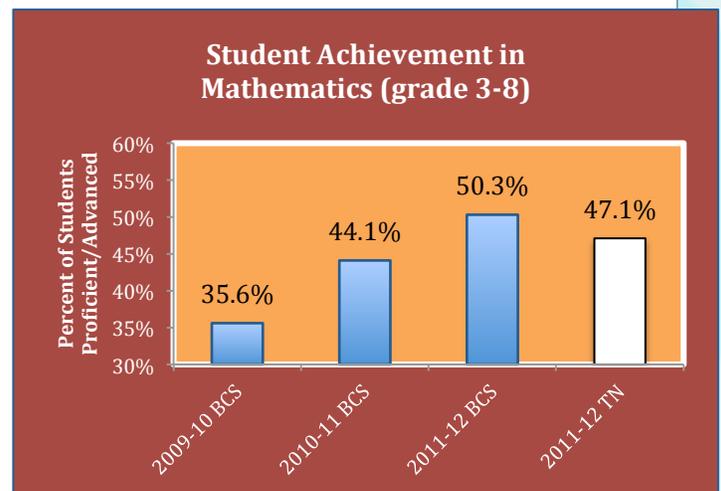
Teachers will offer mathematical lessons as sensible, doable and worthwhile-productive disposition-by engaging students in relevant activities while establishing relationships with all learners to meet their needs.

A minimum of 60 minutes of mathematics instruction should occur every day with an additional 30 minutes of intervention as needed.

Blount County Schools has dedicated two math specialists in its academic programming to insure that these key components are in place and functioning at the highest level of performance. These two instructional coaches observe, team teach, and demonstrate the correct instructional strategies for achieving tough mathematics objectives. In addition, they combine for after-school professional development training to coordinate teachers' comfort level with a new textbook series and higher expectations in testing.

In addition to these responsibilities, these coaches have led county-wide professional development, along with state trainers on the onset of Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) Common Core standards are permeating through the grade levels and spring assessments will reflect these broader and more intense expectations.

At the high school level, math teachers are tapping into the new S.T.E.M. academies concept with class offerings to bridge the skills for college and career readiness and students who find excellence in all that they do, second nature.



Attaining Goals and Objectives –

GOAL I: IMPROVE ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE IN ALL CORE SUBJECTS - Science

Objective 6: All Blount County Schools will adopt a comprehensive science program.



Key Components of Success:

Students will be taught problem-solving skills as Blount County educators will model and emphasize the skills, attitudes, and values of scientific inquiry and in turn, help students reflect as learners and use skills of inquiry to become effective problem solvers.

Students will acquire knowledge and develop a rich understanding of concepts, principles, models and theories as teachers reflect the acquisition of scientific understanding through inquiry. Students will then learn in a way that reflects how science actually works.

A coordination of science and math giving students the necessary mathematical skills and concepts before and during their use in the science program, supporting Tennessee's growth in STEM education.

BCS science educators will design a variety of instructional practices that is based on the prior experiences of students but avoids unnecessary repetition.

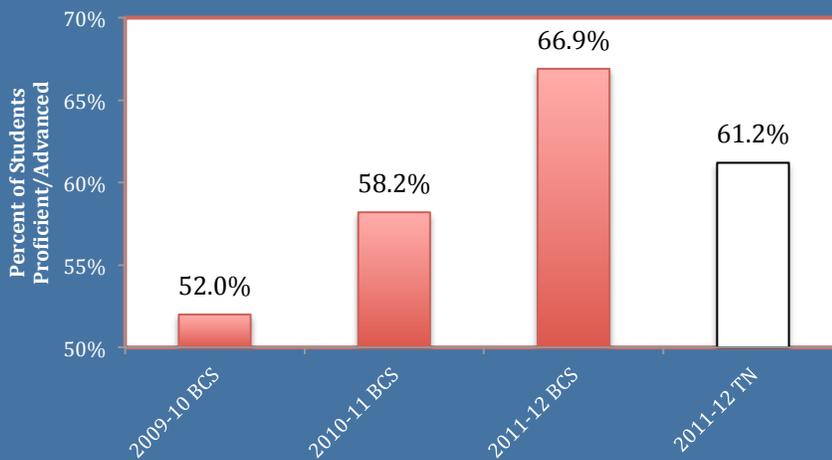
As school systems across the country are analyzing their own high school science and math programs to embrace technology and engineering needs, Heritage High School in Blount County, has completed one year of a STEM academy as a pilot program and are amazed at how quickly their student-led idea has grown to notoriety.

Approximately 250 of their student body is involved in the first full year of STEM engagement and alongside 25 teachers are blazing the path for science, math, engineering, technology, and even health science and agricultural interested students to strive for excellence in a program that demonstrates rigor, the high interest level of relevance and the essential strength of relationship building.

Not only has the Heritage High School STEM Academy captured the attention of its own students, prospective middle school students are anticipating what skills they will need to get in the Academy and are stepping up their game to become better prepared. Representatives from the STEM Academy are often displaying their projects and areas of study at regional and state wide conferences and anticipate an excellent future for the program and for the students who were willing to break out of the typical high school mold and into a bright future.



Student Achievement in Science (grades 3-8)



Two of every three students in Blount County Schools scored proficient or advanced on the 2012 TCAP. This level of mastery has jumped more than 14% over the last three years.

Attaining Goals and Objectives –

GOAL II: BCS WILL GRADUATE STUDENTS WHO ARE COLLEGE AND CAREER READY, AND PREPARED FOR POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION, CAREERS AND CITIZENSHIP.

Objective 1: BCS will prepare and graduate all students to be college and career ready, beginning with the orchestrated implementation of National Common Core Standards as adopted by the Tennessee State Board of Education.

Objective 2: Continued development, integration and growth of the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) components throughout the K-12 curriculum. A STEM academy will focus on students' skills in these curricular areas. (See page 8 for STEM information)

Objective 3: In preparation for the on-line state achievement assessments in 2015, ensure the school system has the bandwidth and support to successfully execute the tests. Each school will have wireless (Wi-Fi) Internet access with the appropriate network to accommodate each school's access needs.

Objective 4: Develop a college and career-counseling center (CCCC) to guide students through the post-secondary education process and ensure more students attend college.

Objective 5: Partner with BlountAchieve to ensure that selected first generation college students have an opportunity to receive two years of free post-secondary education.

Objective 6: Adopt a school-wide positive support program to inform and focus students on life skills and citizenship throughout the educational experience.

Objective 7: Blount County high schools will implement a master schedule change to reflect the needs of the students, meet or exceed the Tennessee Diploma Project requirements, enhance flexibility and expand opportunities for student growth and achievement.

Objective 8: Blount County Schools will fully implement the Tennessee Diploma Project and acquire instructional materials aligned to the state curriculum standards, use diagnostic assessments to monitor the progress of our students and coordinate interventions for low performing students that may include after school and summer tutorials. Interventions will be well designed and coordinated to meet the needs of individual students. Bus transportation is required to ensure that struggling students fully participate. These interventions will be developed at regional sites in the district.

Objective 9: Enact a comprehensive plan to increase student offerings in advanced placement courses, dual credit courses and college and career transition programs. The high schools will further ensure that a minimum of 80 % of graduates possess the skills and content knowledge to succeed in post secondary studies to graduate with a two or four year degree.



BCS Educator Wins East TN Teacher of the Year

William Blount High School theater teacher Renda Crowe was recently named the 2012-13 Tennessee Teacher of the Year for the East Grand Division. Education Commissioner Kevin Huffman presented the award. Teachers of the Year are selected competitively through five cycles: building, system, field service center region, grand division and state. Three Grand Division Teachers of the Year were selected in August.

Earlier this year, Crowe was named as one of nine Tennessee Teacher of the Year finalists among elementary, middle and high school educators from each grand division. She was East Tennessee's Teacher of the Year for grades 9-12.

Crowe was a state finalist in the 2007-08 Teacher of the Year competition. At the time, she was an eighth grade language arts teacher at Carpenters Middle School.



GOAL III: BCS WILL HIRE, TRAIN, AND DEVELOP GREAT TEACHERS AND LEADERS, PROVIDING UNCOMPROMISING EDUCATION SERVICES TO OUR STUDENTS COMPLIMENTED BY A HIGH MOTIVATED, CARING AND DEDICATED STAFF. ALL BCS PERSONNEL WILL BE COMMITTED TO BUILDING A CULTURE OF EXCELLENCE, WITH RESOURCES TO SUPPORT LEARNING AT ALL LEVELS.

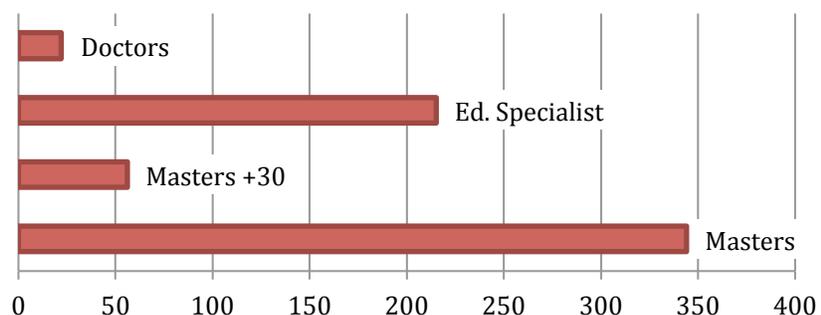
Objective 1: BCS principals will develop and maintain a culture of excellence, where exceptional teaching, superior learning and relationship-building are valued.

Objective 2: The personnel department will offer a more contemporary approach in recruiting highly qualified teaching candidates, to include an on-line application process.

Objective 3: Blount County schools will increase base compensation for certified personnel and plan to offer additional compensation opportunities through a strategic pay plan to feature multiple qualification options including student performance benchmarks.

All teachers of Blount County School system in 2011-2012 were "Highly Qualified" in their assigned instructional area.

Advanced Degrees of BCS Teachers, 11/12



Supervisor, Board Members Receive State Recognition

Dr. Alisa Teffeteller, supervisor of Career and Technical Education and Federal Programs, was named East Tennessee's 2012-13 Supervisor of the Year. As supervisor of federal programs, Teffeteller oversees Title I, II, III, VI, IX, homeless, migrants, and immigrants. Also, she serves as her district's 504 coordinator and the board of education's policy liaison.

Dr. Teffeteller was among nine supervisors, one of the nine State Department of Education CORE centers, selected as a regional finalist and nominated by her peers for the title. As the East Tennessee Grand Division winner, Dr. Teffeteller represents the 34 counties that are incorporated into the eastern region, which runs from the Cumberland Plateau to the eastern boundary of the state.



School Board Chairman
Mike Treadway

Blount County Schools is the only system in the state to have two school board members to receive recognition from the Tennessee School Board Association. Both the current chairman of the Blount County Schools, Mike Treadway and the past chairman of the BCS board, Dr. Don McNelly were recently named to the "All Tennessee School Board".

Both Mr. Treadway and Dr. McNelly have served on the Blount County School Board since 2002. Both men were honored for their passion for public education.

"The Board of Education is certainly proud of all the great accomplishments achieved by both the system as a whole and several individuals within our system. We continue to have total confidence that our Director of Schools has a vision for our system that will take us to even more lofty heights. We certainly appreciate all of the outstanding employees of the Blount County Education System. We know that without each person the successes of the past year would not have been possible." – Mike Treadway

Key Components of Success:

The maintenance of professional learning communities (PLCs) to provide systematic, on-going professional growth opportunities for teachers, focused on content specific objectives, to enhance instructional delivery, improve student performance and follow each school's improvement plan.

The continued employment of data coaches funded in conjunction with Tennessee First to the Top. These data coaches will oversee the implementation of a K-12 formative assessment plan. In addition, data coaches will support data-driven decision making helping to disaggregate student achievement data, make data accessible to all educators and train principals with their teachers in TVAAS and formative assessment strategies to inform and direct instruction.

A Principal's Leadership Academy will be held periodically to help principals to move their schools to high performing expectations by 2015.

The employment of Instructional Technology Coaches (ITC) to maintain and support a high quality, technology rich environment for students and teachers. ITC's will provide necessary infrastructure to drive a successful instructional program that values the daily integration of technology in the classroom.

An extensive educator recognition program that focuses on Excellence in Education.

Successful implementation of the New Tennessee Educator Acceleration Model for teacher and principal evaluation.

The continual employment of Graduation Coaches focusing on the support identified students need in order to graduate. In addition, part-time counselors employed to serve in the College and Career Counseling Center (CCCC-see goal 2).

An annual School recognition program developed to recognize Blount County schools that meet or exceed two or more grade levels on TVAAS scores in the areas of English/Language Arts, Mathematics and Science.

Attaining Goals and Objectives –

GOAL IV: INCREASE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SUPPORT FOR EDUCATION THROUGH THE INVOLVEMENT AND PARTICIPATION OF THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY.

Objective 1: All Blount County Schools will develop a public relations/communication plan to help enlist staff, parent, community support of schools' issues and needs.

Key Components of Success:

Development of an internal communication plan and standard operating procedures for consistent and steady information to staff about the district's goals and information, utilizing electronic newsletters, email, websites and cable access television.

Development of an external communication plan and standard operating procedures to include the district website, schools' websites, cable television programming, video conferencing capabilities, email systems, phone alert systems, news media relationships and social media.

Objective 2: All Blount County Schools will develop and sustain partnerships with parents and members of the business community.

Key Components of Success:

Development of a parent advisory council to provide input and feedback related to school system initiatives to build communication and support.

Development of a business/community council to bridge a relationship with outside system stakeholders to identify needs and resources necessary to enhance our success.

Objective 3: All Blount County Schools will work to make each school site more family oriented and accessible.

Key Components of Success:

Develop a coordinated open house and exhibition program for parents and community to include opportunities for teachers and school leaders to engage parents in the transition to school process and clearly communicate expectations and information how parents can assist and support their school.

Create parent learning opportunities on practice methods to directly assess student work.

Communicate awareness needs and parent roles in student success.



Blount County Schools Named 2011-12 Exemplary School District

Blount County Schools were recognized by the Tennessee Department of Education with 20 other school districts across the state that significantly improved student performance and narrowed achievement gaps under Tennessee's new accountability system to receive an Exemplary designation, for the 2011-12 school year.

Education Commissioner Kevin Huffman announced the 21 districts that earned the Exemplary designations and recognized Blount County Schools Director Rob Britt for his district's achievement.

"Growing results while closing achievement gaps is incredibly hard work," said Huffman. "We're excited with the overall results across the state, and we particularly want to highlight those districts that have excelled in both areas."

These districts raised proficiency levels on the Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment Program tests; made substantial progress in closing gaps between groups of students; and ensured improvement for racial minorities, as well as students with disabilities, limited English proficiency and those from economically disadvantaged backgrounds.

"We are so pleased and delighted with our improved student achievement results," said Britt. "Our school communities of teachers, principals, students, support staff and parents have performed at a high level and deserve lots of praise for their efforts."

"These positive student achievement outcomes doesn't happen by accident," he continued. "Rather they are the intentional acts on the part of our outstanding teachers and the hard work and determination of our students. Teachers are the number one determining factor in positive student achievement. We appreciate our teachers for providing uncompromising educational service to our students and their families. We will celebrate today and maybe part of this week, but make no mistake we are focused on continuous improvement. We hold very high expectations for our students and will continue to strive for excellence."

Blount County Schools Listed in Top 5% of State's Schools

Three Blount County elementary schools and one middle school have been recognized by the Tennessee Department of Education among the top 5-percent of the schools in the state for achievement and /or academic progress during the last school year.

Carpenters Elementary, Friendsville Elementary, Walland Elementary and Union Grove Middle School were among the 169 schools recognized.

In addition to Governor Bill Haslam and his wife, Crissy, Commissioner of Education Kevin Huffman thanked school teachers all across the state and students from these reward schools who are "leading the way as Tennessee becomes one of the fastest improving states in education in the nation." Schools and their district leaders were also surprised to hear from the US Secretary of Education Arne Duncan who from Washington, D.C. congratulated the 169 schools, their teachers and principals who have demonstrated a "labor of love" in their schools and who continue to make a difference. Secretary Duncan then challenged Tennessee students, "can you improve faster than any other state in the country? I think you can."

Blount County Schools Director Rob Britt concurred. "I am exceedingly proud of the extraordinary job performed by the teachers, and great effort on the part of our students to achieve this recognition as reward schools."

"This is truly an outstanding accomplishment in part of all our students and all adults in the educational communities of our schools," said Britt.

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- U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan



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Elementary	14
Middle Schools	4
High Schools	2
Learning Opportunity Center	1
Adult Education Center.....	1

BCS STAFF

Teachers.....	822
Administrators.....	37
Classified Staff.....	821

LATEST BCS ENROLLMENT

Pre-K	293
Elementary (K-5)	5,194
Middle (6-8)	2,403
High (9-12).....	2,932
Special Ed. (K-12)	471
Total	11,293

2012 Value-Added Results

Elementary/Middle School

Subject	2012 Status	2012 Mean Gain
Math	A	3.0
Reading/L.A.	C	0.1
Social Studies	A	2.0
Science	D	-0.6

Source: 2012 TDOE Report Card

High School

Subject	Observed Score	Predicted Score	Status
Algebra I	722.1	726.6	Below
Algebra II	707.4	708.3	NDD
Biology I	700.4	700.1	NDD
English I	703.3	703.9	NDD
English II	700.3	699.5	NDD
English III	703.2	700	NDD
U.S. History	533.8	529.8	Above

Source: 2012 TDOE Report Card



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