



Blount County Legislative Briefing

Blount County Mayor Ed Mitchell

September 27, 2024

Property Tax Penny Breakdown

❖ Certified Rate adopted in 2023 after Property Value Reappraisal

	FY24-25
General County	\$0.69
Debt Service	\$0.21
General Admin. Capital Projects	\$0.03
General Purpose Schools	\$0.56
Education Capital Projects	\$0.10
TOTAL	\$1.59

*Property Tax revenue makes up approx. 40% of all revenue received by the County

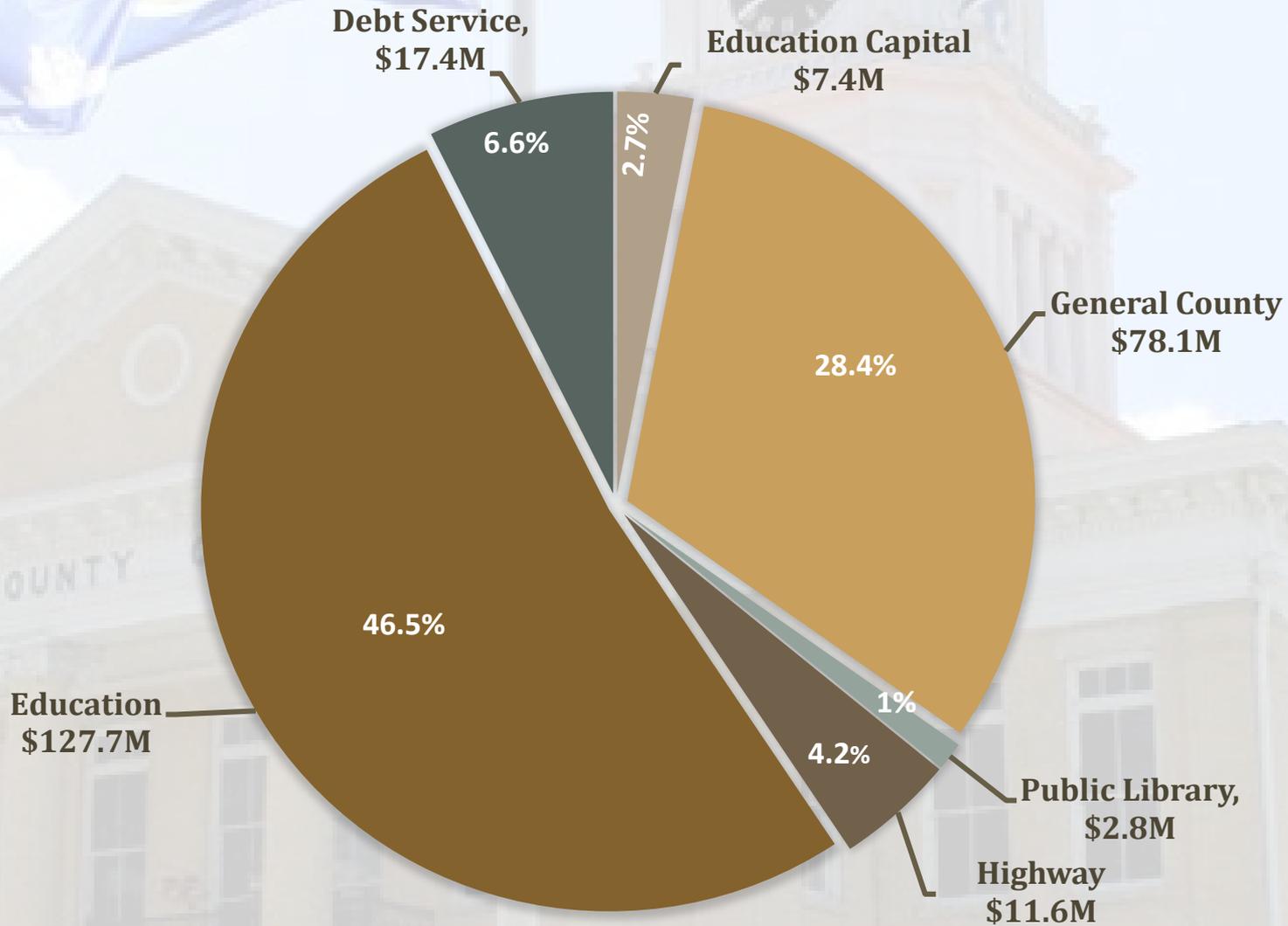
Financial Responsibility



Adopted Budget	
2024-25	\$274,527,093

- ❖ AA+ Credit Rating
- ❖ Clean Audits – 7 out of the last 9

FY 24-25 Budgeted Appropriations/Expenses



Debt Summary



Year-Ending	Total Debt
June 30, 2011	\$227M
June 30, 2018	\$157.7M
June 30, 2022	\$129.1M
June 30, 2025	\$98.3M

- ❖ All Variable Rate Debt Eliminated
- ❖ **100% Fixed Rate Debt in 2017**

Fund Balances



	2024	2025
General Fund	\$35.7M	\$33.8M
Debt Service	\$22.5M	\$30.3M
General Purpose School Fund	\$15.8M	\$11.0M

*Source – FY 22-23 Audited Financial Report

County Government



Constitutional Form of Government

❖ Executive Branch - Elected Officials

- Mayor
- Register of Deeds
- Property Assessor
- Circuit Court Clerk
- Sheriff
- Trustee
- Highway Superintendent
- County Clerk

❖ Legislative Branch – 21 County Commissioners

❖ Judicial Branch

Let's Be Blount

Work Hard, Work Honest & Work Together

Mayor Departments



- Animal Center
- Adult Probation
- General Services
 - Records, Custodial, Maintenance & Risk Management
- Finance & Accounting
- Human Resources
- Emergency Management
- Purchasing
- Information Technology
- Recovery Court

ARPA Funds



- Blount County Government has received \$39.5
- Current Approved Projects:
 - Water & Utility Expansions
 - Health & Public Safety
 - Administrative Costs (Temp Grant Management Person)
 - Eagleton Ballpark
 - Health Department (upcoming)
- Separate Grants
 - Register of Deeds - \$164K to digitize records

Eagleton Ballpark

Eagleton Ballpark Redevelopment

Project #ITB 2023-0190



SPARKMAN & ASSOCIATES
ARCHITECTS INC

- Approx. \$20M project
- School fields will be done first – Spring of 2025
- Remaining Fields – Summer of 2025

Eagleton Ballpark



Everett Fields





Blount County

ANIMAL CENTER



➤ Expansion Project

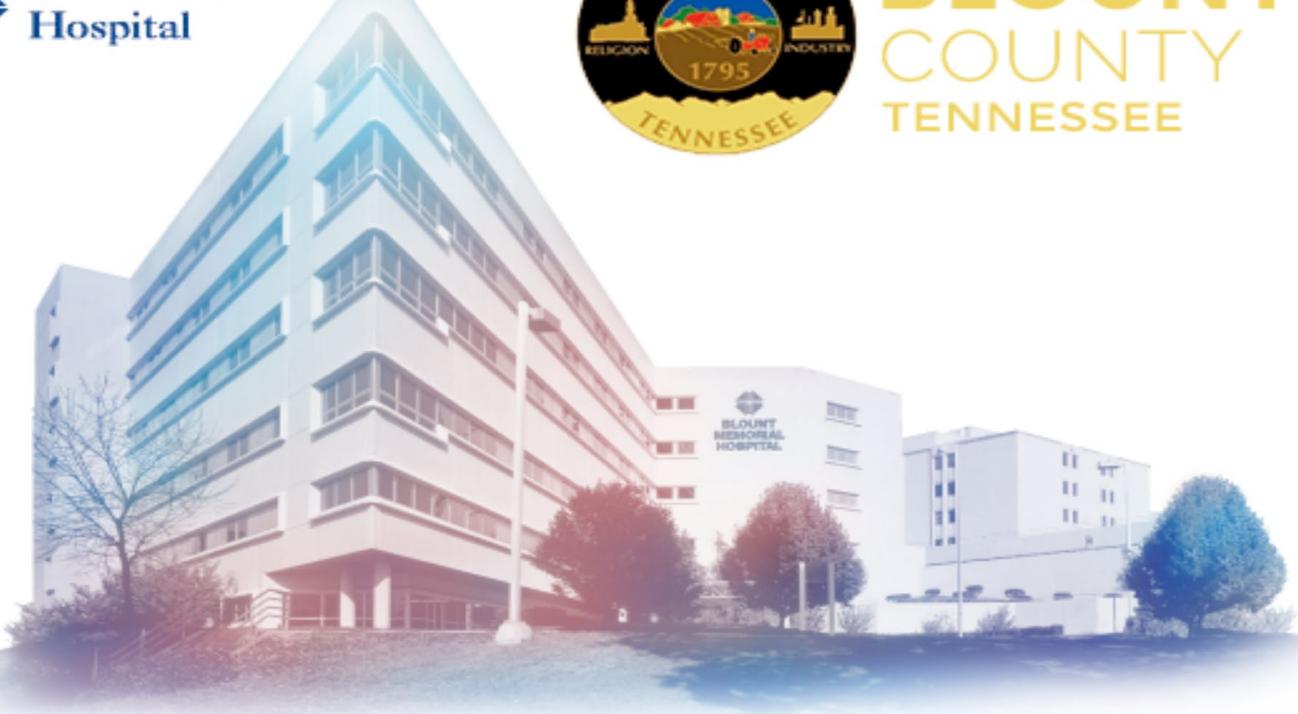
- Increase capacity by 50% for cats and 50% for large dogs
- Two Phases
- Wonderful Partnership with Friends of BC Animal Center



Blount Memorial
Hospital



BLOUNT
COUNTY
TENNESSEE



- All Litigation Settled and Court Orders entered in April 2024
- Exclusive negotiations with Prisma Health

County Development



2019

877 Permits issued
392 new single family homes
\$139M reported construction value

2020

930 Building permits issued
521 new single family homes
\$173M reported construction value

2021

962 Building permits issued
559 new single family homes
\$191M reported construction value

2022

913 Building permits issued
487 new dwelling units
\$185M reported construction value

2023

905 permits issued
458 new dwelling units
\$245m reported construction value

2024 (through August)

909 permits issued
483 new dwelling units
\$191m reported construction value

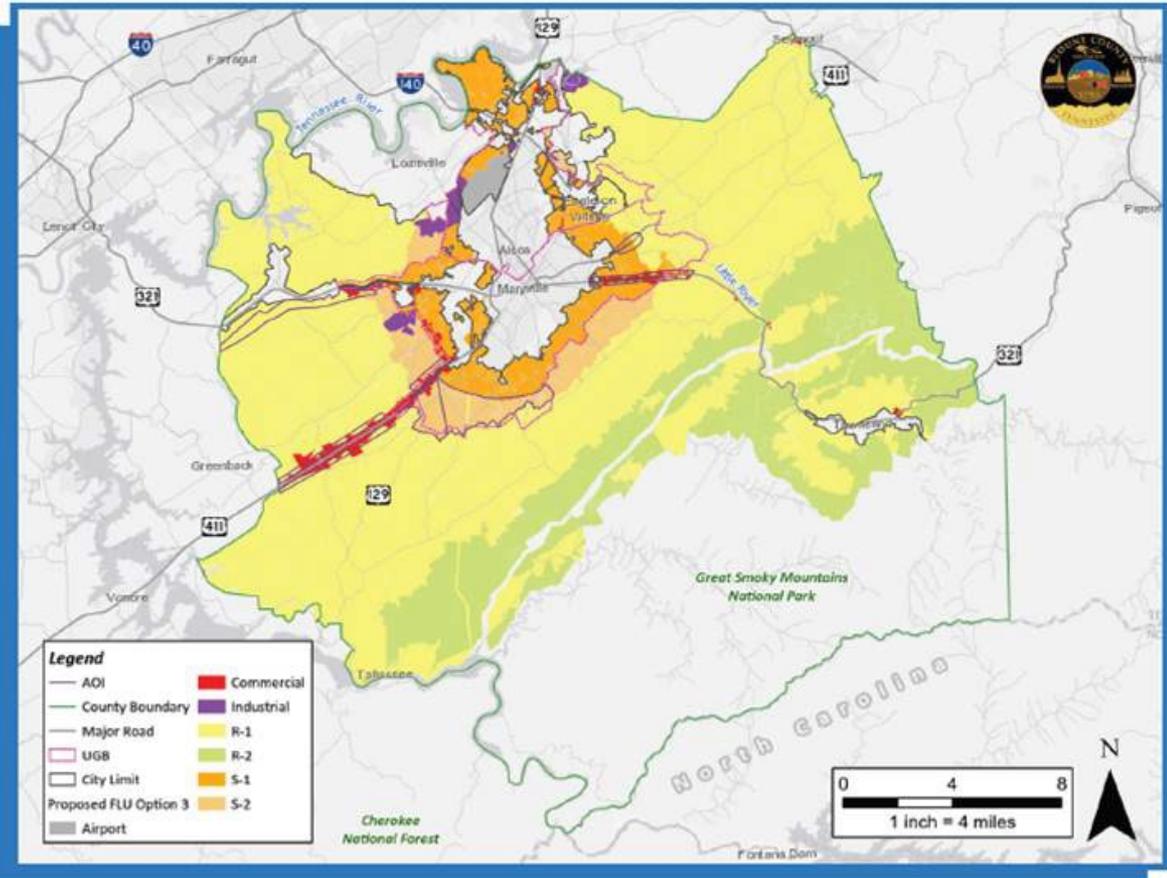
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN 2023

LET'S BE BLOUNT ABOUT OUR FUTURE GROWTH!

Task 4: Adoption & Implementation

- Implement Staff Revisions
- Finalize Comprehensive Plan
- Planning Commission
- County Commission

FUTURE LAND USE MAP



My Concerns

- Mental Health issues
- Drug & Alcohol Addiction
 - McNabb Center Partnership to build a Transition Center



CONCEPT RENDERING

MARYVILLE TRANSITION CENTER CONCEPT RENDERING
ALLAN ASSOCIATES ARCHITECTS, PLLC
PRELIMINARY
NOT FOR
CONSTRUCTION
JUL 11, 2023
A-2.0

My Concerns



➤ Local Elections

- November 5th - General Election for State and Federal and some Local races
- Over 90,000 Registered Voters in Blount County
- Turnout this past August: 16,116

A promotional banner for Tennessee Online Voter Registration. It features a red diagonal banner on the left that reads "TENNESSEE RANKED #1 IN ELECTION INTEGRITY". The center features a white outline of Tennessee with three red stars and the text "TENNESSEE ONLINE VOTER REGISTRATION" and "#GoVoteTN". Below this, the text "ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE?" is written in large blue letters. A QR code is on the left, and the text "REGISTER TODAY AT GoVoteTN.gov" is on the right. At the bottom, the Tennessee Secretary of State logo is displayed.

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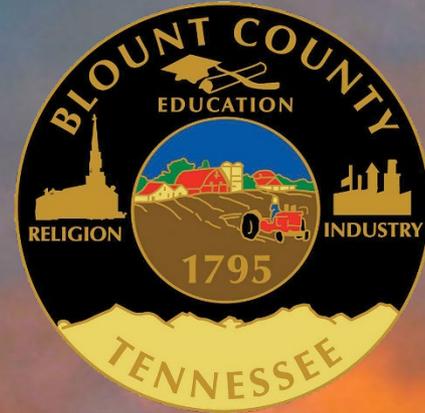
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