

Sevier County Commission

December 16, 2024 at 5:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

Quorum Present (24 Present, 1 Absent)

Present: Mayor Larry Waters, Ronnie Allen, Fred Atchley, Scott Catlett, Mike Chambers, Gary Cole, Bryan Delius, Aaron Foster, Greg Haggard, Brandon Headrick, Dale Hill, Mike Hillard, Warren Hurst, Michael Maddron, Don McGill, Chad Ogle, Ray Ogle, Jack Parton, Harold Pitner, Carrol Rauhuff, Tommy Watts, Dustin Weaver, Ronnie Whaley, Kent Woods
Absent: Todd Humble

III. CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT TO SEVIER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS DISTRICT 5, SEAT B

This seat will be vacated January 1, 2025. In accordance with TCA 5-5-111 the Sevier County Board of Commissioners will fill the vacant seat until the certification of Election held in 2026

Under recommendation of the Steering Committee, Rick Valentine has been recommended to fill District 5, Seat B effective as of January 2, 2025 after Fred Atchley steps down as County Commissioner and steps into his new role as State Representative District 12.

A motion was made by F. Atchley, and duly seconded by M. Maddron to nominate and fill District 5, Seat B with Rick Valentine. Passed by Roll Call vote 23 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent.

IV. CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT TO SEVIER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS DISTRICT 5, SEAT C

In accordance with TCA 5-5-111 the Sevier County Board of Commissioners will fill the vacant seat until the certification of Election held in 2026.

Under recommendation of the Steering Committee, Barbara Parton has been recommended to fill District 5, Seat C in place of the late Frank Parton.

A motion was made by M. Maddron, and duly seconded by R. Ogle to nominate and fill District 5, Seat C with Barbara Parton. Passed by Roll Call vote 23 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent.

A swearing in ceremony was held for Barbara Parton, she has been marked present from this point forward.

V. CONSIDERATION OF PROCLAMATION 2024-12-01: RECOGNIZING DALE CARR AND HIS SERVICE TO SEVIER COUNTY

Dale Carr spoke before the board thanking them for the honor and joked about Mr. Fred Atchley possibly out talk him as a politician.

A motion was made by R. Ogle, and duly seconded by C. Rauhuff. Passed by Roll Call vote 24 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent.

VI. CONSIDERATION OF PROCLAMATION 2024-12-02: RECOGNIZING FRED ATCHLEY AND HIS SERVICE TO SEVIER COUNTY

Commissioner Atchley spoke before this colleges thanking them for the honor and privilege it has been to work among them for the last twenty-six (26) years.

A motion was made by M. Maddron, and duly seconded by K. Woods. Passed by Roll Call vote 24 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent.

VII. CONSIDERATION OF PROCLAMATION 2024-12-03: RECOGNIZING DYLAN LOY AND HIS SERVICE TO SEVIER COUNTY

Dylan Loy thanked the committee for the honor of receive this recognition. Thanked his family and community for all their support.

A motion was made by J. Parton, and duly seconded by B. Headrick. Passed by Roll Call vote 24 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent.

VIII. CONSIDERATION OF PROCLAMATION 2024-12-04: RECOGNIZING JACK MCMAHAN AND HIS SERVICE TO SEVIER COUNTY

Jack McMahan spoke before the board talking about how far things have come and the people that have come out of Sevier County. Asked the committee if a resolution could be drawn up and sent to Nashville to honor late Winfield Dunn former governor of Tennessee.

A motion was made by M. Hillard, and duly seconded by G. Haggard. Passed by Roll Call vote 24 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent.

IX. CONSIDERATION OF PROCLAMATION 2024-12-05: RECOGNIZING FRANK PARTON AND HIS SERVICE TO SEVIER COUNTY

Barbara Parton spoke on behalf of her family thanking the board for their thoughts and prayers. Also thanked the board for giving her a chance to finish out his term.

A motion was made by B. Delius, and duly seconded by F. Atchley. Passed by Roll Call vote 24 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent.

X. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS COMMISSION MEETING

Commission minutes from November 18, 2024

A motion was made by R. Ogle, and duly seconded by G. Cole. Passed by Roll Call vote 24 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent.

XI. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS FROM COMMISSION COMMITTEES

A motion was made by C. Rauhuff, and duly seconded by B. Headrick.
Passed by Roll Call vote 24 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS/PUBLIC HEARING ON
REZONING REQUESTS

- PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS
 - No comments made
- PUBLIC HEARING ON REZONING ITEMS
 - No comments made

XIII. CONSIDERATION OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING 2024-
12-01: SEVIER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND
COUNTY MAYOR REGARDING AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT
FUNDING FOR SEVIER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Chairman Waters informed the board that in order to use the American
Rescue Plan ACT funding, the board will have to issue a memorandum to
move forward with spending money. These funds are being allocated
towards renovations being done at the Sevier County Health Department.

A motion was made by G. Cole, and duly seconded by H. Pitner. Passed by
Roll Call vote 24 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent.

XIV. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2024-12-01: APPOINT MEMBERS
TO THE SEVIER COUNTY BEER BOARD

- Chris Young, Term Expires December 31, 2025
- Greg Houk, Term Expires December 31, 2025

A motion was made by G. Haggard, and duly seconded by R. Ogle. Passed
by Roll Call vote 24 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent.

XV. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2024-12-02: APPOINT JUDICIAL
COMMISSIONERS FOR SEVIER COUNTY

- Jacelys Rodriquez, Term Expires August 31, 2025

A motion was made by R. Ogle, and duly seconded by A. Foster. Passed by Roll Coll vote 24 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent.

XVI. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2024-12-03: APPOINT MEMBERS TO THE SEVIER COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD

- Candace Morton, Term Expries December 31, 2030
- Phil Whaley, Term Expries December 31, 2030

A motion was made by G. Cole, and duly seconded by J. Parton. Passed by Roll Coll vote 24 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent.

XVII. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2024-12-04: CONFIRM MEMBERS TO THE SEVIER COUNTY PUBLIC BUILDING AUTHORITY

- Candace Morton, Term Expries December 31, 2030
- Phil Whaley, Term Expries December 31, 2030

A motion was made by H. Pitner, and duly seconded by A. Foster. Passed by Roll Coll vote 24 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent.

XVIII. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2024-12-05: CONFIRM MEMBERS TO THE SEVIER COUNTY HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND HOUSING FACILITES BOARD

- Candace Morton, Term Expries December 31, 2030
- Phil Whaley, Term Expries December 31, 2030

A motion was made by R. Ogle, and duly seconded by D. Weaver. Passed by Roll Coll vote 24 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent.

XIX. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2024-12-06: AUTHORIZE COUNTY MAYOR TO ISSUE JOINT PROCLAMATION TO HONOR THE SEVIER COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM ON WINNING THE TSSAA 5-A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Chairman Waters explained to the board that there will be a celebration held at a later date, due to the size of the team of seventy-seven (77), coaches, parents, etc. The commissioners will be invited once that has been planned out.

A motion was made by H. Pitner, and duly seconded by F. Atchley. Passed by Roll Call vote 24 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent.

XX. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2024-12-07: AUTHORIZE THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR FY 2025 STATE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS

A motion was made by B. Delius, and duly seconded by A. Foster. Passed by Roll Call vote 24 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent.

XXI. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2024-12-08: AUTHORIZE COUNTY MAYOR TO ISSUE JOINT PROCLAMATION TO HONOR THE SEYMOUR HIGH SCHOOL BAND ON ACHIEVEMENTS

Chairman Waters explained to the board that there will be a celebration held at a later date at Seymour High School, due to the size of members on the band, coaches, parents, etc. The commissioners will be invited once that has been planned out.

A motion was made by B. Delius, and duly seconded by G. Haggard. Passed by Roll Call vote 24 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent.

XXII. NOTARIES

Twenty-four (24) applicants up for approval to become notary publics.

A motion was made by B. Headrick, and duly seconded by H. Pitner. Passed by Roll Call vote 24 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent.

XXIII. OTHER BUSINESS

CT-D53 packets are presented to the board of commissioners regarding the information of the recent debt issued for the finishing of the Courts building.

Chairman Waters reminded the board that there will not be a meeting held in January.

Wishes of Happy Birthday to Commissioner Allen

XXIV. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Sevier County branch of University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture 4-H Honor Club public speaking group came to speak before the board of commissioners.

- Scarlet Bingman – Public Speaking
- Carolyn Bingman – Anne Frank
- Caleb Springer – House Plants
- Beth Springer – Horses

XXV. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by G. Cole, and duly seconded by S. Allen. Passed by Voice vote 24 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent.