

Sevier County Commission

March 17, 2025 at 6:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

Quorum Present (26 Present, 0 Absent)

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

Absent:

III. CONSIDERATION OF PROCLAMATION 2025-03-01: RECOGNIZING ELLIE UNDERWOOD AND HER CONTRIBUTIONS TO SEVIER COUNTY

Mayor Waters spoke on behalf of the Sevier County community congratulating Ellie Underwood on her hard work, dedications, and perseverance to get to where she is today.

A motion was made by C. Ogle, and duly seconded by H. Pitner. Passed by Roll call vote 25 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent.

IV. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS COMMISSION MEETING

A motion was made by G. Haggard, and duly seconded by R. Valentine. Passed by Roll call vote 25 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent.

V. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS FROM COMMISSION COMMITTEES

A motion was made by B. Delius, and duly seconded by A. Foster. Passed by Roll call vote 25 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent.

VI. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS OF OFFICIALS, DIVISIONS, AND DEPARTMENTS

- OFFICIALS
 - MAYOR
 - CIRCUIT COURT CLERK
 - DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS
 - REGISTER
 - ROAD SUPERINTENDENT
 - GENERAL SESSIONS COURT CLERK
 - SHERIFF
 - TRUSTEE
- DIVISION OF COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
 - BUILDING INSPECTION
 - CODES ENFORCEMENT
 - ENVIRONMENT HEALTH SERVICES
 - GEOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION SERVICES AND ADMINISTRATION
 - PLANNING
 - STORMWATER SERVICES
 - WATER SERVICES
- DIVISION OF EMERGENCY SERVICES
 - CENTRAL COMMUNICATIONS
 - EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
 - EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
 - FIRE PREVENTION AND RESPONSE
 - JUVENILE DETENTION
 - COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER
- DIVISION OF FACILITIES
 - MAINTENANCE
 - OPERATIONS

- PARKS AND RECREATION
 - SAFETY
- DIVISION OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION
 - ALCOHOL AND DRUG PROGRAMS
 - ARCHIVES AND RECORDS
 - FINANCE
 - FLEET ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICES
 - GRANTS AND SPECIAL PROJECTS
 - HUMAN RESOURCES
 - INFORMATION AND TECHNOLOGY SERVICES
- DIVISION OF GOVERNMENT SERVICES
 - JUDICIAL SERVICES
 - LIBRARY SERVICES
 - PROBATION SERVICES
 - SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AND SERVICES
 - VETERANS SERVICES
- DIVISION OF TOURISM AND COMMUNICATIONS
 - TOURISM
 - PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND COMMUNICATIONS
- OTHER DEPARTMENTS
 - ELECTIONS
 - EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION DISTRICT
 - JUDICIAL COMMISSIONERS
 - YOUTH SERVICES
 - ROCKY TOP SPORTS WORLD
 - SEVIER COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
- STATE OFFICES
 - HEALTH DEPARTMENT
 - SOIL CONSERVATION
 - UT AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION

Commissioner J. Parton asked the chairman for an update on the County housing strategic plan. Chairman Waters updated the board that the information was not ready at this time, but will send the updated information

soon. There will be a presentation most likely in the April board of commissioner meeting to show and explain the proposed plan.

A motion was made by R. Ogle, and duly seconded by G. Haggard. Passed by Roll call vote 25 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent.

VII. 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

VIII. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2025-03-01: AMENDA THE ZONING RESOLUTION FOR SEVIER COUNTY, TENNESSEE BY REZONING TAX MAP 40 PARCEL 37.33 FROM A-1, AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT TO R-2M, MEDIUM DESITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT

- ADDRESS: 289 RED BUD LANE
- REQUESTED BY: DAVID SACCULLO
- SEVIER COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
RECOMMENDATION: FOR

A motion was made by G. Cole, and duly seconded by S. Allen. Passed by Roll call vote 25 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent.

IX. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2025-03-02: CONFIRM THE APPOINTMENT OF A COMMISSIONER TO A COMMITTEE OF THE SEVIER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

A motion was made by M. Maddron, and duly seconded by R. Valentine. Passed by Roll call vote 25 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent.

X. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2025-03-03: ESTABLISH
COMPENSATION FOR THE SEVIER COUNTY BUILDING AND FIRE
BOARD OF APPEALS

Director of Sevier County Building Inspection Chris Jenkins explained to the board this resolution is to set the compensation rate for the appeals board for the transit residential inspection.

A motion was made by R. Ogle, and duly seconded by A. Foster. Passed by Roll call vote 25 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent.

XI. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2025-03-04: INTENT TO ADOPT
THE VARIOUS STANDARD CODES RELATED TO INSPECTION
ACTIVITIES

Director of Sevier County Building Inspection Chris Jenkins stated this resolution involves some housekeeping codes that were brought to our attentions by the board of construction appeals involving some of the larger cabins. These codes were already being enforced but under advisement instead of using our authority having jurisdiction meaning it's case by case, that the commissioners to go ahead and put in on records so that when design professionals do draw or a sketch, they know what exactly is in code. The building inspection office already adopts the state building or fire codes related to constructions; we have an intent period of public notice of two meetings including this meeting. The various standard codes will be up for formal approval in June.

A motion was made by G. Cole, and duly seconded by G. Haggard. Passed by Roll call vote 25 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent.

XII. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2025-03-05: SET SPEED LIMITS
ON CERTAIN SEVIER COUNTY ROADS

A motion was made by B. Headrick, and duly seconded by C. Ogle. Passed by Roll call vote 25 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent.

XIII. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2025-03-06: CLASSIFY COUNTY ROADS FOR THE SEVIER COUNTY ROAD SYSTEM

A motion was made by G. Cole, and duly seconded by S. Catlett. Passed by Roll call vote 25 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent.

XIV. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2025-03-07: REQUEST THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO SUPPORT RESTORATION OF REGISTERS COMMISSION

County Register Cyndi Pickel spoke before the board explained that the register office currently retains 2.4% of the commission collected with is a 5% commission. The commission from the July 2023-June2024 fiscal year would have added an additional \$239,000 (two hundred thirty-nine thousand dollars) to the general funds instead of sending it the state. It has be tried on the state level before but looking to get it passed this time, to show the state that those funds should be given back in the counties.

A motion was made by R. Ogle, and duly seconded by C. Ogle. Passed by Roll call vote 25 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent.

XV. NOTARIES

One Hundred and Twenty-Nine (129) Notary Public Applicants up for Approval.

A motion was made by R. Ogle, and duly seconded by R. Valentine. Passed by Roll call vote 25 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstain (T. Watts), 0 Absent

XVI. OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Waters spoke on behalf of the mayor's office congratulating Director of Finance Brooke Huffaker for a clean audit for the 3rd (third) year in a row. Only 9 (Nine) counties our of 95 (ninety-five). With a \$400 million (four hundred million) budget and around 38,000 employees' records is quite the accomplishment.

Chairman Waters wish Commissioner Warren Hurst happy birthday

Commission G. Haggard mentioned two things. First to remind the board that Career quests was the following day if the commissioner would attend. The school system and economic development council put in a lot of work for this event approximately 800 (eight hundred) students were attending. And to thank businesses for participating in this event. Second in regards to the post Sheriff Hodges made on Facebook in regards to the Beer Board revoking the license for Jimmy's Market, where we are trying to send a message that you just don't sell to minors. Thanked the Sheriff, Chad Ogle, and the beer board.

Chairman Waters informed the board that the regular scheduled April meeting has been changed it will now take place on April 17th the Thursday before Good Friday, it will be at noon. Lunch will be served before the meeting. It was moved to earlier in the day rather than at 5 PM due to scheduling conflict with the Lincoln Day dinner that night. Congressman John Rose from Middle Tennessee who is in discussion of running for governor will be present at the dinner

XVII. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

No request to speak

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by R. Whaley, and duly seconded by S. Catlett. Passed by Voice vote 25 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent.