

Sevier County Commission Meeting

August 19, 2024 at 6 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting started at 6:06 PM

II. ROLL CALL

Quorum Present (24 Present, 2 Absent)

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

Absent: Don McGill, Jack Parton

III. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS COMMISSION MEETING

A motion was made by H. Pitner, and duly seconded by C. Rauhuff. Passed by roll call vote 23 Yes, 0 No, 2 Absent.

IV. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS FROM COMMISSION COMMITTEES

A motion was made by M. Hillard, and duly seconded by M. Chambers. Passed by roll call vote 23 Yes, 0 No, 2 Absent.

V. 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
 - GEOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION SERVICES AND ADMISISTRATION
 - 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 SERVIES
 - JUDICIAL SERVICES
 - LIBRARY SERVICES

- PROBATION SERVICES
- SENIOR CENTER AND 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

A motion was made by R. Ogle, and duly seconded by A. Foster. Passed by roll call vote 23 Yes, 0 No, 2 Absent.

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

- PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS
 - NO PUBLIC COMMENTS MADE
- PUBLIC HEARING ON REZONING ITEMS
 - NO PUBLIC COMMENTS MADE

VII. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2024-08-01: AMEND THE ZONING RESOLUTION FOR SEVIER COUNTY, TENNESSEE BY REZONING TAX MAP 2 PARCEL 112.00 FROM A-1, AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT TO C-1, RURAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT.

- ADDRESS: 722 ASHEVILLE HIGHWAY
- REQUESTED BY: STEVEN DEKKER

- SEVIER COUNTY REG. PLANNING COMMISSION
RECOMMENDATION: FOR

A motion was made by M. Hillard, and duly seconded by C. Ogle. Passed by roll call vote 23 Yes, 0 No, 2 Absent.

VIII. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2024-08-02: CONFIRM THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE SEVIER COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

A motion was made by G. Haggard, and duly seconded by F. Atchley. Passed by roll call vote 23 Yes, 0 No, 2 Absent.

IX. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2024-08-03: ADOPT AND ESTABLISH THE SEVIER COUNTY STORM WATER AUTHORITY

Storm Water Director Doyle Clabo spoke before the board on the recent passing of his father former commissioner Ben Clabo and his love of service. Thanked David Carver for bringing up the changes needed for the Storm Water regulations, it had been about five (5) years since the last update to policies and regulations. EPA has also put forth with additional requirements for County and Cities under same permit to have ordinance all line up and language to match. Additionally, the EPA run off reduction requirements is being update to match code. Commissioner Delius asked if this would affect agricultural properties. Director Clabo says agricultural properties will not be affected.

Chairman Mayor Waters spoke of Ben Clabo passing, personal friend for many years. Clabo served for 56 (fifty-six) years, one of the longest serving commissioners in the state. Contributed a lot to the county, been chairman of Budget committee since 1982 before retiring in 2020. Waters relied on Ben and his counsel. Condolences to his family.

A motion was made by F. Atchley, and duly seconded by B. Headrick. Passed by roll call vote 23 Yes, 0 No, 2 Absent.

X. NOTARIES

Forty-Eight (48) applicants were up for approval at this time.

A motion was made by C. Rauhuff, and duly seconded by G. Cole. Passed by roll call vote 23 Yes, 0 No, 2 Absent.

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

- Friday August 23, 2024 is the grand-opening for the Centerview convenience center, praises for Senior Director of Community Planning and Development Matt Rudder and Commissioner Ronnie Whaley for the great work they put in towards residential convenience center program.
- Chairman Waters informed the board this will be Commissioner Melissa Godfrey last meeting, keeping her and her family in their prayers.
- Commissioner Hurst asked for an update on the internet provider grant. Director of Grants and Special Projects Andrew J. Temple updated the board of commissioners that the bid program ended at the end of July this year. It allowed area residents and businesses to submit where their location address was where the old map showed there was internet when there were none. The map currently will show providers where areas were hit hardest by being mislabeling. Like Jones Cove out towards the lake, around Allensville Rd, Alder Branch in the Dupont area, and also Newport Hwy and Wears Valley in the outer areas of the community away from the main part of town. The next step will be providers will have a change to go in and review those cases and make sure that it is correct and nothing has been missed. At that point internet providers will get a chance to apply for the funds to go out into those areas bringing service and expansion. Once those funds are acquired, they have a three (3) year target date to meet the demands from the state on that and with the money that they spend to go to those homes and businesses, if they don't those companies have to repay the funds plus a penalty of somewhere around 20%-25%. It is estimated to start early 2025 once the funds have been given out.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

- F. Atchley made motion to recognize Jennifer Jeffers, K. Woods seconded motion.

Educator Jennifer Jeffers spoke on behalf of area disable adults who have aged out of the system. Adults who are having to move out of the area to where there are resources for them, the county is underserving these adults and should be providing more resources. TennCare proves grant funding for these programs as long as the community has the space for the programs. These adults want to be part of the community, work force, and have personal goals if we have the resources to help them achieve these goals.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by T. Watts, and duly seconded by M. Maddron. Passed by voice vote 23 Yes, 0 No, 2 Absent.