

Under TCA 5-5-10, the County Mayor is calling a Special Session of the Sevier County Commission on Monday June 24, 2024 at 6 P.M. in the meeting room (306W) of the Sevier County Courthouse. The special session will include items listed below:

SEVIER COUNTY COMISSION

(SPECIAL SESSION)

June 24, 2024 AT 6 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

Quorum Present (21 Present, 5 Absent)

Present: Mayor Larry Waters, Ronnie Allen, Fred Atchley, Scott Catlett, Mike Chambers, Bryan Delius, Aaron Foster, Greg Haggard, Brandon Headrick, Dale Hill, Todd Humble, Michael Maddron, Don McGill, Chad Ogle, Ray Ogle, Frank Parton, Jack Parton, Carrol Rauhuff, Tommy Watts, Ronnie Whaley, Kent Woods

Absent: Gary Cole, Melissa Godfrey, Mike Hillard, Warren Hurst, Harold Pitner

III. CONDISERATION OF PROCLAMATION 2024-06-01:
RECOGNIZING JAMES RANDY PARTON AND HIS SERVICE TO
SEVIER COUNTY

James Randy Parton spoke in thanks to the board for this honor, thanking the board for treating him right even if he didn't always get what he wanted. It has been a good ride for him and the time he worked for the county.

A motion was made by F. Atchley, and duly seconded by M. Maddron. Passed by roll call vote 20 yes, 0 no, 5 absent.

IV. CONSIDERATION OF PROCLAMATION 2024-06-02:
RECOGNIZING THE GATLINBURG-PITTMAN HIGH SCHOOL
BOYS SOCCER TEAM WINNING THE 2024 TSSAA CLASS A
STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Chairman Waters spoke highly of the sportsmanship and teamwork, these coaches and team have exemplified over the past few years. Third state championship in five years is no small feat.

A motion was made by R. Ogle, and duly seconded by J. Parton. Passed by roll call vote 20 yes, 0 no, 5 absent.

V. CONSIDERATION OF PROCLAMATION 2024-06-03:
RECOGNIZING THE GATLINBURG-PITTMAN HIGH SCHOOL
GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM MAKING THE 2024 TSSAA CLASS
AA STATE TOURNAMENT

Chairman Waters congratulated the players as well as the coaches for setting a high standard. After six years of going to state tournament shows dedications and that girls done an excellent job and shows that it takes a lot of hard work to get where they're at. Everyone is proud of them and of all the teams today.

A motion was made by M. Maddron, and duly seconded by J. Parton. Passed by roll call vote 20 yes, 0 no, 5 absent.

VI. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS
COMMISSION MEETING

A motion was made by R. Ogle, and duly seconded by G. Haggard. Passed by roll call vote 20 yes, 0 no, 5 absent.

VII. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS FROM COMMISSION COMMITTEES

A motion was made by B. Delius, and duly seconded by T. Humble.
Passed by voice vote 20 yes, 0 no, 5 absent.

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

A. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

- I. Kelli O’Conner spoke in regards to the school district budgets allocating to the student social emotional learning and well-being survey. Brought forward that the law has been updated since the last time school board policy 651 has been put in place. Regarding access to parents or legal guardian before survey, analyze, or evaluation has taken place.

B. PUBLIC HEARING ON REZONING ITEMS

- I. No comments made.

IX. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2024-06-01: AMEND THE ZONING RESOLUTION FOR SEVIER COUNTY, TENNESSEE BY REZONING TAX MAP 58 PARCEL 127.00 FROM A-1, AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT TO C-2, GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT

- ADDRESS: 12724 CHAPMAN HIGHWAY
- REQUESTED BY: DANIEL VEALS
- SEVIER COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
RECOMMEND: FOR

A motion was made by G. Haggard, and duly seconded by C. Ogle.
Passed by roll call vote 20 yes, 0 no, 5 absent.

II. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2024-06-02: AMEND THE ZONING RESOLUTION FOR SEVIER COUNTY, TENNESSEE BY REZONING TAX MAP 13 PARCEL 36.01 FROM A-1, AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT TO C-1, RURAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT

- ADDRESS: 2938 SIMS ROAD
- REQUESTED BY: MARK STRANGE
- SEVIER COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
RECOMMEND: FOR

A motion was made by R. Ogle, and duly seconded by B. Delius. Passed by roll call vote 20 yes, 0 no, 5 absent.

III. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2024-06-03: AMEND THE ZONING RESOLUTION FOR SEVIER COUNTY, TENNESSEE BY REZONING TAX MAP 124 PARCEL 3.01 FROM A-1, AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT TO C-1, RURAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT

- ADDRESS MCPHERSON LANE
- REQUESTED BY: KIM GOODE
- SEVIER COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
RECOMMEND: FOR

A motion was made by C. Rauhuff, and duly seconded by G. Haggard. Passed by roll call vote 20 yes, 0 no, 5 absent.

IV. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2024-06-04: AMEND THE ZONING RESOLUTION FOR SEVIER COUNTY, TENNESSE BY ESTABLISHING ZONING TAX MAP 109 PARCEL 92.02 TO A-1, AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT

- ADDRESS: GOLF CREEK ROAD

- REQUESTED BY: SEVIER COUNTY PLANNING
- SEVIER COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
RECOMMENDED: FOR

Director James Temple informed the board of commissioners this is not a change of zoning, but it would establish a zone classification for a parcel of land.

A motion was made by J. Parton, and duly seconded by F. Atchley.
Passed by roll call vote 20 yes, 0 no, 5 absent.

V. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2024-06-05: AMEND THE ZONING RESOLUTION FOR SEVIER COUNTY, TENNESSEE BY REZONING TAX MAP 57 PARCELS 7.00 AND 5.01 FROM R-1, RURAL RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO C-2, GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT

- ADDRESS: 632 MARYVILLE HIGHWAY
- REQUESTED BY: MITCH MCCARTER
- SEVIER COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
RECOMMEND: FOR

A motion was made by J. Parton, and duly seconded by C. Ogle. Passed by roll call vote 20 yes, 0 no, 5 absent.

VI. CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT TO GENERAL SESSIONS JUDGE, DIVISION I

Chairman Waters brought this Consideration before the board stating that it had been left vacant by Judge Jeff Rader who has resigned after being appointed Special Judge in Fourth Judicial District earlier this month. In accordance to TCA the Sevier County Board of Commissioners will now fill this vacant seat until the certification of a special election in 2026.

Commissioners may make a motion to nominate a candidate to fill the seat the nomination must receive a second. Audience members can make a recommendation however a commissioner must submit a motion and receive a second to place that recommendation in consideration. It is noted that the Steering Committee of Sevier County Board of Commissioners has submitted a recommendation of Keith Cole. That recommendation must also receive a motion and a second.

Audience member Andrew Holt recommended wife Shannon Holt, stating that she possesses the necessary qualifications for the position and currently serves as assistant public defender at the Fourth Judicial District.

Commissioner Kent Woods nominated Shannon Holt, stating that she is the daughter-in-law of the Late Connie Holt and the granddaughter-in-law of the late Judge Holt. Shannon has lived here for 30 (thirty) years in this County and graduated from Gatlinburg-Pittman High School. Did her undergrads at University of Tennessee but went to Lincoln Memorial University to finish her schooling. She got 17 (seventeen) years of experience in the General Sessions Court and 7.5 (seven and a half) years' experience working at the clerk's office of the General Sessions Court, 9.5 (nine and a half) years at General Sessions Court as an attorney covering criminal, small claim, juvenile criminal, juvenile court which includes custody and termination of parental rights and probate. During her work she has worked under Judge Rader and Judge Stokes and had gotten a lot of experiences right in those courts.

A motion was made by K. Woods to nominate Shannon Holt, was not seconded. Nomination did not move forward for vote.

A motion was made by B. Delius to nominate Keith Cole, and was duly seconded by R. Allen. Passed by voice vote 19 yes, 1 no (K. Woods), 5 absent.

Keith Cole spoke before the board to thank the commission for giving him the opportunity. Spoke of being a blessed man, blessed to have the Lord in his heart, and blessed to have family and friends who have supported me and continue to support me. Moving forward he will lean on that support with the learning curve and challenges ahead.

VII. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2024-06-06: CONFIRM THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE SEVIER COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

A motion was made by R. Ogle, and duly seconded by M. Chambers. Passed by roll call vote 20 yes, 0 no, 5 absent.

VIII. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2024-06-07: APPOINT MEMBERS TO THE SEVIER COUNTY BOARD OF ZOING APPEALS

A motion was made by R. Ogle, and duly seconded by G. Haggard. Passed by roll call vote 20 yes, 0 no, 5 absent.

IX. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2024-06-08: APPOINT JUDICIAL COMMISSIONERS FOR SEVIER COUNTY

A motion was made by R. Ogle, and duly seconded by M. Maddron. Passed by roll call vote 20 yes, 0 no, 5 absent.

X. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2024-06-09: APPROVE, RECOGNIZE, ESTABLISH, AND/OR UPDATE ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES FOR THE OPERATION OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT

A motion was made by F. Atchley, and duly seconded by D. McGill. Passed by roll call vote 20 yes, 0 no, 5 absent.

XI. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2024-06-10: UPDATE THE SEVIER COUNTY EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK

A motion was made by R. Ogle, and duly seconded by C. Rauhuff.
Passed by roll call vote 20 yes, 0 no, 5 absent.

XII. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2024-06-11: APPROVE THE SEVIER COUNTY MAYOR TO EXECUTE AND EXTEND LEASE WITH THE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY ON A PORTION OF PARCEL 019 001.00

Chairman Waters updated that this will extend the lease currently in place with the Tennessee Valley Authority. This parcel currently has a boat dock this is not lease to County, but the surrounding area is leased to County at no cost. The water outtake is set on this parcel that carries water up to Pigeon Forge, Gatlinburg, and surrounding areas in the County. Vice Mayor McCarter updated that the extension lease has not been set but currently looking at a 30 (thirty) year lease, pulling example from the current lease in place.

A motion was made by R. Whaley, and duly seconded by M. Chambers.
Passed by roll call vote 20 yes, 0 no, 5 absent.

XIII. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2024-06-12: AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 BUDGET FOR THE GENERAL FUND 101, FIRE PROTECTION FUND 111, LAW LIBRARY FUND 114, SOLID WASTE/SANITATION FUND 116, SPECIAL PURPOSE FUND 121, OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUND 128, HIGHWAY FUND 131, SCHOOL GERNAL PURPOSE FUND 141. SCHOOL FEDERAL PROJECTS FUND 142, SCHOOL CAFETERIA FUND 143, DEBT SERVICE FUND 151, AND PUBLIC UTILITY FUND 204 TO MORE ACCURATELY REFLECT REVENUES AND EXPENSES

A motion was made by G. Haggard, and duly seconded by J. Parton.
Passed by roll call vote 20 yes, 0 no, 5 absent.

XIV. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2024-06-13: APPROVE THE SALE AND/OR DISPOSAL OF VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 ENDING ON JUNE 30, 2024

A motion was made by R. Ogle, and duly seconded by B. Headrick.
Passed by roll call vote 20 yes, 0 no, 5 absent.

XV. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2024-06-14: AUTHORIZE MULTIPLE YEAR LEASE PURCHASES AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS

A motion was made by R. Ogle, and duly seconded by Aaron Foster.
Passed by roll call vote 20 yes, 0 no, 5 absent.

XVI. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2024-06-15: ESTABLISH THE CERTIFIED TAX RATE AND FIXING THE TAX LEVY IN SEVIER COUNTY, TN FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 TO BEGIN JULY 1, 2024

A motion was made by C. Rauhuff, and duly seconded by M. Chambers.
Passed by roll call vote 20 yes, 0 no, 5 absent.

XVII. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2024-06-16: APPROPRIATE FOR VARIOUS FUNDS, OFFICES, DIVISIONS, DEPARTMENTS, INSTITUTIONS, AND AGENCIES OF SEVIER COUNTY, TN FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 TO BEGIN JULY 1, 2024

A motion was made by R. Ogle, and duly seconded by C. Ogle. Passed by roll call vote 20 yes, 0 no, 5 absent.

XVIII. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2024-06-17: APPROVE OFFICIAL BUDGET DOCUMENTS FOR SEVIER COUNTY, TN FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 TO BEGIN JULY 1, 2024

A motion was made by R. Whaley, and duly seconded by G. Haggard.
Passed by roll call vote 20 yes, 0 no, 5 absent.

XIX. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2024-06-18: APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO VARIOUS NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS WHICH BENEFIT SEVIER COUNTY, TN AND ITS CITIZENS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 TO BEGIN JULY 1, 2024

A motion was made by C. Rauhuff, and duly seconded by R. Ogle.
Passed by roll call vote 20 yes, 0 no, 5 absent.

XX. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2024-06-19: NAME AND DEDICATE COUNTY FACILITIES

A motion was made by M. Chambers, and duly seconded by B. Delius.
Passed by roll call vote 20 yes, 0 no, 5 absent.

- Judge Rex Henry Ogle spoke before the board expressing that he was in Nashville when he had received the call about the building being named after him. It has been the greatest honor of his life to put for a great career of 34 (thirty-four) years and is a very humble man. Thanks, his wife Norma Ogle for being with him for 39 (thirty-nine) years. Thanks, Rita Ellison former circuit court clerk and Karen Atchley current circuit court clerk for doing a great job. Wonderful run of 35 (thirty-five) years being on the bench.
- Todd Holt thanked the board for honoring Connie Holt and her memory.
- Andrew Holt thanked the board for honoring his mom in this way, she would be very humbled and proud. Poured her heart and soul into her work. Misses her daily, and pulls strength from her memory.
- Larry Waters expressed thanks and gratitude for being honored alongside of Henry Ogle and Connie Holt. Stated the dedications

currently are the Chief Justice Gary Wade courtroom and the Helen Loveday circuit court office, more will follow.

XXI. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2024-06-20: ADJUST COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENTS EMERGENCY SERVICE NUMBERS AND RESPONSE ZONES

Fire Administrator Chief David Puckett spoke before the board explaining that his office and area fire chiefs have been in discussion over the last few years to update response zones; due to limited access, new access, and new growth. After looking at call data and response times to try to redistrict some of those areas to decrease emergency response time to allow better response and services. The response zones have to be updated every 3 (three) years based on the guidelines of the state fire marshal's office and has to pass before the county commission board.

A motion was made by J. Parton, and duly seconded by B. Headrick. Passed by roll call vote 20 yes, 0 no, 5 absent.

XXII. NOTARIES

39 (thirty-nine) applicants were up for approval.

A motion was made by G. Haggard, and duly seconded by C. Rauhuff. Passed by roll call vote 19 yes, 1 abstain, 0 no, 5 absent.

XXIII. OTHER BUSINESS

Comment made about the Tennessee College baseball game currently on. GO VOLS!

XXIV. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by J. Parton, and duly seconded by F. Atchley. Passed by voice vote 20 yes, 0 no, 5 absent.