

Sevier County Commission

April 17, 2025 at 12:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

Quorum Present (25 Present, 1 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, Chad Ogle, Ray Ogle, Barbara Parton, Jack Parton, Harold Pitner, Carrol Rauhuff, Tommy Watts, Dustin Weaver, Ronnie Whaley, Kent Woods, Rick Valentine

Absent: Don McGill

III. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS COMMISSION MEETING

A motion was made by C. Rauhuff, and duly seconded by T. Humble. Passed by Roll call vote 24 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent.

IV. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS FROM COMMISSION COMMITTEES

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

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

J. Parton asked for an update on the digesters installed at the landfill convenience center.

Chairman Waters updated the board that a 6th (six) digester unit was installed and currently 3 (three) units, soon to be 4 (four) units working, 2 (two) units are currently undergoing extensive repairs before there are functioning. With the addition of digesters, it has help with the overflow at the center. Spoke with the solid waste board yesterday and has been a help with wait times and with all the refugees coming back out of the landfill.

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

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

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

VII. CONSIDERATION OF PETITION 2025-04-01: RELEASE THE SEVIER COUNTY TRUSTEE FROM FURTHER LIABILITY FOR THE COLLECTIONS OF REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE YEAR 22023 AS REQUESTED BY THE SEVIER COUNTY TRUSTEE

County Trustee Faye Loveday was present to speak on behalf of the trustee office. Stating that the trustee office has a good collection year for 2023, collecting 99.08 (ninety-nine point eight) percent of the 2023 taxes.

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

VIII. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2025-04-01: CONFIRM THE APPOINTMENTS OF COMMISSIONERS TO COMMITTEES OF THE SEVIER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Chairman Waters informed the board that this is under recommendation of the Steering Committee. This will also be brought up in September for yearly approval, but was needed to do so currently due to significant changes the among the members of the commission has had in the last few months.

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

IX. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2025-04-02: CONFIRM
DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAX ATTORNEY COMPENSATION

A motion was made by G. Cole, and duly seconded by M. Maddron. Passed by Roll call vote 24 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent.

X. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2025-04-03: TRANSFER FUNDS
FROM FEDERAL PROJECTS FUND OF CENTRAL CAFETERIA
FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025

Chairman Waters informed the board that this resolution is under recommendation from the budget committee, and Sevier County School System Finance Director Dr. Whit Helton was present for any questions.

Dr. Helton explained to the board “that in August of 2021 the school system requested a temporary transfer of a million (\$1,000,000.00) dollars to federal projects fund for the life span of the COVID Relief grants that we got from the federal government those grants have run their life cycle and so we are requesting that the million (\$1,000,000.00) dollars be transferred to our cafeteria fund to allow an additional layer of protection to keep us from going in the negative space. Those funds also operate on a reimbursement basis, this would be a permanent transfer for these funds.”

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

XI. NOTARIES

Fifty-Five (55) Notary Public Applicants up for Approval.

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

XII. OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Waters wanted to welcome Amber Atchley who is the new practitioner at the county wellness clinic.

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

No request made for public comment

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made R. Allen. And duly seconded by W. Hurst. Passed by Voice vote 24 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent.