



SEVIER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Budget Committee

June 13, 2023 1:00 PM

- I. Call to Order
- II. Old Business
- III. New Business
 - A. 2023-2024 Fiscal Year Budget
 - 1. Non-Profit Funding
 - 2. Highway Fund Draft Budget
 - 3. School Fund Draft Budget
 - 4. General Fund Draft Budget
 - i. Summary of Requests and Funding
 - B. Sevier County Transportation Plan Update
 - C. Consideration of Resolution 2023-06-21: Authorization for County Mayor to Execute Contract with Tennessee Department of Transportation Concerning SR-449 Extension (Veterans Boulevard) from Robert Henderson Road North of Little Pigeon River to SR-66
- IV. Other Business
- V. Adjourn

Commissioner Atchley called the meeting to order at 1:01 PM.

Mayor Waters reviewed non-profit organization funding requests. Mayor Waters recognized Superintendent Smelcer for the Highway Fund Draft. Commissioner Hurst made a motion to accept the budget as it was presented. Commissioner Cole seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mayor Waters, Vice Mayor McCarter, and Assistant County Mayor Huffaker presented the Committee the 2023 – 2024 Fiscal Year Budget. The proposed budget included a 6% raise for employees and a 3% increase in base salary. Vice Mayor McCarter and Sheriff Hodges explained the updated step-plan pay rate for emergency service personnel. Director Ayers discussed the new EOC facility and new flood monitoring system. Director Valentine and Assistant Mayor Huffaker Ambulance Service increase in other Contracted Services line item is due to TennCare allotment of ambulance transportation. Commissioner Parton expressed concern over the order of Fire Protection budget without Intergovernmental Committee having approved first and requested the Fire Protection line item be held out of budget until Intergovernmental Committee has had the opportunity to review. Commissioner Hurst made a motion to approve the budget, excluding the Fire Prevention line item until Intergovernmental Committee can review. Commissioner Cole seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Jeff Mize, representative of CDM Smith, updated the Committee on the Sevier County Transportation Plan. The proposed plan from TDOT is a continuation of Veterans Boulevard



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extension from where it currently ends on Dolly Parton Parkway to Highway 66 at the Doug Bishop Bridge. The total proposed project would connect the new Veterans Boulevard extension to the proposed Exit 408 on I-40. The Transportation Board would look into the possibility of applying for federal grants to assist TDOT with the final stage of the project. The County would use ARPA funds to pay its portion of the Veterans Boulevard extension project.

Mayor Waters presented Resolution 2023-06-21: Authorization for County Mayor to Execute Contract with Tennessee Department of Transportation Concerning SR-449 Extension (Veterans Boulevard) from Robert Henderson Road North of Little Pigeon River to SR-66. Commissioner Cole made a motion to approve. Commissioner Delius seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Cole made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Delius seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 2:57 PM.

Members

Mike Chambers
Warren Hurst
Ronnie Whaley
Gary Cole
Fred Atchley
Bryan Delius

Others

Mayor Larry Waters
Vice Mayor Bryan McCarter
Assistant County Mayor/Senior Director of Finance & Administration Brooke Huffaker
Assistant County Mayor/Senior Director of Community Planning and Development/Government Services Matt Rudder
Director of Grants and Special Projects Andrew Temple
Director of Public Affairs and Communications Tyler Basler
Director of Emergency Medical Services Rick Valentine
Director of Information Technology Robert Grover
Director of Emergency Management Joe Ayers
Director of Safety Chris Maples
Sheriff Michael Hodges
Road Superintendent Jonas Smelcer
Commissioner Scott Catlett



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Commissioner Brandon Headrick

Commissioner Carroll Rauhuff

Commissioner Ray Ogle

Commissioner Jack Parton

Fire Marshall Josh Tucker

Pigeon Forge Mayor David Wear

Jeff Mize

Jeff Farrell