



SEVIER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Budget Committee – October 2024
October 10, 2024 4:00 PM

Members

Mike Chambers
Ronnie Whaley
Warren Hurst
Kent Woods
Fred Atchley

Others

Mayor Larry Waters
Vice Mayor Bryan McCarter
Assistant County Mayor/Senior Director of
Community Planning and
Development/Government Services Matt
Rudder
Assistant County Mayor/Senior Director of
Finance & Administration Brooke Huffaker

Director of Grants and Special Projects
Andrew Temple
Director of Public Affairs and
Communications Tyler Basler
Sheriff Michael Hodges
Assessor of Property Thomas King
Director Rick Valentine
Assistant Director Will Allen
Chief David Puckett
Commissioner Ray Ogle
Commissioner Dustin Weaver
Commissioner Carroll Rauhuff
Commissioner Brandon Headrick
Marty Duncan
Becky Duncan
Justin Duncan

- I. Call to Order
- II. Selection of Chairman
- III. Selection of Secretary
- IV. Old Business
 - A. Funding for Potential Lease – Hatcher Building
- V. New Business
 - A. Classifications and Compensation Plan – Update on Emergency Services
 - B. Bond Issuance
 - C. Contribution to Non-Profits
- VI. Other Business
 - A. Information: Fee Schedule Update: Ambulance
- VII. Adjourn

Mayor Waters called the meeting to order at 4:01 PM.

Mayor Waters opened the floor for nominations for Chairman. Commissioner Hurst made a motion to nominate Commissioner Atchley. Commissioner Whaley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Atchley opened the floor for nominations for Secretary. Commissioner Hurst made a motion to nominate Director Temple. Commissioner Whaley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.



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Vice Mayor McCarter and Assessor of Property King presented the Committee with a review of all current County leased property and a summary of what the proposed lease of the Hatcher property would be and which currently leased properties would end and those departments moved into the Hatcher property. Commissioner Woods made a motion to appropriate the funds to enter into a lease for the Hatcher property pending approval by the Intergovernmental Committee and approval by the full Board of Commissioners at the next meeting on October 21, 2024. Commissioner Chambers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Waters updated the Committee on the potential changes to the Classification and Compensation Plan for emergency service personnel and that these changes would help our departments be more financially competitive with the other departments in the area. Sheriff Hodges and Director Valentine gave examples of their personal versus neighboring communities.

Vice Mayor McCarter and Assistant County Mayor/Senior Director of Finance & Administration Brooke Huffaker presented initial general obligation bond resolution. Commissioner Hurst made a motion to approve pending approval by the full Board of Commissioners at the next meeting on October 21, 2024. Commissioner Chambers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Waters presented Resolution 2024-10-XX: A Resolution to Appropriate Funds to Mountain Ways and Mountain Touch in Response to the Hurricane Helene Flooding. Mayor Waters and Vice Mayor McCarter informed the Committee of plans with TVA and State for the cleanup of Douglas Lake. Sevier County has been declared a disaster area by the State of Tennessee. Commissioner Whaley made a motion to approve the resolution. Commissioner Woods seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Waters and Director Valentine informed the Committee of a fee schedule increase proposed by the Department of Emergency Medical Services. This is the first increase since 2007. No action was required and the Intergovernmental Committee will vote on the proposed increase.

Mayor Waters informed and invited the Committee to the Employee Appreciation luncheon on the Courthouse lawn on Friday, October 11.

Commissioner Chambers made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hurst seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 4:51 PM.