



SEVIER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Budget Committee

June 6, 2024 5:00 PM

Members

Warren Hurst
Ronnie Whaley
Fred Atchley
Bryan Delius
Kent Woods
Mike Chambers

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
Sheriff Michael Hodges
Chief David Puckett
Deputy Chief/Fire Marshall Josh Tucker
Commissioner Ray Ogle
Commissioner Michael Maddon
Magistrate Albert Snyder
Director Rick Valentine
Director Andrew Whaley
School System Superintendent, Finance &
Human Resources Whit Helton
Tennessee Fourth Judicial District Public
Defender Rebecca Lee
Tennessee Fourth Judicial District Assistant
Public Defender Dillon Douglas
April Tallman
Jeff Farrell

Commissioner Atchley called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM.

Tennessee Fourth Judicial District Public Defender Rebecca Lee addressed the Committee requesting two (2) additional attorneys for the Sevier County General Sessions Court. This request is being made to the City of Sevierville, Pigeon Forge, and Gatlinburg. If approved, the total cost would be split between the four (4) local governments. Public Defender Lee said her office requested additional funding from the State of Tennessee but was denied. Mayor Waters is going to talk to the other local governments and report back at the next meeting.

Ms. Tallman presented the Committee the Sevier County Highway Department's proposed balanced budget. The Department is requesting a 5% Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA). Commissioner Hurst made a motion to accept as presented. Commissioner Woods seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Helton gave an update on the School System's proposed budget. Commissioner Hurst made a motion to accept as presented. Commissioner Delius seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.



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Assistant County Mayor Huffaker presented the Committee with a breakdown of non-profit requests and that there would be a resolution at the next Budget Committee meeting. Commissioner Woods made a motion to accept as presented. Commissioner Chambers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Assistant County Mayor Huffaker presented the Committee with the full proposed Fiscal Year 2024 – 2025 Budget. Mayor Waters, Vice Mayor McCarter, and Assistant County Mayor Huffaker explained each item in the proposal including C.O.L.A., payroll, and operating increases for each office and department. Sheriff Hodges and Director Valentine explained their office and department's requests.

Mayor Waters and Vice Mayor McCarter gave an update for Sevier County Fire & Rescue plans to merge with Wears Valley Volunteer Fire Department.

Commissioner Woods made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Whaley seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:51 PM.