



SEVIER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Budget Committee – June 2026
June 4, 2026 5:30 PM

Members

Mike Chambers
Michael Maddron
Bryan Delius
Kent Woods
Warren Hurst
Gary Cole
Ronnie Whaley

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 Public Affairs and
Communications Tyler Basler
Director of Grants and Special Projects
Andrew Temple
Sheriff Michael Hodges
Commissioner/Director Rick Valentine
Commissioner Aaron Foster
Commissioner Mike Hillard
Director Joe Ayers
Director Andrew Whaley
Assistant Director Will Allen
Chief David Puckett
Road Superintendent Donnie Adams
April Tallman
Interim Director of Schools Wendy
Patterson
Assistant Superintendent, Finance &
Human Resources Whit Helton
Jeff Farrell

- I. Call to Order
- II. Old Business
- III. New Business
 - A. Presentation of 2026-2027 Fiscal Year Budget
 1. Sevier County Highway Department
 - i. Fund 131: Highway/Public Works Fund
 2. Sevier County School System
 - i. Fund 141: General Purpose School Fund
 - ii. Fund 142: School Federal Projects Fund
 - iii. Fund 143: Central Cafeteria Fund
 3. Sevier County General Government
 - i. 2025-2026 Budget Narrative Summary
 - ii. Budget Request Action Worksheet
 - iii. Budget Architect: All Funds
 - iv. Fund 101: General Fund
 - v. Fund 111: Fire Protection Fund
 - vi. Fund 112: Courthouse and Jail Maintenance Fund
 - vii. Fund 114: Law Library Fund
 - viii. Fund 116: Solid Waste/Sanitation Fund
 - ix. Fund 118: Opioid Settlement Fund
 - x. Fund 121: Special Purpose (Regular Capital Projects) Fund
 - xi. Fund 122: Drug Control Fund



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- xii. Fund 128: Other Special Revenue (Drug Court) Fund
- xiii. Fund 151: General Debt Service Fund
- xiv. Fund 204: Public Utility Fund
- 4. Non-Profit Funding Requests
 - i. Non-Profit Funding Summary
 - ii. Non-Profit Request Applications
- B. Major Capital Projects Schedule
- IV. Other Business
- V. Adjourn

Commissioner Woods called the meeting to order at 5:45 PM.

Mayor Waters, Superintendent Adams, and Ms. Tallman presented Fund 131: Highway/Public Works Fund. Commissioner Whaley made a motion to accept the proposed budget. Commissioner Chambers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Waters, Interim Director Patterson, and Assistant Superintendent Helton presented Fund 141, 142, and 143. Commissioner Hurst made a motion to accept the proposed budget. Commissioner Whaley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Waters, Vice Mayor McCarter, Assistant County Mayor Huffaker and Assistant County Mayor Rudder presented the 2025-2026 Budget Narrative Summary and Fund 101, 111, 112, 114, 116, 118, 121, 122, 128, 151, 204 and non-profit requests. Mayor Waters informed the committee the Equalization Board is holding hearings for appraisal value adjustments. The proposed certified rate is \$0.87. Commissioner Delius presented a request from the General Session Judges and General Sessions Court Clerk for an adjustment for the Victim Witness Coordinator position which is currently funded through a State of Tennessee grant. The request would be for the employee to become a full-time County employee and report to the General Sessions Court Clerk. Vice Mayor McCarter is meeting with the judges on June 5th and will report back to the Committee at the next meeting. Vice Mayor McCarter, Assistant County Mayor Rudder, and Commissioner Hurst informed the Committee of the proposed rate changes presented to the Water Committee. Commissioner Hurst made a motion to approve the proposed budget, subject to any changes less than \$150,000, and set the certified property tax rate at \$0.87 and send the proposed budget to the full Board of Commissioners for approval. Commissioner Maddron seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Valentine presented a proposal to update the audio/visual technology in the Commission Room. Commissioner Valentine worked with Director Grover and Director Strickland. The proposal is for \$124,000 and the work would be completed by the August Board of Commissioners meeting. Commissioner Hurst



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made a motion to accept the proposal. Commissioner Chambers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Whaley made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Maddron seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:02 PM.