

Budget Committee
May 25, 2023 12:00 PM
Courtroom 100E

Members

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

Others

Sevier County Mayor Larry Waters
Sevier County Vice Mayor Bryan McCarter
Sevier County Assistant County Mayor/Senior Director Finance & Administration
Brooke Huffaker
Sevier County Assistant County Mayor/Senior Director of Community Planning
and Development/Government Services Matt Rudder
Sevier County Director of Grants and Special Projects Andrew Temple
Sevier County Director of Public Affairs and Communications Tyler Basler
Sevier County Sheriff Michael Hodges
Sevier County EMS Director Rick Valentine
Sevier County Senior Director of Facilities Jason Strickland
District Attorney General James Dunn
Jeff Farrell

Commissioner Atchley called the meeting to order at 12:17 PM

Director Valentine requested the approval to purchase two (2) new 2023 chassis before the FY24 budget is passed due to limited availability. Commissioner Hurst made a motion to allow Director Valentine to proceed with the purchase before the budget was passed. Commissioner Whaley seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

General Dunn requested Committee to review the salary of Mr. Cole. Mayor Waters reminded Committee of the ongoing litigation between the County and the Public Defenders Office.

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Mayor Waters updated Committee on the current state of the new Courts Building project. Johnson & Galyon Construction is the construction manager. After consulting with Johnson & Galyon, the architect, and County's project team the revised budget Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) is \$31,790,854. Vice Mayor McCarter and Director Strickland outlined the additional costs including FF&E, architecture fees, technology, etc. the total price is currently estimated to be \$34,474,540.47. Year to Date expense is \$865,761.97 leaving a remaining amount of \$33,608,778.50. Commissioner Woods made a motion to accept the GMP of \$31,790,84 from Johnson & Galyon Construction, giving Mayor Waters the authority to sign the contract before the May 31, 2023 deadline. Commissioner Chambers seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Waters informed Committee of the next called Budget Committee meeting on June 13. Committee members will be provided with a copy of the proposed budget prior to the meeting. Mayor Waters and Vice Mayor McCarter outlined the new Comp Time Policy which will be proposed to Commission. Sheriff Hodges explained how Comp Time works for emergency service personnel.

Commissioner Atchley asked what the timeline would be for the new Courts Building to start construction. Director Strickland said the timeline is estimated for the end of June/first of July.

Mayor Waters informed Committee that CDM Smith will be at the June 13 Budget meeting to give a presentation on the Veterans Blvd. extension project. The County has received a contract from the State and Mayor Waters will propose to use ARPA funds to pay for the County's portion of the project.

Commissioner Whaley made a motion to contract with Mr. Freeman to purchase the original lot as well as the additional lot located in the back for the new Pigeon Forge Convenience Center in order to comply with City of Pigeon Forge zoning regulations. Commissioner Woods seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Woods made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hurst seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 1:19 PM.