



SEVIER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Budget Committee

June 2026: Special Called

June 16, 2026 12:00 PM

Members

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

Others

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
Chief David Puckett
Commissioner/Director Rick Valentine
Commissioner Aaron Foster
Commissioner Mike Hillard
Commissioner Ray Ogle
Commissioner Harold Pitner
Commissioner Dale Hill
Commissioner Jack Parton
Commissioner Chad Ogle
Commissioner Tommy Watts
Commissioner Dustin Weaver
Commissioner Carroll Rauhuff
Director Joe Brown
Director Andrew Whaley
Assistant Director Will Allen
Jail Administrator Steve Layman
Road Superintendent Donnie Adams
April Tallman
Circuit Court Judge Jeff Rader
Kevin Ownby

- I. Call to Order
- II. Old Business
 - A. Non-Profit Funding Discussion
 - B. Northview/Kodak Volunteer Fire Department Funding Analysis and Fire Department 5 Year Plan
 1. Sevier County Fire/Rescue Summary
- III. New Business
 - A. Consideration of Resolution 2026-06-15: Amend the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget for the General Fund 101, Fire Protection Fund 111, Law Library Fund 114, Solid Waste/Sanitation Fund 116, Opioid Settlement Fund 118, Special Purpose Fund 121, Other Special Revenue Fund 128, Highway Fund 131, School General Purpose Fund 141, School Federal Projects Fund 142, School Cafeteria Fund 143, Debt Service Fund 151, and Public Utility Fund 204 to more Accurately Reflect Revenues and Expenses
 - B. Consideration of Resolution 2026-06-16: Approve the Sale and/or Disposal of Vehicles and Equipment for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 ending on June 30, 2026



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- C. Consideration of Resolution 2026-06-17: Authorize Multiple Year Lease Purchases and Maintenance Agreements
- D. Consideration of Resolution 2026-06-18: Establish and Fix the Tax Levy in Sevier County, Tennessee for the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 to Begin July 1, 2026 Including Setting the Official Rate Above the Certified Rate Following Reappraisal
- E. Consideration of Resolution 2026-06-21: Appropriate for Various Funds, Offices, Divisions, Departments, Institutions, and Agencies of Sevier County, TN for the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 to begin July 1, 2026
- F. Consideration of Resolution 2026-06-22: Approve Official Budget Documents for Sevier County, TN for the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 to begin July 1, 2026
 - 1. Official Budget Documents for Fiscal Year 2026 - 2027
- G. Consideration of Resolution 2026-06-23: Appropriate Funds to Various Non-Profit Organizations Which Benefit Sevier County, TN and its Citizens for the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 to begin July 1, 2026
- H. Seymour/West Sevier County Recreational Park
 - 1. Option – Parcel #1 – Ledford
 - 2. Offer – Parcel #2 - Cutshaw
- IV. Other Business
- V. Adjourn

Commissioner Woods called the meeting to order at 12:11 PM.

Judge Rader and Mr. Ownby spoke on behalf of the Boys and Girls Club of the Smoky Mountains requesting an increase in donation from \$100,000 to \$150,000. This is the first increase request in 10 years. Commissioner Whaley made a motion to amend the funding amount in the proposed budget from \$100,000 to \$150,000. Commissioner Delius seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Vice Mayor McCarter, Chief Puckett and Commissioner Woods updated the Committee on the status of the Northview/Kodak Volunteer Fire Department (NVKVFD). Commissioner Delius made a motion to approve 3 3-person crews at New Center and 3 3-person crews at NVKVFD and to revisit the protentional of adding Battalion Chiefs at NVKVFD next fiscal year. Commissioner Woods informed the Committee of the proposal that would allow NVKVFD to fund the Battalion Chiefs. Commissioner Delius withdrew his motion. Commissioner Chambers made a motion to approve the merger with NVKVFD, including all assets and for NVKVFD to pay any/all debts; to approve the hiring of 18 firefighters including 3 3-person crews at New Center and 3 3-person crews at NVKVFD and 3 Battalion Chiefs at NVKVFD which would amend the 2026-2027 proposed budget. Commissioner Maddron seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.



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Ms. Tallman presented 2025-2026 Amendment for Highway Fund 131. Commissioner Chambers made a motion to approve. Commissioner Cole seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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Vice Mayor McCarter and Assistant County Mayor Huffaker presented Consideration of Resolution 2026-06-21: Appropriate for Various Funds, Offices, Divisions, Departments, Institutions, and Agencies of Sevier County, TN for the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 to begin July 1, 2026. Commissioner Maddron made a motion to approve. Commissioner Delius seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Vice Mayor McCarter and Assistant County Mayor Huffaker presented Consideration of Resolution 2026-06-22: Approve Official Budget Documents for Sevier County, TN for the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 to begin July 1, 2026. Commissioner Cole made a motion to approve. Commissioner Chambers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.



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Commissioner Cole seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Delius made a motion to amend Resolution 2026-06-22: Approve Official Budget Documents for Sevier County, TN for the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 to begin July 1, 2026 as approved including: moving the Victim Witness Coordinator to be under the direction of the General Sessions Court Clerk; adjust the payment of the Election Administrators salary based on proposed from the Election Commission; and increase the Boys and Girls Club of the Smoky Mountains funding from \$100,000 to \$150,000. Commissioner Chambers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Vice Mayor McCarter and Commissioner Weaver updated the Committee on the status of the Seymour/West Sevier County Recreation Park parcels. Commissioner Maddron made a motion to allow the Mayor's Office to accept the offer for Parcel #1 and to negotiate and purchase Parcel #2. Commissioner Woods seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Cole made a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 1:57 PM.