

Emergency Services Committee

May 4, 2023 6:00 PM

Courtroom 306W

Members

Bryan Delius

Mike Hillard

Michael Maddron

Ray Ogle

Jack Parton

Tommy Watts

Others

Sevier County Vice Mayor Bryan McCarter

Director of Fire Response and Prevention/Sevier County Fire/Rescue Chief David Puckett

Sevier County Rescue Squad David Kitlinger

Sevier County Rescue Squad Dustin Sutton

Sevier County Rescue Squad Courtney Sutton

Sevier County Assistant County Mayor/Senior Director of Community Planning and Development/Government Services Matt Rudder

Sevier County Sheriff Michael Hodges

Sevier County Director of Grants and Special Projects Andrew Temple

Sevier County Director of Public Affairs and Communications Tyler Basler

Sevier County Juvenile Detention Director Joe Brown

Sevier County Jail Administrator Steve Layman

Sevier County EMA Director Joe Ayers

Chairman Delius opened the meeting at 6:00 PM

Mr. Sutton presented the monthly report from the Sevier County Rescue Squad.

Director Ayers presented the monthly report from the Sevier County Emergency Management Agency.

Director/Chief Puckett presented the monthly report for the Department of Fire Response and Prevention/Sevier County Fire/Rescue. Director/Chief Puckett updated committee on on-going process with updating the County's Building Codes and Sevier County will be the 5th county in the State to have "exempt jurisdiction". Commissioner Parton asked why the County is making this change. Director/Chief Puckett explained the County codes have to be within 6 years of what the State's code year is. Commissioner Parton asked if existing cabins or

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structures will have to meet proposed new codes. Director/Chief Puckett explained the structure will have to meet the code from when it was constructed and be up-to-date to current codes if drastic footprint of structure was changed. Commissioner Parton asked what the County's liability is to cabin inspections. Director/Chief Puckett said these inspections will be like current commercial building or restaurant and inspectors will have Qualified Immunity. Commissioner Delius asked if the permits will cashflow with increase in personnel cost. Director/Chief Puckett said in discussion with the Building Inspection and Finance Department, it is estimated to cashflow to cover those extra costs.

Administrator Layman presented the monthly report for the Sevier County correctional facilities. Administrator Layman requested the SCSO Corrections Division Disciplinary Review Board to be signed for State accreditation.

Director Brown presented the monthly report from the Sevier County Juvenile Detention Center.

Sheriff Hodges presented the monthly report from the Sevier County Sheriff's Office. Sheriff Hodges informed the committee of two (2) grants the Department has recently received: \$400,000 ELC equipment grant as well as a \$317,000 TN Violent Crime grant. Sheriff Hodges discussed SROs in the county schools. He said SCSO will provide an SRO at Trula Lawson Center next school year is Sevierville Police Department cannot. SCSO is looking into applying for an SRO grant through the State. Next school year SCSO will have an SRO in 4 schools in City limits.

Commissioner Maddron made a motion to adjourn, and Commissioner Watts seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:52 PM.