



SEVIER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Emergency Services Committee – October 2024
October 10, 2024 6:00 PM

Members

Ray Ogle
Michael Maddron
Tommy Watts
Bryan Delius
Mike Hillard
Jack Parton
Aaron Foster

Others

Mayor Larry Waters
Vice Mayor Bryan McCarter
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
Director Joe Brown
Director Rick Valentine
Director Andrew Whaley
Director Joe Ayers
Assistant Director Brooke Steele
Assistant Director Will Allen
Jail Administrator Steve Layman
Chief David Puckett
Misty McGill

- I. Call to Order
- II. Selection of Chairman
- III. Selection of Secretary
- IV. Reports from Departments
 - A. Sevier County Sheriff's Office
 - B. Department of Fire Prevention and Response (Sevier County Fire/Rescue)
 - C. Department of Emergency Management (EMA)
 - D. Department of Emergency Medical Services (EMS/Ambulance)
 - E. Department of Central Communications (E-911)
 - F. Department of Juvenile Detention
 - G. Sevier County Rescue Squad
- V. Old Business
- VI. New Business
 - A. Hurricane Helene Response Summary
 - B. E-911 Dispatcher Status
- VII. Other Business
- VIII. Adjourn

Commissioner Delius called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM.



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Mayor Waters opened the floor for nominations for Chairman. Commissioner Hillard made a motion to nominate Commissioner Delius. Commissioner Parton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Delius opened the floor for nominations for Secretary. Commissioner Parton made a motion to nominate Director Temple. Commissioner Hillard seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chief Puckett presented the monthly report from the Department of Fire Prevention and Response (Sevier County Fire/Rescue) including capital projects at Station 1 and Station 2, and updated the Committee on the status of the Wears Valley acquisition. Burn Permit season starts on October 15th.

Director Ayers presented the monthly report from the Department of Emergency Management (EMA) including ongoing training and renovation for the new Public Safety Building.

Director Valentine presented the monthly report from the Department of Emergency Medical Services (EMS/Ambulance). Director Valentine informed the Committee the three (3) ambulances purchased during the FY 23 – 24 budget will be delivered soon. The ambulances purchased in the FY 24 – 25 budget have been ordered and are expected to be delivered in 18 – 24 months. Director Valentine also informed the Committee of a fee schedule increase. This is the first increase since 2007. No action was required and this information was presented to the Budget Committee and approved by the Intergovernmental Committee.

Director Whaley presented the monthly report from the Department of Central Communications (E-911).

Director Brown presented the monthly report from the Department of Juvenile Detention. Director Brown also informed the Committee they are finalizing their federal audit.

Sheriff Hodges presented the monthly report from the Sevier County Sheriff's Office. Sheriff Hodges informed the Committee of the assistance Sevier County gave to Cocke County including housing 45 inmates and sending personnel to assist in Cocke County.

Director Ayers gave a summary on the Hurricane Helene response including information on the flood monitoring system throughout the County and the Army Corp of Engineers model which assisted in preparing for the event. The County sent an EOC support team to Unicoi County to assist in the aftermath of the flooding event. Sheriff Hodges and Chief Puckett sent crews to



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Cocke County to assist. Sevier County has been declared a disaster area by the State which will allow for FEMA/TEMA assistance. Mayor Waters informed the Committee of Resolution 2024-10-XX: A Resolution to Appropriate Funds to Mountain Ways and Mountain Touch in Response to the Hurricane Helene Flooding.

Director Whaley presented Resolution 2024-10-XX: A Resolution to Recognize Sevier County Emergency Telecommunicators as First Responders. Commissioner Parton made a motion to approve. Commissioner Maddron seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Watts made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hillard seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:01 PM.