



SEVIER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Emergency Services Committee
August 8, 2024 6:00 PM

Members

Ray Ogle
Michael Maddron
Tommy Watts
Bryan Delius
Melissa Godfrey
Jack Parton

Development/Government Services Matt
Rudder
Director of Grants and Special Projects
Andrew Temple
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

Others

Mayor Larry Waters
Vice Mayor Bryan McCarter
Assistant County Mayor/Senior Director of
Community Planning and

- I. Call to Order
- II. 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
- III. Old Business
- IV. New Business
 - A. Review of Public Safety Building Plans
- V. Other Business
- VI. Adjourn

Commissioner Delius called the meeting to order at 6:13 PM.

Commissioner Delius recognized Chief Puckett. Chief Puckett presented the monthly report from the Department of Fire Prevention and Response (Sevier County Fire/Rescue). Chief Puckett informed the Committee that they are interviewing for four (4) inspector positions and hired a permit tech in July. Over 300 people attended the 3rd Annual Wildfire Preparedness Expo. Chief Puckett answered questions over concerns about burn permits.



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Commissioner Delius recognized Director Ayers. Director Ayers presented the monthly report from the Department of Emergency Management (EMA).

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

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

Commissioner Delius recognized Director Valentine. 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 in last year's budget will be delivered in the Fall. The ambulances purchased in FY24 budget have been ordered and are expected to be delivered in 16 – 18 months.

Commissioner Delius recognized Sheriff Hodges. Sheriff Hodges presented the monthly report from the Sevier County Sheriff's Office. Sheriff Hodges informed the Committee construction has begun on the old Record's building, eight (8) new cruisers have been purchased and new cameras are being installed at the Jail in the single-cell facilities. Jail Administrator Layman had members of the Committee to sign the Disciplinary Report for the Jail and Annex. Jail Administrator Layon will submit the report.

Director Ayers gave a report on the new Public Safety Building. The County purchased the 74,000 sq. ft. warehouse in the John L. Marshall Park in 2023. The facility will be a warehouse and future home of the Emergency Management Agency, Fire/Rescue, Medical Examiner, and Central Communications. The warehouse will be utilized to store emergency equipment and items in bulk that can be distributed to civilians and first responders in the event of a disaster.

Commissioner Parton made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Maddron seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:06 PM.