



SEVIER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Emergency Services Committee
October 2025: Special Called
October 15, 2025 12:00 PM

Members

Ray Ogle
Dustin Weaver
Tommy Watts
Jack Parton

Others

Mayor Larry Waters
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/Commissioner Rick Valentine
Assistant Director Will Allen
Jail Administrator Steve Layman
Major Rhett Rutledge
Captain Don Parton
Corporal Samuel Rautbord

- 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
- V. Other Business
- VI. Adjourn

Mayor Waters called the meeting to order at 12:05 PM.

Sheriff Hodges gave a report from the Sevier County Sheriff's Office. Sheriff Hodges spoke on the Slammedenuff event and how the event affected all of the area's law enforcement departments and praised the corporation amongst all of them. The SCSO correctional facilities recently had 11 participants graduate from the Jail Re-Entry Program. Mayor Waters and Sheriff Hodges discussed the issues the Sevier County Animal Shelter is facing concerning the numbers of animals. Sheriff Hodges informed the Committee that a female trustee crew cleans clean the facility to allow the Animal Shelter's staff to focus on other areas of day-to-day operation.

Director Valentine gave a report from the Department of Emergency Medical Services (EMS/Ambulance). Director Valentine informed the Committee there is a standalone living quarters section for EMS personnel at the new Pigeon Forge Fire Department. The New Center station is being remodeled due to flooding and should



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be ready in a few weeks. The budget increase is for the new crew is fully staffed Thursday – Saturday.

Mayor Waters and Sheriff Hodges presented the Stepping Up Initiative resolution. Commissioner Ogle made a motion to accept the resolution and send to the full Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Watts seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Administrator Layman, Captain Parton, and Corporal Rautbord were present for the Disciplinary Review Report. Sheriff Hodges informed the Committee the correctional facilities would be just 1 of 5 facilities in the State of Tennessee to be a Tier II accreditation.

Commissioner Parton made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Ogle seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 12:50 PM.