



SEVIER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Emergency Services Committee - February 2025
February 9, 2026 12:00 PM

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Members

Ray Ogle
Dustin Weaver
Jack Parton
Bryan Delius
Aaron Foster
Mike Hillard

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
Jail Administrator Steve Layman
Chief David Puckett
Director Joe Ayers
Director Andrew Whaley
Assistant Director Mike Tarwater

- 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

Commissioner Delius called the meeting to order at 12:25 PM.

Chief Puckett gave a report from the Department of Fire Prevention and Response (Sevier County Fire/Rescue). Chief Puckett updated the Committee on responses to Winter Storm Fern and ongoing commercial property inspections.

Director Valentine gave a report from the Department of Emergency Medical Services (EMS/Ambulance).

Director Ayers gave a report from the Department of Emergency Management (EMA). Director Ayers informed the Committee of assistance that EMA provided to the Red Cross with a shelter during Winter Storm Fern. Director Ayers gave an update on the Public Safety Building (PSB) construction and renovation project. The project is on time and scheduled to open in Fall 2026.



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Director Whaley gave a report from the Department of Central Communications (E-911). Director Whaley provided architectural proofs of renderings of the Department's space in the new PSB.

Sheriff Hodges gave a report from the Sevier County Sheriff's Office. Sheriff Hodges informed the Committee that the Office received Tier II accreditation from the State of Tennessee, making the Sevier County correctional facilities 1 of only 5 facilities in the State with this level of accreditation.

Commissioner Hillard requested an update on the future of the Northview Volunteer Fire Department. Chief Puckett informed the Committee on the current funding of the Department and that there is a strategic planning meeting tomorrow with all of the volunteer departments.

Commissioner Hillard made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Parton seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 1:31 PM.