



SEVIER COUNTY
TENNESSEE

SEVIER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Emergency Services Committee - May 2026
May 8, 2026 2:00 PM

Members

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

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
Chief Deputy Nathan Carr
Deputy Chief Stephanie Hodges
Captain Clinton Valentine
Director/Commissioner Rick Valentine
Jail Administrator Steve Layman
Director Joe Ayers
Director Joe Brown
Assistant Director Brooke Steele
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
 - A. Received Letter from City of Sevierville on Red Bank Road Project
 1. Response Letter from Sevierville
 2. Traffic Study by City of Sevierville
 3. Letter from Sevierville May 8, 2026
- IV. New Business
- V. Other Business
- VI. Adjourn

Commissioner Delius called the meeting to order at 2:14 PM.

Director Ayers gave a report from the Department of Emergency Management (EMA) and updated the Committee on the progress of the Public Safety Facility construction and renovation project. The project is on time and scheduled to open in Fall 2026.



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

Assistant Director Tarwater gave a report from the Department of Central Communications (E-911).

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 Brown gave a report from the Department of Juvenile Detention and updated the Committee on recent upgrades to the facility, including HVAC, roof, and cameras.

Sheriff Hodges gave a report from the Sevier County Sheriff's Office, including the additions to security in the Rex Henry Ogle Courts Building. Jail Administrator Layman presented to the Committee the Disciplinary Report for the Jail and Annex. Jail Administrator Layon will submit the report.

Commissioner Delius presented the Committee the letters from the City of Sevierville concerning the Red Bank Road Project. Mayor Waters and Vice Mayor McCarter have had discussions with City of Sevierville leadership, and all parties are focused on more communication on projects that will affect multiple jurisdictions. Commissioner Hillard said that the Sevier County Planning Commission is ready to look at updates to zoning.

Commissioner Watts made a motion for the Mayor's Office to hire a land attorney to take any legal action and provide resources against the Red Bank Road Project. Commissioner Foster seconded the motion. Commissioner Parton made a motion for the Mayor's Office to consult with a land attorney on any legal, planning, and zoning issues to work alongside the County's Planning and Zoning Department. Commissioner Watts and Commissioner Foster withdrew their original motion. Commissioner Watts seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Hillard requested an update on the County's Fire/Rescue plan at the Special Called Thursday, May 28 Emergency Services Committee meeting.

Commissioner Parton made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Weaver. The meeting adjourned at 3:03 PM.