



SEVIER COUNTY
TENNESSEE

SEVIER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Emergency Services Committee - August 2026
August 10, 2026 3:00 PM

Members

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

Others

Mayor Larry Waters
Mayor-Elect Bryan McCarter
Assistant County Mayor/Senior
Director of Finance & Administration
Brooke Huffaker
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
Fire Chief David Puckett
Fire Marshall Josh Tucker
Commissioner Kent Woods
Commissioner Mike Chambers
Commissioner Warren Hurst
Director/Commissioner Rick Valentine
Jail Administrator Steve Layman
Director Joe Ayers
Director Andrew Whaley
Assistant Director Will Allen
Director Joe Brown
Assistant Director Brooke Steele
Director Jason Strickland
Jeff Farrell
Kyle Baisley

- I. Call to Order
- II. Public Comment
- III. 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
- IV. Old Business
 - A. Red Bank Road/Spence Mountain Safety Concerns
 1. Kyle Baisley
 - B. Sevier County Fire/Rescue Update
 1. Long-Term Plan for Sevier County Fire/Rescue
 2. Northview/Kodak Volunteer Fire Department Merger
 3. Pittman Center Volunteer Fire Department Update
 4. Sprinkler Rates/Regulations
- V. New Business
- VI. Other Business
- VII. Adjourn



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Commissioner Delius called the meeting to order at 3:06 PM.

Commissioner Delius opened the Public Comment section of the meeting. Martha Madigan expressed concern for traffic and the one way in/one way out of Red Bank Road. Carrie Sailor thanked the Committee for listening to their concerns and is concerned about Emergency Service vehicles being able to respond to the area. Patty Suggs wants to know if the County can de-annex the land or if there is anything the State Fire Marshal's Office can do about the development. Leland Wykoff is concerned about adequate fire protection in the area. Commissioner Delius closed the Public Comment section of the meeting.

Commissioner Delius asked each of the Departments that were present if they had anything further to add to the Committee outside of their given reports. None did. Sevier County Rescue Squad was not present.

Commissioner Delius introduced Mr. Kyle Baisley. Mr. Baisley updated the Committee on what zoning and development law research he had been conducting and addressed Ms. Suggs's question concerning the de-annexation of the property, the County cannot de-annex the property. Mr. Baisley advised the Committee no legal action should be taken against the City of Sevierville, but the County should continue to be proactive with future phases of the development off Red Bank Road.

Mayor-Elect McCarter and Chief Puckett presented a proposal for a Long-Term Plan for Sevier County Fire/Rescue. Commissioner Hillard made a motion authorizing County Administration to prepare a 10-year Long-Term Plan, present to the Committee at the December 2026 Emergency Services Committee meeting, and put a pause on any further discussions with any other Volunteer Fire Departments, other than the two (2) currently in discussions with, until after the Long-Term Plan is created. Commissioner Watts seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chief Puckett presented a draft of the merger agreement with Northview/Kodak Volunteer Fire Department. NVKFD has informed Chief Puckett training has started for current firefighters, some assets have been sold and they voted on August 7, 2026 at their Board meeting to dissolve and merge with Sevier County Fire/Rescue. Commissioner Foster made a motion to approve a conceptual merger and allow Chief Puckett and the Mayor's Office to discuss and work on the merger agreement. Commissioner Hillard seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chief Puckett and Commissioner Parton informed the Committee that the task-force for the Pittman Center merger is scheduled to meet on August 13, 2026.

Chief Puckett presented a change in commercial sprinkler fee schedule rates. Commissioner Foster made a motion to approve the fee changes as presented. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion. Commissioners Delius, R. Ogle,



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Weaver, Hillard, Watts, and Foster voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner Parton voted against the motion. The motion passed with a vote of six (6) to one (1).

Commissioner Delius adjourned the meeting at 4:53.