



SEVIER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Emergency Services Committee
May 2026: Special Called
May 28, 2026 4:00 PM

Members

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

Others

Mayor Larry Waters
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
Sheriff Michael Hodges
Director Joe Brown
Director Andrew Whaley
Assistant Director Mike Tarwater
Chief David Puckett
Fire Marshall Josh Tucker
Commissioner Mike Chambers
Director/Commissioner Rick Valentine

- I. Call to Order
- II. Old Business
 - A. Engagement of Baisley Law Firm
- III. New Business
 - A. Sevier County Fire/Rescue Next Steps
 1. New Center Area Call Volume
 2. Northview Area Call Volume
 - i. NV by ESN
 3. Fire Personnel Cost Analysis
- IV. Adjourn

Commissioner Delius called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

Mayor Waters updated the Committee on the status of hiring a land attorney regarding land use, zoning, and related regulatory matters. With a recommendation from Commissioner Delius, the Mayor's Office has reached out to Mr. Kyle Baisley, attorney with the Baisley Law Firm. Mr. Baisley has worked with several other surrounding County Governments. The Mayor's Office has submitted a letter to Mr. Baisley containing questions that summarize the Committee's concerns. Mr. Baisley is reviewing the questions, and once the Mayor's Office has a response, the Committee will be informed.

Chief Puckett informed the Committee that the New Center area responded to 476 calls in 2025, while the Northview area responded to 693 calls in 2025. He stated that the Northview Volunteer Fire Department Board has requested an increase in



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funding for the next fiscal year to \$1.3 million. The request is due to the City of Sevierville discontinuing its funding following the planned opening of the new Sevierville Fire Department station in Kodak, which is scheduled to open in Fall 2026. Chief Puckett advised that the Northview Volunteer Fire Department Board does not wish to be absorbed into Sevier County Fire/Rescue. His recommendation to the Committee was to maintain the current funding model rather than increase funding, while continuing to assist Northview Volunteer Fire Department with pursuing additional grant opportunities. Mayor Waters added that the County has not received an official request from Northview Volunteer Fire Department requesting any additional funding. Commissioner Hillard and Commissioner Foster discussed the importance of the Northview Volunteer Fire Department and expressed concern that volunteer personnel may leave due to uncertainty regarding the Department's future. Commissioner Parton requested two (2) action items from the Mayor's Office:

1. Determine the total cost to fully fund Northview Volunteer Fire Department for the next fiscal year; and
2. Request that Mayor Waters discuss the possibility of a paid mutual aid agreement with the City of Sevierville to provide coverage in the Northview community for a specified period of time.

Commissioner Weaver made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Foster. The meeting adjourned at 5:16 PM.