



SEVIER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Steering Committee – August 2025
August 11, 2025 5:00 PM

Members

Aaron Foster
Carroll Rauhuff
Crow Ogle
Barbara Parton
Ronnie Allen
Harold Pitner
Dale Hill

Mayor Larry Waters
Vice Mayor Bryan McCarter
Assistant County Mayor/Senior
Director of Community Planning and
Development/Government Services
Matt Rudder
Director of Public Affairs and
Communications Tyler Basler
Magistrate Albert Snyder

Others

- I. Call to Order
- II. Old Business
- III. New Business
 - A. Resolution 2025-08-03: Appoint Judicial Commissioners for Sevier County
 - B. Resolution 2025-08-05: Accept the Resignation of Jonas Smelcer, Sevier County Road Superintendent
 - C. Consideration of Other Proclamation and Resolution Requests
 - D. Consideration of Board of Commissioners Final Agenda – August 18, 2025
 - E. Meeting Schedules
- IV. Other Business
- V. Adjourn

Commissioner Ogle called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

Mayor Waters presented Resolution 2025-08-03: Appoint Judicial Commissioners for Sevier County. Mayor Waters presented to the Committee the reappointment of Judicial Commissioners whose terms expire on August 31, 2026. He called on Magistrate Snyder to answer any questions. Mayor Waters asked what kind of training Judicial Commissioners receive, and Magistrate Snyder explained that they undergo continuous training, including attending 12 hours of required training annually.

Vice Mayor McCarter informed the Committee of TCA Code Annotated 40-1-111, which permits the legislative body to appoint Judicial Commissioners. He noted that any commissioners not reappointed would continue serving through their current term ending August 31, 2025. Mayor Waters proposed appointing all Judicial Commissioners except Scott Bull to allow Magistrate Snyder time to discuss issues and concerns from the Commission with him. After these discussions, a Judge could appoint him if appropriate. Magistrate Snyder was asked to report back to the Committee at the September meeting.

Commissioner Pitner made a motion to accept the Resolution for appointment of all Judicial Commissioners except Scott Bull and send to Board of Commissioners for



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approval. Commissioner Allen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Waters presented Resolution 2025-08-05: Accept the Resignation of Jonas Smelcer, Sevier County Road Superintendent. He informed the Committee that Jonas Smelcer had submitted a letter of resignation effective August 31, 2025, and explained that State law allows a departing superintendent to name a successor. Jonas has previously designated Donnie Adams as his successor. Upon Jonas' resignation, the State would approve Donnie Adams to serve as Interim Superintendent for up to 120 days. This period would allow the Commission to work with the State to accept applications and appoint or recommend a new superintendent to the Tennessee Highway Officials Certification Board for approval.

Commissioner Rauhuff made a motion to accept the Accept the Resignation of Jonas Smelcer, Sevier County Road Superintendent. Commissioner Allen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Waters presented the Final Agenda. Commissioner Rauhuff made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Pitner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Rauhuff made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Pitner seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 5:41 PM.