



SEVIER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Water Committee

June 13, 2023 12:00 PM

- I. Call to Order
- II. Old Business
- III. New Business
 - A. ARPA Projects Update
 - B. Consideration of Resolution 2023-06-12: Adopt Fee Schedule Update for Department of Water Services
 - C. Knox Chapman Proposal
- IV. Other Business
- V. Adjournment

Commissioner Hurst called the meeting to order at 12:04 PM.

Director Shults updated the Committee on ARPA projects including Jones Cove, Oma Lee, Deer Meadows, Pittman Center, and Millican Grove. Other project updates were given to the Committee including water loss meter grant, Grassy Branch bridge, Newport Highway water lines to be repaid by TDOT, Thomas Cross Road, and Lost Branch pump station. Mayor Waters updated the Committee on the most recent plans from TDOT for Newport Highway extension to add a turn-lane. Mayor Waters updated Committee on ESCUD. TDEC is working with ESCUD on the current water loss situation. Commissioner Hurst asked about the funds the County appropriated to ESCUD for a study and Mayor Waters said the County is holding the funds until the new ESCUD Board is ready.

Director Shults presented Resolution 2023-06-12: Adopt Fee Schedule Update for Department of Water Services. Commissioner Chambers made a motion to approve. Commissioner Headrick seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Scott Prater and Rick Kirby, representatives from Knox Chapman Utility Board (KCUD), presented the Committee with a TDEC competitive grant proposal. KCUD would be the lead applicant for this TDEC grant application and Sevier County would be a co-applicant. The grant is for a total of \$5.3 million and applications are due on August 1. If fully funded Sevier Water would fund roughly \$140,000 and KCUD would fund roughly \$150,000. The proposed project would improve water service in the Dupont community of Seymour for roughly 3,400 residents. Commissioner Hillard made a motion to allow KCUD to apply for the TDEC grant. Commissioner Humble seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Hurst made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Chambers seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 12:45 PM.



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Members

Scott Catlett
Mike Hillard
Brandon Headrick
Warren Hurst
Mike Chambers
Ronnie Whaley
Todd Humble

Others

Mayor Larry Waters
Vice Mayor Bryan McCarter
Assistant County Mayor/Senior Director 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
Director of Sevier County Water Brent Shults
Commissioner Fred Atchely
Commissioner Gary Cole
Scott Prater
Rick Kirby
Robert Campbell
Evan Sanders (Zoom)