

MINUTES
SEVIER COUNTY QUORUM COURT MEETING
2:00 P.M., Monday, June, 12 2023

The Sevier County Quorum Court met at 2:00 P.M., Monday, June 12, 2023 in the Sevier County Courthouse Conference Room with County Judge Sandra Dunn presiding. The roll was called with the following Justices present: Michael Barnes, Kenneth Currence, Callie Efird, Scottie Morris, Walter Smith, Roxy Stephens, Angie Walker, Roger Whitmore, Greg Wright. Absent – None. Upon a motion by Roxy Stephens and second by Angie Walker, the Quorum Court voted to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last meeting and to approve the minutes as emailed.

Committee and Other Reports –

1. Lori House, CEO of Sevier County Medical Center was out sick, so no update was given.
2. Dr. Randy Walker gave an update on the Sevier County Airport Board. Dr. Walker informed the Quorum the total sales for the month of May were \$3,475 in outgas, \$2,836 in jet aid and there were 31 individual sales.
3. Gayle Gathright with Southwest EMS informed the Quorum that for the month of May Southwest EMS had 169 calls, 142 were 911 calls, 81 were taken to Sevier County Medical Center, 28 were taken to other Medical Facilities, 33 were refusals. Southwest Ems took 32 patients from Sevier County Medical Center to other facilities, 1 from Howard to Sevier County Medical Center and 1 from Mena to Sevier County Medical Center.
4. There was no representative available from the Prosecuting Attorney's, but a yearly report was emailed to all Quorum Court members.
5. County Judge Sandra Dunn, asked if all Quorum Court members received the 2021 Financial, and Compliance Report from the State Auditors and if there were any questions or concerns. With no issues the meeting moved on to New Business.

New Business -

1. The first agenda item was an Ordinance to adopt the Sevier County Employment Policies and Procedures Handbook. Judge Dunn and Clerk Bailey informed the Quorum that upon further inspection of the handbook other issues were found that needed to be addressed before adopting a new one.
2. The second agenda item was confirmation of the appointment of James Michael "Mike" Branson to the Sevier County Hospital Board of Governors to fill a vacancy on the board. A motion was made by Roxy Stephens and seconded by Callie Efird. A roll call vote was taken. Yes – Michael Barnes, Kenneth Currence, Callie Efird, Scottie Morris, Walter Smith, Roxy Stephens, Angie Walker, Roger Whitmore, and Greg Wright., No – None. The motion passed
3. The third agenda item was the confirmation of board appointment Emmy Bailey to the Sevier County Housing Authority Board. A motion was made by Walter Smith and seconded by Callie Efird. A roll call vote was taken. Yes – Michael Barnes, Kenneth Currence, Callie Efird, Scottie Morris, Walter Smith, Roxy Stephens, Angie Walker, and Greg Wright., Abstain – Roger Whitmore, No – None. The motion passed.
4. The fourth agenda item was an Appropriation Ordinance to amend the annual operating budget for the Jail Construction Fund & Collector's Office for calendar year 2023. A motion was made by Angie Walker and seconded by Callie Efird. A roll call vote was taken. Yes – Michael Barnes, Kenneth Currence, Callie Efird, Scottie Morris, Walter Smith, Roxy Stephens, Angie Walker, Roger Whitmore, and Greg Wright., No – None. The motion passed.

5. The fifth agenda item was a proposed Resolution authorizing the destruction of certain records of the Sevier County District Court. A motion was made by Angie Walker and seconded by Callie Efird. A roll call vote was taken. Yes – Michael Barnes, Kenneth Currence, Callie Efird, Scottie Morris, Walter Smith, Roxy Stephens, Angie Walker, Roger Whitmore, and Greg Wright., No – None. The motion passed.
6. Judge Dunn asked if someone would entertain a motion to hear a non-agenda item. A motion was made by Angie Walker and seconded by Callie Efird. A roll call vote was taken. Yes – Michael Barnes, Kenneth Currence, Callie Efird, Scottie Morris, Walter Smith, Roxy Stephens, Angie Walker, Roger Whitmore, and Greg Wright., No – None. The motion passed. Judge Dunn informed the Quorum that the County has applied for a mitigation grant for the replacement of the 2nd bridge on the north end of Red Bridge Road. Judge Dunn stated this was a bridge that was in the plans to do next year, but went ahead and applied for this grant because the county has found that it is hazardous. Judge Dunn informed the Quorum that the County would have to provided 25% of project cost which would be approximately \$90,000. A motion was made by Walter Smith and seconded by Angie Walker. A roll call vote was taken. Yes – Michael Barnes, Kenneth Currence, Callie Efird, Scottie Morris, Walter Smith, Roxy Stephens, Angie Walker, Roger Whitmore, and Greg Wright., No – None. The motion passed.

Old Business – There is no old business

Announcements – Judge Dunn informed the Quorum about the Data Centers Act of 2023 related to data centers and their presence in communities, especially with regard to noise pollution. Judge Dunn handed materials out to the Quorum so they could look it over and decide if they would need to impose any restrictions, such as a noise ordinance.

Adjournment – With no further business to discuss, Roxy Stephens made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Callie Efird. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,



Renea Bailey
County Clerk