

MINUTES
SEVIER COUNTY QUORUM COURT MEETING
2:00 P.M., MONDAY SEPTEMBER 13, 2021

The Sevier County Quorum Court met at 2:00 P.M., Monday, September 13, 2021, in the Sevier County Courthouse Courtroom with County Judge Greg Ray presiding. The meeting was opened with prayer by Judge Ray followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The roll was called with the following Justices present: Earl Battiest, Kenneth Currence, Evelyn Keels, Roxy Stephens, Angie Walker, Roger Whitmore. Absent - David Wright and Greg Wright. Both came in a few minutes late. Upon a motion by Roxy Stephens and second by Roger Whitmore, the Quorum Court voted to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last meeting and to approve the minutes as emailed. A roll call vote was taken. Yes – Earl Battiest, Kenneth Currence, Evelyn Keels, Roxy Stephens, Angie Walker, Roger Whitmore. Absent - David Wright and Greg Wright. No – None. The motion passed.

Committee and Other Reports - Lori House, CEO of Sever County Medical Center was present to report on the progress of the new hospital construction. Ms. House stated that sales tax figures this past month are still good. On construction update, Lori stated that everything is progressing well. Kenneth Currence asked if the contractor who defaulted is being sued. Lori stated that our attorneys are working on that.

A report of EMS service was provided by Megan Mahan. This was a paper report as she has been deployed to Louisiana for hurricane duty.

Old Business – Hot Check Fees Report.

New Business –

1. The first agenda item is a request for authorization to transfer funds from the Covid Relief Fund to the Sheriff Dept. and Criminal Justice for retention raise approved in June meeting. A motion was made by Earl Battiest and seconded by Angie Walker to approve the transfer. A Roll Call vote was taken. Yes – Earl Battiest, Kenneth Currence, Evelyn Keels, Roxy Stephens, Angie Walker, Roger Whitmore, and Greg Wright. No – David Wright. Absent – None. The motion passed
2. Second on the agenda is a proposed Ordinance establishing a new fund number 3407, for the Sevier County Medical Center. The one assigned earlier this year is reserved for Legislative Audit. The new fund number will be used beginning January 1, 2022 Treasurer Heather Barnes read the ordinance in its entirety. A motion was made by David Wright to approve the ordinance. Roxy Stephens seconded the motion. Yes – Earl Battiest, Kenneth Currence, Evelyn Keels, Roxy Stephens, Angie Walker, Roger Whitmore, David Wright, and Greg Wright. Absent – None. No – None. The motion passed.
3. Next on the agenda is a request to transfer \$337,736 from the Hospital Sales Tax Fund to the Sevier County Medical Center Fund for 2020 budget approved in August meeting. A motion was made by Earl Battiest and seconded by Angie Walker to approve the transfer. A Roll Call Vote was taken. Yes – Earl Battiest, Kenneth Currence, Evelyn Keels, Roxy Stephens, Angie Walker, Roger Whitmore, David Wright, and Greg Wright. Absent – None. No – None. The motion passed.
4. The last item on the agenda is a proposed ordinance adopting a Federal Award Administration Policy for Sevier County. County Clerk Debbie Akin read the proposed Ordinance. A motion was made by David Wright and seconded by Angie Walker to suspend the rule and place the ordinance on the second reading by title only. A Roll Call Vote was taken. Yes – Earl Battiest, Kenneth Currence, Evelyn Keels, Roxy Stephens, Angie Walker, Roger Whitmore, David Wright, and Greg Wright. Absent – None. No – None. The motion passed. Clerk Akin read the ordinance by title for the second reading. A motion was made by Angie Walker and seconded by Greg Wright to suspend the rule and place the ordinance on the third reading by title only. A Roll Call Vote was taken. Yes – Earl Battiest, Kenneth Currence, Evelyn Keels, Roxy Stephens, Angie Walker, Roger Whitmore, David Wright, and Greg Wright. Absent – None. No – None. The motion passed. Clerk Akin read the ordinance for the third time by title only. A motion was made by David Wright to approve the ordinance. The motion was seconded by Earl Battiest. A Roll Call Vote was taken. Yes – Earl Battiest, Kenneth Currence, Evelyn Keels, Roxy Stephens, Angie Walker, Roger Whitmore, David Wright, and Greg Wright. Absent – None. No – None. The motion passed.

Announcements - Judge Ray asked Clerk Akin to explain information that was handed out to J.P.s for October meeting. She explained that the Election Commission would like to sell some election equipment and purchase a newer version of the same. What was handed out is an appraisal from the Assessor. She further informed the court that selling now is beneficial as there is a market and some revenue will be available for the new purchase. If not done now, we would just be purchasing with no additional revenue brought in. An ordinance to this affect will be submitted in October.

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

Respectfully Submitted,



Debbie Akin
County Clerk