

MINUTES
SEVIER COUNTY QUORUM COURT MEETING
9:00 A.M., Tuesday, January 3, 2023

The Sevier County Quorum Court met at 9:00 A.M., Tuesday, January 3, 2023, in the Sevier County Courthouse Courtroom with County Judge Dick Tallman 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 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.

Committee and Other Reports –

New Business –

1. The first agenda item is a proposed ordinance establishing the meeting time and date for the 2023 Sevier County Quorum Court. Judge Tallman read the ordinance in its entirety for the first reading. A motion was made by Angie Walker and seconded by Greg Wright to suspend the rule and place the ordinance on the 2nd reading by title only. 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. The ordinance was ready by title only for the second reading by Judge Tallman. A motion was made by Greg Wright and seconded by Angie Walker to suspend the rule and place the ordinance on the third reading by title only. 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. The ordinance was read for the third time by title only by Judge Tallman. A motion was made by Roxy Stephens and seconded by Roger Whitmore to approve the ordinance setting the regular meeting of the Sevier County Quorum Court to be held at 2:00 P.M. on the 2nd Monday of each month. A discussion was prompted between Quorum Members on having the time of the 2023 meetings either at 2:00 P.M. or 5:00 P.M on the 2nd Monday of the month. A roll call vote was taken Yes – Kenneth Currence, Scottie Morris, Walter Smith, Roxy Stephens, and Roger Whitmore. No – Michael Barnes, Callie Efird, Angie Walker and Greg Wright. The motion passed to have the Sevier County Quorum Court Meetings at 2:00 P.M on the 2nd Monday of every month.
2. The last agenda item was to approve ordinance changing the allocation of the Sevier County 1% Sales tax. The new allocation would be 65% to the County General Fund, 25% to the County Road Fund, and 10% to the County General Reserve Fund. Richard Tallman explained that the wording was incorrect in the passage of this ordinance in December. The wording in December showed 25% to the County General Reserve Fund and 10% to the County Road Fund. This ordinance is an attempt to straighten this back out to where it should have been. Angie Walker stated that she wanted to make sure everyone understands that once the Quorum Court changes the percentage, then that 25% is dedicated to roads, and cannot be taken out of roads to allocate it for another fund. Judge Tallman read the ordinance. Roxy Stephens made a motion seconded by Roger Whitmore to approve the change in allocation. 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 Tallman addressed the Quorum Court about going into executive session to discuss the resumes that had been submitted to fulfil the vacancy in the Office of Sevier County Judge. Angie Walker made a motion seconded by Scottie Morris. A roll call vote was taken. 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. The Quorum Court went into executive session at 9:32 A.M and the meeting was called back into session at 9:57 A.M.

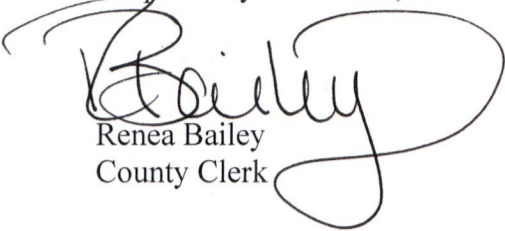
Old Business – There is no old business

Announcements – Judge Tallman started the meeting by welcoming the new Quorum Court Members. He went in to discuss that it is their main job is to take the monies that we are taxing the citizens for and dispersing them to the proper funds. Judge Tallman also stated that it was

their job to make sure we as a County do not overspend, and we have enough monies to see the county through any unforeseen circumstances.

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

Respectfully Submitted,



Renea Bailey
County Clerk