

## MINUTES

### SEVIER COUNTY QUORUM COURT MEETING

2:00 P.M., Monday, December, 11, 2023

The Sevier County Quorum Court met at 2:00 P.M., Monday, December, 11 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, Scottie Morris, Walter Smith, Roxy Stephens, Angie Walker, Roger Whitmore, Greg Wright. Absent – Callie Efird. 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. CEO Lori House updated the Quorum Court on the November 2023 Operational Statistics for the Sevier County Hospital and the upcoming Audit of the Pandemic-era Federal Relief Funds.
2. Angie Walker gave an update on the Sevier County Airport Board. Mrs. Walker informed the Quorum the total sales for the month of October were 5,782.33 Avgas, and 5,496.50 Jet A for a total of 40 individual sales.
3. Mike Chandler informed the Quorum that Southwest Ems had a total of 164 calls for the month of November with 67 taken to SCMC, 46 were transferred out from SCMC, 24 were taken from the scene to other facilities, 3 calls were flown out, 17 calls were refusals, and 7 calls with no pt found, no pt contact, DOA, bedbound or cancelled prior to arrival on scene.

#### New Business -

1. The first agenda item was a selection of Bond Counsel and Engineering Services for the Sevier County Water Association-Clearwell Rehab Project. A motion was made by Scottie Morris and seconded by Angie Walker to use Friday Eldredge & Clark LLP as the bond counsel, and A.L. Franks Engineering as the engineering services. A roll call vote was taken. Yes – Michael Barnes, Kenneth Currence, Scottie Morris, Walter Smith, Roxy Stephens, Angie Walker, Roger Whitmore, and Greg Wright., No – None, Absent-Callie Efird. The motion passed.
2. The second agenda item was an ordinance to change the allocation of county's portion of a one percent county sales and use tax. A motion was made by Greg Wright and seconded by Angie Walker to suspend the rule and put the ordinance on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. A roll call vote was taken. Yes – Michael Barnes, Kenneth Currence, Scottie Morris, Walter Smith, Roxy Stephens, Angie Walker, Roger Whitmore, and Greg Wright., No – None, Absent-Callie Efird. The motion passed. A motion was made by Greg Wright and

seconded by Angie Walker to suspend the rule and put the ordinance on 3<sup>rd</sup> reading. A roll call vote was taken. Yes – Michael Barnes, Kenneth Currence, Scottie Morris, Walter Smith, Roxy Stephens, Angie Walker, Roger Whitmore, and Greg Wright., No – None, Absent-Callie Efird. The motion passed. A motion was made by Walter Smith and seconded by Roger Whitmore to change the allocation of the county's portion of a one percent county sales and use tax. A roll call vote was taken. Yes – Michael Barnes, Kenneth Currence, Scottie Morris, Walter Smith, Roxy Stephens, Angie Walker, Roger Whitmore, and Greg Wright., No – None, Absent-Callie Efird. The motion passed.

3. The third agenda item an appropriation ordinance to amend the annual operating budget, to clean up lines that are over budget. A motion was made by Roxy Stephens and seconded by Walter Smith. A roll call vote was taken. Yes – Michael Barnes, Kenneth Currence, Scottie Morris, Walter Smith, Roxy Stephens, Angie Walker, Roger Whitmore, and Greg Wright., No – None, Absent-Callie Efird. The motion passed.
4. The fourth agenda item an appropriation ordinance to establish the annual operating budget for 2024. A motion was made by Angie Walker and seconded by Scottie Morris. A roll call vote was taken. Yes –Kenneth Currence, Scottie Morris, Walter Smith, Roxy Stephens, Angie Walker, Roger Whitmore, and Greg Wright. Abstain- Michael Barnes, No – None, Absent-Callie Efird. The motion passed.
5. The fifth agenda item was Approval of the proposed merger of the Lockesburg Fire Department and Provo Rural Fire Department and consideration of a proposed resolution re-allocating funds available to fire departments within Sevier County under provisions of Act 833 of 1991. A motion was made by Walter Smith and seconded by Angie Walker to merge the Provo Fire Department with the Lockesburg Fire Department A roll call vote was taken. Yes – Michael Barnes, Kenneth Currence, Scottie Morris, Walter Smith, Roxy Stephens, Angie Walker, Roger Whitmore, and Greg Wright., No – None, Absent-Callie Efird. The motion passed. A motion was made by Angie Walker and seconded by Walter Smith to allocate the Act 833 funds from Provo Fire Department directly to the Lockesburg Fire Department and leave the percentages the same for the remaining fire departments. A roll call vote was taken. Yes – Michael Barnes, Kenneth Currence, Walter Smith, Roxy Stephens, Angie Walker, Roger Whitmore, and Greg Wright, Abstain-Scottie Morris, No – None, Absent-Callie Efird. The motion passed.

#### Old Business –

Announcements – Judge Dunn informed the Quorum that she had a meeting with Representatives with Swepco last week addressing the outage issues within the county. She also let the Quorum know that they were forming what is called an alignment team for the Hospital. This is to look at how far the

hospital has come, to meeting the needs for the community, and where the hospital needs to go in addressing medical needs of the county.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

*RENEA BAILEY*

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County Clerk