

**Sevier County Commission Meeting
October 16, 2023 6 P.M.**

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

Quorum Present (22 Present, 4 Absent)

Present: Mayor Larry Waters, Ronnie Allen, Scott Catlett, Mike Chambers, Bryan Delius, Aaron Foster, Chuck Godfrey, Greg Haggard, Brandon Headrick, Dale Hill, Mike Hillard, Todd Humble, Warren Hurst, Michael Maddron, Don McGill, Chad Ogle, Ray Ogle, Frank Parton, Jack Parton, Carrol Rauhuff, Tommy Watts, Ronnie Whaley

Absent: Fred Atchley, Gary Cole, Harold Pitner, Kent Woods

III. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS COMMISSION MEETING

Previous meeting took place on September 18, 2023

A motion was made by Hillard and duly seconded by Rauhuff. Passed by roll call vote 21 yes, 4 absent.

IV. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS COMMISSION COMMITTEES

A motion was made by R. Ogle and duly seconded by Foster. Passed by roll call vote 24 yes, 1 absent.

V. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS OF OFFICIALS, DIVISIONS, AND DEPARTMENTS

A motion was made by R. Ogle and duly seconded by Delius. Passed by roll call vote 21 yes, 4 absent.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS / PUBLIC HEARING ON REZONING REQUESTS

A. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

- No comments

B. PUBLIC HEARING ON REZOING ITEMS

- No comments

VII. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2023-10-01: AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY MAYOR TO ENTER AGREEMENT WITH VARIOUS ENTITIES TO KEEP THE GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK OPEN IN THE EVENT CONGRESS DELAYS PASSING A FISCAL YEAR BUDGET OR APPROPRIATE FUNDING

Mayor Waters spoke on this resolution, speaking on how Congress had hinted on not being able to pass the appropriation resolution. The county mayor's office had spoken with State of Tennessee, State of North Carolina, Cities in Sevier County, Blount County, Great Smoky Mountain National Park Services and the Department of Interior of proactive steps to be taken to keep the National Park open if the United States Government were to have a shutdown. The area community had come to agreement to pay the staff of the national park and funds that is required to keep the park open to the public. The Department of Interior had recommended one entity would be in charge of the project, which all entity have agreed to share the cost, and we had been agreed upon to spearhead the project. At this time, it cost \$75,000 (seventy-five thousand dollars) per day to keep the park open, it had been agreed upon that the State of Tennessee would pay 50%, North Carolina 20%, and County as well others involved would cover the rest. The funds would be paid on the front end of a seven (7) day window and reassessed at the end of each window. If the Government were to reopen in the middle of a window any funds let outstanding would be refunded to the entities.

A motion was made by Delius and duly seconded by Foster. Passed by roll call vote 21 yes, 4 absent

VIII. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2023-10-02: APPROVE, RECOGNIZE, AND ESTABLISH ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES FOR THE OPERATION OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT: SOLID WASTE OPERATION POLICY

Matt Rudder and Bryan McCarter spoke on updated on the policy on how much garbage intake limits for residential intake center, these new limits are five (5) bags or one (1) one truck bed or small trailer for demolition per day. These changes would allow the current centers to operate smoother and allow the compactors to keep up with the intake, this will allow centers to be able to stay open longer and without having to shut down due to compactors being full before they can be exchanged. Various sites are being expanded to be used for residential and short-term rental intake, and these sites will have extended hours. This policy is an update on a what is currently in place, but had never been enforced. As these policies are being update there will be various media releases on these changed so everyone in the community will be updated.

A motion was made by Haggard and duly seconded by McGill. Passed by roll call vote 21 yes, 4 absent

IX. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2023-10-03: ADOPT FEE SCHEDULE UPDATE FOR DEPARTMENT OF SOLID WASTE SERVICES PERTAINING TO SHORT-TERM RENTAL HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE SITE

A motion was made by Foster and duly seconded by Hurst. Passed by roll call vote 19 yes, 2 no, 4 absent

X. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2023-10-04: SET SPEED LIMIT ON CERTAIN SEVIER COUNTY ROADS

A motion was made by Rauhuff and duly seconded by Godfrey. Passed by roll call vote 21 yes, 4 absent

XI. NOTARIES

A motion was made by Foster and duly seconded by Rauhuff. Passed by roll call vote 21 yes, 4 absent

XII. OTHER BUSINESS

- Groundbreaking for Sevier County Justice Center set to take place on October 30, 2023
- Groundbreaking for Sevier County Animal Center set to take place on October 27, 2023

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

- Robert Schooner: Spoke on separation of Church and State

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by F. Parton and duly seconded by Watts. Passed by Voice vote 21 yes, 4 absent