
MINUTES
SUMNER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
April 3, 2018

The Board of County Commissioners of Sumner County, Tennessee met in called session on Tuesday, April 3, 2018, in the Commission Chambers of the Sumner County Administration Building in Gallatin, Tennessee at 6:49 p.m. Present and presiding was the Chairman Scott Langford. Also present were the County Clerk Bill Kemp, County Executive Anthony Holt and County Law Director Leah Dennen and the following Commissioners to wit:

Jerry F. Becker
Paul Decker
Alan Driver
Jerry W. Foster
Billy Geminden
Paul R. Goode
Steve Graves

Michael Guthrie
Larry Hinton
Merrol N. Hyde
JoAnne Kemp
Caroline S. Krueger
Trisha LeMarbre
Scott Langford
Kevin Pomeroy

Bob Pospisil
Baker Ring
Leslie Schell
Danny Sullivan
Bill Taylor
Chris Taylor
Moe Taylor
Jim Vaughn

Having a duly constituted quorum, the meeting was opened in due process by Sheriff Sonny Weatherford. Chairman Langford noted that with twenty-three members seated, a simple majority would be by thirteen votes; and that matters requiring a two-thirds vote would be by sixteen votes during this session. Commissioner Mike Akins was not present.

The Invocation was led by Chairman Scott Langford.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the County Clerk, Bill Kemp.

Chairman Langford directed the Clerk to read the following:

NOTICE OF SPECIAL CALLED MEETINGS
OF THE SUMNER COUNTY BUDGET COMMITTEE
AND COUNTY COMMISSION

Pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated Sections 5-5-104 & 105, an Emergency Special Called Meeting of the Sumner County Budget Committee is called for Tuesday, April 3, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. (local time) at the Sumner County Administration Building, Commission Chambers, 355 North Belvedere Drive,

Gallatin, Tennessee 37066 and an Emergency Special Called Meeting of the Sumner County Commission is called for Tuesday, April 3, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. (local time) at the Sumner County Administration Building, Commission Chambers, 355 North Belvedere Drive, Gallatin, Tennessee 37066

The purpose of the special meetings is to consider, deliberate and possibly vote on funding for additional school resource officers plus support materials and equipment. Given the need for immediate response to recent school violence this emergency meeting has been called by the County Executive.

Anyone having an interest, desiring to comment or ask questions concerning the above referenced issues is invited to attend these meetings.

RECOGNITION OF THE PUBLIC

Chairman Langford opened the floor to allow the public to speak concerning any matter on the agenda.

The following were in favor of hiring more School Resource Officers:

Kevin Baigert of 424 A B Wade Road in Portland
Amy Scott of 1308 Liberty Lane in Gallatin
Deondra Moore of 211 North Electra in Gallatin spoke in support of SROs on behalf of Community In Motion community action organization.

Brad Staats of 656 Chipman Road in Bethpage spoke on behalf of SB2249 (Public Chapter 1048) that allows arming school personnel. Chairman Langford stated this subject was outside the scope of the called meeting.

With no one else wishing to speak, recognition of the public was closed.

Chairman Langford reported that the City of Portland City Council sent a letter stating the Council was in agreement that more School Resource Officers are needed in Sumner County Schools and supported the Commission's efforts to that end.

EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Commissioner Chris Taylor reported that the Emergency Services Committee briefly discussed the matter before the Commission.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Commissioner Pomeroy reported the Budget Committee in special session on April 3 voted unanimously to hire one School Resource Officer (SRO) at a cost of approximately \$67,500.00 to begin May 4, 2018.

Commissioner Ring moved, seconded by Commissioner Chris Taylor, to approve the one School Resource Officer.

Commissioner Guthrie moved, seconded by Commissioner Pospisil, to refer the matter until the April 25th Budget Committee hearings on the Fiscal Year 2018 -2019 budgets to further study the fiscal impact of hiring additional SROs.

Commissioner Pomeroy amended the motion to refer to add language that the

Budget Committee be directed to conduct discussion on funding all 20 SROs and paying for the added employees. There was no second.

Commission Vaughn moved, seconded by Commissioner Ring, to suspend the rules to hear from Sheriff Weatherford. Without objection, Chairman Langford recognized Sheriff Weatherford who reported there were five certified officers ready to hire. He said other deputies had expressed an interest in transferring from patrol.

Commissioner Graves moved to amend the motion to refer to hire five School Resource Officers immediately and two per month until the number of hires reaches 20.

Commissioner Goode moved to amend the motion to refer to hire five School Resource Officers.

Chairman Langford ruled both motions contrary to the main motion to refer. Commissioner Pospisil withdrew his second to the motion to refer. The motion to refer died for lack of a second.

Without objection, Chairman Langford recognized County Finance Director David Lawing who stated that the Board of Education and Highway Department budgets would not be affected by the additional SROs; however, all other budgets would be adjusted to meet the decrease in available funding.

After Commissioner Pospisil withdrew his second on the motion to refer, Commissioner Graves renewed his motion to amend the original motion to hire one SRO to five Officers to start immediately and budget two per month until the number of hires reaches 20 officers. The motion died for lack of a second.

Commissioner Goode moved to amend, seconded by Commissioner Bill Taylor, to hire five School Resource Officers to begin May 4, 2018, for the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 with the intention of carrying the expenditure through Fiscal Year 2018-2019 budget.

The electronic vote on the amendment was recorded in the following manner:

Langford	Y	M. Taylor	Y	Geminden	Y
Hinton	Y	Driver	Y	Graves	Y
Foster	Y	Schell	Y	Sullivan	Y
Ring	Y	Guthrie	Y	Vaughn	Y
Kemp	Y	LeMarbre	Y	Decker	Y
Hyde	Y	Becker	Y	C. Taylor	Y
Krueger	Y	B. Taylor	Y	Pospisil	Y
Pomeroy	Y	Goode	Y		

1804-S01 Yes: 23 No: 0 Abs: 0 08:12 PM

Chairman Langford declared the amendment approved by the body.

The electronic vote on the main motion as amended was recorded in the following manner:

Langford	Y	M. Taylor	Y	Geminden	Y
Hinton	Y	Driver	Y	Graves	Y
Foster	Y	Schell	Y	Sullivan	Y
Ring	Y	Guthrie	Y	Vaughn	Y

Kemp	Y	LeMarbre	Y	Decker	Y
Hyde	Y	Becker	Y	C. Taylor	Y
Krueger	Y	B. Taylor	Y	Pospisil	Y
Pomeroy	Y	Goode	Y		

1804-S01 Yes: 23 No: 0 Abs: 0 08:13 PM

Chairman Langford declared the resolution approved by the body.
Commissioner Graves asked to show his vote in favor.

The resulting resolution was prepared as follows:

1804-S01 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FIVE NEW SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE 2017-2018 FISCAL YEAR

BE IT RESOLVED by the Sumner County Board of County Commissioners meeting in special session on this the 3rd day of April, 2018, that this body hereby authorizes five new School Resource Officers for the remainder of the 2017-2018 fiscal year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these School Resource Officers are to be hired to start May 4, 2018 or later.

The County Financial Director's office submitted to the Clerk's Office on April 5 the following information regarding the cost of the five SROs through Fiscal Year 2017-2018.

Cost per line for 5 Deputies Hired May 4

Deputies	\$37,763.33
FICA	\$ 2,276.10
Medi	\$ 532.35
Life	\$ 74.80
TCRS	\$ 4,437.23

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Langford declared the Commission meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. upon motion of Commissioner Pospisil, and duly seconded.

BILL KEMP, CLERK

SCOTT LANGFORD, CHAIRMAN

Prepared by Maria A. Savage
Approved on _____