



JOHNSON COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Larry Potter, County Mayor
222 West Main Street
Mountain City, TN 37683

August 23, 2023

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CANDIDATES SOUGHT FOR INTERIM SHERIFF POSITION

MOUNTAIN CITY, TN - Upon the death of Johnson County Sheriff Eddie Tester, County Commissioners are now tasked with seeking a qualified candidate to act as Interim Sheriff until the General Election slated for August of 2024. Interested applicants can obtain more information through the Johnson County Mayor's office who will be coordinating efforts on behalf of the Commission Chair, Freddy Phipps. A Special Called Meeting to appoint the Interim Sheriff has been scheduled for Monday, October 23, 2023, at 6:00pm in the Upper Chambers of the Johnson County Courthouse located at 222 West Main Street in Mountain City, Tennessee.

According to Tennessee Code Annotated § 8-8-102(a)(3), there are two primary requirements for potential candidates who seek to qualify for the appointment. First, the candidate must be a "qualified voter of the county" however the statute does not require a candidate to be registered to vote. Second, the candidate must have been a resident of the county for one (1) full year prior to the qualification deadline. Additional qualifications specific to candidates applying for the Interim Sheriff position can be downloaded at JohnsonCountyTN.gov. Application packets are available at the mayor's office or by emailing office.mayor@johnsoncountyttn.gov.

Similarly, as with the prior appointments for the Interim Successor positions, *only members of the Johnson County Commission can nominate an individual for consideration*. The appointment will be determined by a simple majority vote. In the event of a tie, the county mayor will cast the deciding vote.

Applications may be dropped off at the county mayor's office during normal business hours or emailed to office.mayor@johnsoncountyttn.gov. The deadline for applications to be submitted for County Commission review prior to the Special Called Meeting is Friday, October 13, 2023. For more information, please call 423-727-9696.

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Attachment: Sheriff Qualifications Document