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Monroe County's Answer Book



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1st District



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1st District



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2nd District



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2nd District



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2nd District



Danny Everhart
3rd District



Roger Thomas
3rd District



Kraig Miller
3rd District

MONROE COUNTY GOVERNMENT

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County Commission

Monroe County is governed by a 10-member board of commissioners with representatives from each of the voting districts. Paulette Summey serves as chairwoman, while Brian Harrill is vice chair protem.

The County Commission members, pictured above are: 1st District – Adam Reynolds, Donald "DJ" Seiler, and Travis Wade; 2nd District – Brian Harrill, William Cross, and David Winters; 3rd District – Roger Thomas, Danny Everhart, and Kraig Miller; 4th District – Paulette Summey (chairwoman).

The County Commission meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 5 p.m. in the upstairs courtroom of the historic Courthouse in Downtown Madisonville. To have an item placed on the agenda, call County Clerk Larry Sloan at 442-2220 by the 15th of the month.

Strategic Planning

The Department of Strategic Planning reviews and approves subdivision requests and works on other issues regarding land use and planning in areas of the county not regulated by municipalities. Contact this department to apply for a building permit or get assistance with septic tank permits. The Planning Commission meets the first Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Boardroom of the J.P. Kennedy Annex. Stacy Chambers is the director. To have an item placed on the Monroe County Planning Commission agenda or if you have questions regarding these issues, please call 423-545-8276. Website: monroe-planning.com



Paulette Summey
Chairwoman
4th District

County Offices:

The Monroe County Courthouse and J.P. Kennedy Annex located in downtown

Madisonville serve as the heart of the county's government. The Courthouse, recognized as a "historic site and landmark" in 1995, holds the offices of the county mayor, department of strategic planning, and clerk and master.

COUNTY MAYOR

Mitch Ingram serves as Monroe County mayor. His office can be reached at 423-442-3981. The Mayor's Office is located on the first floor of the Courthouse. Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday; and 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday.



Mitch Ingram
County Mayor

CLERK AND MASTER

Teresa Choate, 423-442-2644. The office is located on the first floor of the Courthouse. Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday; 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday.

CIRCUIT COURT CLERK

Dewayna Martin, 423-442-2396, Criminal Clerk, 442-5936. The office is located in the Monroe County Justice Center. Hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday. The General Sessions clerks and Juvenile Court's offices are located at the

Monroe County Justice Center. General Sessions: 423-442-9537 or 423-442-7285. Juvenile Clerk's: 423-442-5631.

VETERANS AFFAIRS

Officer Andy Boyd, 423-442-5812. Office is located at 403 Tellico Street in the Robert "Bob" Hatley Veteran's Service Center (inside the Beecher Witt Building). Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday.

MAINTENANCE

Director Mark Woods maintains all county buildings. Office is located in the old Rescue Squad building. Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily.

COUNTY ARCHIVES

Brian Harrill, archivist, 423-420-0910. Office is located at 403 Tellico Street in the Robert "Bob" Hatley Veteran's Service Center (inside the Beecher Witt Building). Hours are 10 a.m. to noon on Monday, and 9 a.m. to noon Tuesday-Thursday.

Inside the J.P. Kennedy Annex:

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The mission of the Monroe County Economic Development Department is to foster sustainable growth and prosperity by promoting business development, enhancing workforce readiness, and improving quality of life. Through strategic partnerships and effective grant writing, we aim to secure vital resources that drive innovation, strengthen infrastructure, and empower our community to thrive in an ever-evolving economy. Kimberly Anderson serves as the director. Website: www.monroecountyeecd.com

AMBULANCE SERVICE

Director Randy White, 423-442-4063. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday; 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday.

FINANCE OFFICE

Director Gail Sensibaugh, 423-442-9383. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wednesday.

CLERK

Clerk Larry Sloan, 423-442-2220 or 442-5948. The office provides state driver's license, marriage license, business license, and car tags. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday; 8 a.m. to noon, Wednesday and Saturday. The Clerk's Office has hours on Friday from 8:30 a.m. to noon at Peoples Bank in Tellico Plains and on Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to noon at Peoples Bank in Sweetwater.

PROPERTY ASSESSOR

Property Assessor Marsha Raper, 423-442-3637. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday; 8:30 a.m. to noon, Wednesday and Saturday.

REGISTRAR OF DEEDS

Registrar of Deeds Kim Estes Bivens, 423-442-2440. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday; 8:30 a.m. to noon, Wednesday and Saturday.

TRUSTEE

Trustee Marna Hull, 423-442-2920. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday; 8:30 a.m. to noon, Wednesday and Saturday.

SOLID WASTE

Director Brandon West, 423-442-2497, Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday.

The Monroe County Office of Solid Waste operates five convenience centers in the county for residents to dispose of household waste at no

charge. The locations are:

Madisonville

288 Industrial Park Road, Madisonville

Sweetwater

2194 Hiwassee Road, Sweetwater

Tellico

8825 Highway 68, Tellico Plains

Little Notchey Creek

570 Little Notchey Creek Road, Madisonville

Vonore

150 Deer Trace Drive, Vonore

The hours of operation for the convenience centers are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday. The convenience centers are closed on New Year's Day, Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Christmas.

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Phone: 423-442-2433. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Other notable offices:

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Sheriff Tommy Jones II operates the Sheriff's Office and county jail, both located at the Monroe County Justice Center on New Highway 68. Phone: 423-442-3911.

TOURISM DEPARTMENT

Blaina Tallent Best serves as the tourism director for Monroe County. Phone: 423-253-8010. The Tourism Office is located at 225 Cherohala Skyway in Tellico Plains in the Cherohala Skyway Visitor Center. To learn more about Monroe County Tourism, go to visitmonroetn.com

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Tony Lowery serves as director. Phone: 423-442-3993. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The Health Dept. is located on Highway 68. Fax: 423-442-9468.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Steve Teague serves as the county's road superintendent. The department's offices are located on Highway 68, adjacent to the E-911 Center.

Teague's office may be reached at 423-442-4569. The department is open Monday-Thursday from 6:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. If there is an after-hours emergency, please call 911 to have an on-call employee dispatched.

E-911 CENTER

April White serves as director of the E-911 Center. E-911 is designed so that residents, regardless of their location in the county, can pick up the telephone and dial 9-1-1 in the event of an emergency. Monroe County's enhanced 911 dispatching system went online in May 1993. The 911 addressing office is also located at the 911 Center. Office hours are Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Phone is 423-442-9660. The Center is located at 3473 New Highway 68 in Madisonville. To learn more about 911 services, visit www.monroe911.com. Dial 442-HELP (4357) for non-emergencies.

EMA

Chad Leming serves as director of the Emergency Management Agency (EMA), which is responsible for protecting the lives and safety of Monroe County citizens. The EMA, working with local, state and federal agencies, provides information, coordinates emergency response, and facilitates disaster assistance. For more information, call 423-519-7100.

COUNTY AIRPORT

Thomas McCosh serves as director of the county airport. The Monroe County airport is a growing "gateway" to the area including the Smokies. It is located 350 Airport Road, just off of Old Highway 68. The airport provides fueling and hangar service 24 hours a day, seven days a week to both privately owned and business aircraft. Flight training and maintenance are also available. The airport can be reached at 423-572-1124.

ANIMAL CONTROL

Director Damian Cook serves residents of Monroe County and works closely with The Eastbourne Animal Center, which is owned and operated

by Monroe County Friends of Animals, a nonprofit charitable organization. The shelter, located at 130 Kefauver Lane in Madisonville, is open Wednesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 423-436-2900 or email info@mcfriendsofanimals.org for more information. Adoptable pets can be viewed on the website at www.mcfriendsofanimals.org

ELECTION COMMISSION

The Monroe County Election Commission is made up of a five-member board and an administrator of elections. Administrator of Elections James Brown is responsible for organizing and conducting all federal, state and local elections for Monroe County.

The Election Commission is made up of Chairman Dwayne Martin, Jeffery Trampus Hicks, Alan Hawkins, David Hester and Charles Ridenour.

Located at 401 Main Street in Madisonville, the Election Commission's office hours are Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Phone: 423-442-2461. Mailing address is P.O. Box 397, Madisonville, TN 37354.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Monroe County Chamber of Commerce is a tremendous community resource promoting its members and providing valuable information to citizens and visitors alike. Brandy Gentry is the president and CEO of the Chamber of Commerce.

The Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors is made up of business, education, tourism, economic development, and community leaders. Currently, the Chamber of Commerce has approximately 250 members.

Make sure to follow the Chamber on Facebook (Monroe County Chamber of Commerce-Tennessee) to keep up with the latest news and events.

The Chamber Office is located at 520 Cook Street, Suite A, in Madisonville. The Chamber can be reached by phone at 423-442-4588, or by email at info@monroecountychamber.org. The website is www.monroecountychamber.org.



Madisonville, serving as the county seat of Monroe County, is home to a population of 5,132. For more information, visit the city's website at www.madisonvilletn.net

MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

Madisonville is governed by a mayor and board of aldermen. The board is comprised of: Mayor Scott Hunt, Vice Mayor and Maintenance Alderwoman Nancy Franklin, Police and Fire Alderman Ed Dawson, Sewer and Sanitation Alderwoman Rhonda Harold-Cooley, and Finance Alderman Danny Long. The city attorney is Danny Dyer, while the city recorder is Sherri McCrary. Board meetings are held at 6 p.m. on the first Monday of each month at City Hall.

CITY HALL

City Hall is located at 400 College Street. Phone: 423-442-9416. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily with the exception of Wednesday and Saturday hours of 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Closed on Sundays.



Ed Dawson



Rhonda Harold-Cooley



Chris Bowers



Danny Long



**Vice Mayor
Nancy Franklin**



Mayor Scott Hunt

UTILITIES

Tracey Green is operations manager over city water, gas, sewer and maintenance departments and can be reached at 423-442-9416.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Danny Russell is chief of the Madisonville Police Department, located at 101 Tellico Street N. The Police Department can be reached at 423-442-2268. Front office hours are from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

FIRE & RESCUE

John Tallent is fire chief of the Madisonville Fire Department, located at 315 Englewood Road. The front office hours are from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily and the department can be reached at 423-442-2212.

PLANNING COMMISSION

The Planning Commission meets monthly on the third Tuesday at 6 p.m. at Madisonville City Hall. Kevin Standridge, codes enforcement officer, can be reached at 423-442-9416.

MAIN STREET

Madisonville received Main Street America and Tennessee Main Street Accreditation in July 2022. Karen Carey serves as Main Street director and can be reached at 423-442-9416.

LIBRARY

Kim Hicks is director of the Madisonville Public Library, located at 240 Houston Street. The library is open from Tuesday to Saturday. For inquiries, call 423-442-4085.

VETERANS MEMORIAL

Located off Highway 411, the Veterans Memorial has one of the largest flags in Tennessee. The flag was funded through donations and is surrounded by bricks bearing the names of local veterans.



POST OFFICE

The Madisonville Post Office is located at 161 Warren Street. Phone: 423-442-3647.

RECREATION

Houston Park, located beside the public library in downtown, is home to a splash pad and playground, a pavilion that is available to reserve for private parties, public basketball courts and a walking trail.

Kefauver Park, located off Highway 411, offers three outdoor pavilions (also available to reserve), picnic tables and grills, two playground areas, walking trail, tennis courts, pickleball, baseball and football fields, and fishing.

Memorial Park, located in downtown across from City Hall, provides open daily parking, picnic tables, and an electric vehicle charging station in the neighboring parking lot.

Visitors and residents can also enjoy walking downtown and viewing the mural trail added to the town in recent years.

ANNUAL EVENTS

Madisonville is host to several community events throughout the year. Highlights include a three-day spring carnival, food truck and concert events, a weekly farmers and makers market, downtown shop-local events, annual holiday festivals and more.

The city is proud to partner with the Downtown Madisonville Alliance, the Downtown Madisonville Association and community organizations to create successful events that bring people together, while making a difference in the community.

To stay up to date on events, visit Madisonville Main Street's website at visitmadisonvilletn.com



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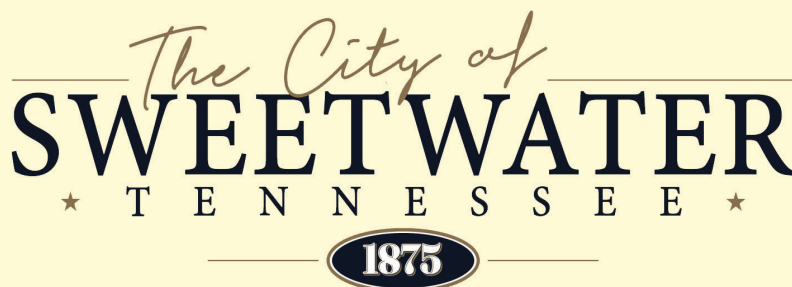
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Rodney Boruff

Tourism Director

Hayley Isbill

Main Street Director

Josh Issac

Utilities

Eric Hicks,
General Manager

Streets

JoAnna Jinks, *Commissioner*
David Moses, *Superintendent*

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James H. Stutts, *Commissioner*
Eddie Byrum, *Chief*

Fire

Alan Richeson, *Commissioner*
John Anderson, *Chief*

Plannig & Development

Sam Moser, *Commissioner*
Jon Campbell, *City Planner*

Parks/Recreation

Lamar Hughes, *Commissioner*
Shawn Vestal, *Director*

www.sweetwatertn.gov





Sweetwater has a population of 6,628 and is the largest city in Monroe County. The city's website is www.sweetwatertn.gov

MAYOR AND BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Mayor and Board of Commissioners holds regularly scheduled city meetings at 5 p.m. on the first Monday of each month at City Hall. The city board consists of: Mayor Doyle Lowe, Police Commissioner James H. Stutts, Parks and Recreation Commissioner Lamar Hughes, Planning, Development & Tourism Commissioner and Vice Mayor Sam Moser, Fire Commissioner Alan Richeson and Street Commissioner JoAnna Jinks. John Cleveland is the city attorney and Jessica Morgan is the city administrator.

The commission also holds public workshops at 5 p.m. on the fourth Monday of the month. Regular monthly workshops are held at 5 p.m. on the fourth Monday of the month. Board meetings may be viewed on the City of Sweetwater Tennessee Government YouTube page.

CITY HALL

City Hall is located at 203 Monroe Street. Phone: 423-337-6979. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Eddie Byrum is the police chief. The Police Department is located at 101 N. Oak Street. Phone is 423-337-6151.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

John Anderson serves as fire chief. The locations and phone numbers are as follows: Fire Hall No. 1, 610 New Highway 68, 337-6880; Fire Hall

No. 2, 355 Highway 322 East (Billy R. Ridenour Highway), 423-337-6724.

STREET DEPARTMENT

The street superintendent is David Moses. The office is located at 321 South High Street. Phone is 423-337-7225.

CITY CODE ENFORCEMENT/PLANNING

The City Code Enforcement/Planning and Development Office is located inside of City Hall on Monroe Street. Jon Campbell serves as the city planning officer. He can be reached at 423-337-9678.

TOURISM

Hayley Isbill serves as Sweetwater tourism director and can be reached by email at hisbill@sweetwatertn.gov. Josh Isaac is the Main Street director and can be reached at mainstreetdirector@sweetwatertn.gov. The department organizes tourism events and entrepreneur development for the downtown district.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

The director is Shawn Vestal. The park's director office is located at 208 Monroe Street. Phone is 423-337-4120.

CITY PARKS

Sweetwater has more than 190 acres of public parks and green spaces. Engleman Park on Monroe St. features a state-certified arboretum, playground, and splash pad. The Recreation Complex with a public pool, sports complex and walking trails is located on Starrett St. The Parks and Recreation Commission meets at City Hall on the second Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m.

PLANNING COMMISSION

The Regional Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals meets at 5 p.m. on the third Monday of each month at City Hall. To be placed on the agenda, call 423-337-9678 10 days in advance.

HISTORIC ZONING COMMISSION

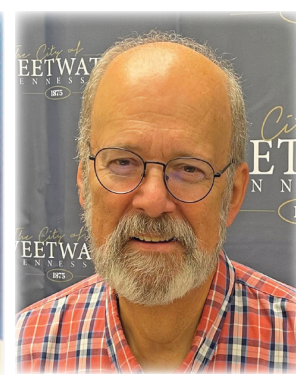
A Historic Zoning Commission designates historic overlay districts and guidelines to protect historic structures in town. The commission holds public meetings at 6 p.m. on the second Tuesday of every month at City Hall.

UTILITIES

Sweetwater Utilities Board (SUB) provides electricity, natural gas, water and wastewater services for Sweetwater. Phone: 423-337-5081. SUB is located at 400 Highway 322 E.



Mayor Doyle Lowe



James H. Stutts



Sam Moser



Lamar Hughes



Alan Richeson



JoAnna Jinks

LIBRARY

The director for the Sweetwater Public Library is Tania Rich. The library is located at 210 Mayes Avenue and can be reached at 423-337-5274.

POST OFFICE

Sweetwater Post Office is located at 701 North Main Street. Phone is 423-337-7041.

ANNUAL EVENTS

The city hosts the Blooms, Bluegrass & BBQ Festival in May, an Independence Day Parade and celebration in July, Historic Halloween, and A Small Town Christmas each November. The city and Kiwanis Club also hold a Christmas Parade. Follow the city on Instagram @visitsweetwatertn



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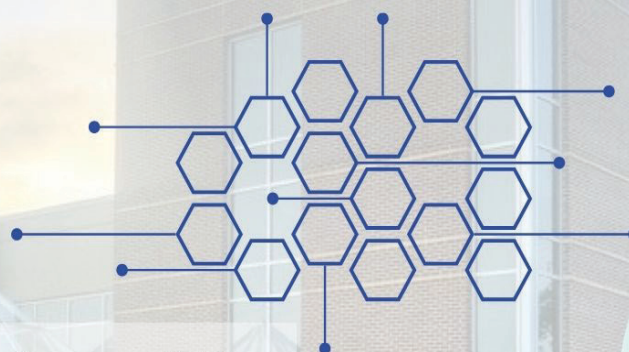
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The Town of Vonore

T E N N E S S E E

The Town of Vonore is renowned for its historical landmarks, including the Fort Loudon State Historical Area, the Sequoyah Birthplace Museum, and the Tellico Blockhouse. Tellico Lake, with its stunning scenery, attracts fishing enthusiasts and water recreation lovers. The town's industrial parks support a growing boat-building industry, and its population of 1,660 continues to rise, thanks to the development of several lakefront communities. For more information, visit the town's website at town-of-vonore.com.

MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

The Vonore Board of Mayor and Aldermen meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. in the second floor courtroom at Town Hall. John Hammontree is the mayor of Vonore. He serves with four aldermen: Tim Swafford (vice mayor; Public Works), Kristi Windsor (Police Department), Alisa Hobbs (Parks and Recreation) and Steve Wheeler (Fire Department). Sabrena Norris is the city recorder.

TOWN HALL

Vonore Town Hall is located at 613 Church Street and is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Mailing address: P.O. Box 218, Vonore, TN 37885. Phone: 423-884-6211.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Dennis Graham is the police chief. The Police Department is located on the second floor of Town Hall. The patrol division is located in the fire department across from Town Hall. Phone: 423-884-2480.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Daniel Amschler is the fire chief. The Fire Department has two stations, one is located on Church Street, across the road from Town Hall, and the second is located in the Tellico West Industrial Park. Phone: 423-884-6111.

UTILITIES

David Wiggins is head of the town's Public Works Department. Tellico Area Services System maintains the town's sewer billing records and provides water. Their office is located at 1010 Highway 411. Phone: 884-6211.

Fort Loudoun Electric Cooperative provides electricity to half of the Town of Vonore. Their office is located at 116 Tellico Port Road in the Niles Ferry Industrial Park, just off Highway 411. Phone: 1-877-353-2674.

Loudon Utilities provides electricity to half of Vonore and natural gas. The office is located at 201 Alma Place in Loudon. Phone: 865-458-2091 or 423-884-6062.

PLANNING COMMISSION

The Vonore Regional Planning Commission meets the first Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m. in the Community Center.

LIBRARY

The library is located next to the Town Hall. Phone: 884-6729. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday, and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday. Volunteer to become a part of an active Friends of the Library group that supports the library with new books on a regular basis and special community venues at various times of the year.



Mayor John Hammontree

POST OFFICE

The Post Office is located at 1117 Highway 411. Phone: 423-884-6391.

VONORE MUSEUM

The Vonore Museum is located in the Blue Metal building next to the Town Hall. It holds artifacts from several families of Vonore and also houses Vonore High School memorabilia and other interesting pieces from the old Post Office and community.

For additional information about the museum, please call 423-884-2989.

RECREATION

Vonore Heritage Park, situated on Church Street across from Town Hall, offers a variety of amenities, including a playground, a small pavilion, a basketball court, a beach area, and a walking trail. A newly developed sports complex is located on Fowler Street.

Additionally, the Veterans Memorial Park features a fishing pier, a pavilion, picnic areas, a Flag Memorial, and an amphitheater.



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Mayor Marilyn Parker



**City Recorder
Jo Cagle**



**Joyce
McDaniel**

Tellico Plains gets its name from the Cherokee capital of Telliqual, which was once along the shores of the Tellico River. Today the town serves as the gateway to the Cherohala Skyway, a National Scenic Byway crossing the mountains to Robbinsville, N.C.

Visitors can learn more about the history of the town at the Charles Hall Museum, located on the Skyway. The Cherohala Skyway Visitors Center is located next door to the museum.

Tellico Plains is the county's smallest town with a population of 763.

The town's website is www.tellicoplainstn.com

MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

The Town of Tellico Plains is governed by a mayor and board of aldermen. Marilyn Parker serves as mayor. The town council consists of: Jo Cagle (city recorder), Shannon Holt-Harris, Cynthia McDaniel, Joyce McDaniel and Courtney Bookout. The City Council meets the first Thursday of each month at the Community Center on Bank Street at 7 p.m.

CITY HALL

City Hall is located at 405 Veterans Memorial Drive. The number is 423-253-2333. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

UTILITIES

Troy Taubert is the utility manager for Tellico Plains. He can be reached through City Hall.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

David Bookout serves as police chief. The Police Department is located at 405 Veterans Memorial Drive and can be reached at 423-253-2030. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Michael Absher serves as fire chief. The all-volunteer Fire Department is located at 136 Bank Street and can be reached at 423-253-2525.

PLANNING COMMISSION

The Planning Commission consists of Mike Atkins, Chad Johnson, Alderwoman Cynthia McDaniel and Mayor Marilyn Parker. The commission meets the second Monday of each month in the small room at the Community Center at 7 p.m.

RECREATION

In addition to an abundance of outdoor recreational opportunities along the river and in the mountains, Tellico Plains has a walking trail with outdoor exercise equipment, basketball and tennis courts, baseball fields,



**Shannon
Holt-Harris**



**Cynthia
McDaniel**



**Courtney
Bookout**

and a playground area with a splash pad.

LIBRARY

The Tellico Plains Public Library is located at 209 Cherohala Skyway. Nakienya Ledford is the director. The library is open on Monday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The library is closed on Sunday. To access the library's website and online catalog, visit tellicoplainspubliclibrary.org. Phone: 423-253-7388.

POST OFFICE

The Tellico Plains Post Office is located at 171 Bank Street and can be reached at 423-253-2218.

ANNUAL EVENTS

The town holds the Dance on the Square, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club, to celebrate Independence Day in July, and the Candlelight Walk in December. It also hosts a Trout Festival. The Charles Hall Museum hosts the Cherohala Skyway Festival in October. The Kiwanis Club also sponsors the town's Christmas Parade, which is normally held on the third Saturday in December.



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MONROE COUNTY SCHOOLS

Monroe County Schools

The Monroe County School System serves about 5,000 students in 13 schools. It is led by Director of Schools Dr. Kristi Windsor and a voter-elected School Board from four districts: Chairman Dr. Lon Shoopman, Vice Chair Jo Cagle, Sharin Freeman, Freddie Kelley, Bryan Kyle, Richard Bettis, John Ridgell, Mark Ingram, Dean Williams and Mitch Avery.

The School Board meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month.

Monroe County Schools (MCS) has achieved the status of a Tennessee "Best for All District." This is after committing personnel and resources to improving literacy for all students in every grade. Tutoring is offered across the district to further support the efforts for English/language arts and math.

The district also boasts a very successful Career & Technical Education (CTE) CTE program for its students, with nationally recognized career clusters geared toward the ultimate

goal of preparing students for post-secondary and career success.

The school system continues to lead the way in Coordinated School Health, expanding access to health care for students and teachers. The increased use of Telemedicine enables remote diagnosis and treatment through Chota's school-based clinics.

In August 2022, the Monroe County Virtual School opened. This is a standalone school designed to serve students who have a need to learn virtually. This school has full-time certified teachers on staff who are able to provide assistance and support to the virtual students at any time. This gives students an opportunity to learn in a way that fits them, while also having the support and encouragement of full-time teachers.

For more information, call the Monroe County School System at 423-442-2373 or visit monroe.k12.tn.us.



**Director of Schools
Dr. Kristi Windsor**

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268 Warren Street
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Grades: K-2
Principal: Casey Davis

Madisonville Intermediate

1000 Green Road
Phone: 442-2454
Grades: 3-5

Principal: Shelma Brackett

Madisonville Middle

175 Oak Grove Road
Phone: 442-4137
Grades: 6-8

Principal: Stephanie Lane

Tellico Plains Elementary

121 Old High School Road
Phone: 253-2626
Grades: K-4

Principal: Dr. Sheryl Debity

Tellico Plains Junior High

120 Old High School Road
Phone: 253-2250
Grades: 5-8

Principal: Ruthie Hunt

Coker Creek Elementary

130 Ruritan Road
Phone: 261-2241
Grades: K-8

Principal: Shan Dalton

Rural Vale Elementary

395 Daugherty Spring Road
Phone: 253-3551
Grades: K-8

Principal: Dennis Hicks

Vonore Elementary

1135 Highway 411
Phone: 884-6485
Grades: K-4

Principal: Denise Cole

Vonore Middle School

414 Hall Street
Phone: 884-2730
Grades: 5-8

Principal: Matt Conley

Sequoyah High School

3128 Highway 411
Phone: 442-9230
Grades: 9-12

Principal: Dr. John Parham

Sweetwater High School

414 South High Street
Phone: 337-7881
Grades: 9-12

Principal: Eric Weaver

Tellico Plains High School

9180 Highway 68
Phone: 253-2530
Grades: 9-12

Principal: Russell Harris

Monroe County Virtual School

266 Warren Street (Madisonville)
Phone: 423-442-1444
Grades: 4-12

Administator: Sarah Brown

SWEETWATER CITY SCHOOLS

Sweetwater City Schools

The Sweetwater City School System is more than a century old and serves Sweetwater and the 1st District of Monroe County. Rodney Boruff serves as director of schools. The Sweetwater City School System has an enrollment of about 1,500 students.

The Sweetwater City School System focuses on student learning through outstanding teaching and the use of modern technology

at the Primary School (pre-K through 2nd-grade), Sweetwater Elementary (grades 3-4), Brown Intermediate (grades 5-6) and the junior high (grades 7-8).

The school system has outstanding facilities. In 2013, the school system opened an Administration Building (Central Office) as part of a \$2 million project that included renovations at Brown Intermediate School. The school system has completed a new gymnasium and classroom project at Sweetwater Junior High.

The Sweetwater Board of Education meets at 6 p.m. at

the new Central Office Building at 220 S. Clark Street on the second Monday of each month. The board is made up of Chairman Patrick Gaines, Vice Chair Christy McCosh Kenzie Lovingood, Jon Campbell, and Dr. John Fox.

Parks and Rec Commissioner Lamar Hughes serves as the liaison between the School Board and the City Commission.

For more information, call the Central Office at 423-337-7051 or visit the website at www.sweetwatercityschools.com

Sweetwater Primary School

500 Highway 322 East
Phone: 341-7004
Grades: Pre-K-2

Principal: Tonya Wallis

Sweetwater Elementary School

301 Broad Street
Phone: 337-7062
Grades: 3-4

Principal: Alice Tyler

Brown Intermediate School

135 Starrett Street
Phone: 337-5905
Grades: 5-6

Principal: Angie Kyle

Sweetwater Junior High School

1013 Cannon Avenue
Phone: 337-7336
Grades: 7-8

Principal: Nicki Nile



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HEALTH CARE IN MONROE COUNTY

Health Department

The Monroe County Health Department offers a variety of services for children and adults. Most services are provided on a sliding fee based on income. The Health Department is located at 3469 New Highway 68 in Madisonville. For more information, call 423-442-3993.

Child Health

WIC stands for Women, Infant, and Children. This is a Special Supplemental Nutrition Program. WIC is a federal program designed to provide supplemental food to low-income pregnant, postpartum, and breastfeeding women, infants, and children until the age of 5. Tennessee WIC has made it easier for clients as they no longer have paper vouchers but a card that is loaded with WIC benefits, similar to SNAP or debit card. Once they use their card, their receipt will show what grocery items they have left. Clients are also able to view current WIC balances at any time via the WIC Shopper App. Also, through the app they can use a barcode scanner to determine if an item is approved for their benefits before checkout.

Comprehensive and preventive health exams are offered for uninsured individuals under the age of 21. The Health Department does not treat issues, so TennCare clients are encouraged to see their assigned pediatrician.

CHANT

CHANT is a program for children from birth to age 21, when they have special needs and the family financially unable



to provide the necessary care. This program provides payment assistance and care coordination for children who meet specific eligibility criteria. The program includes speech and hearing services.

Immunizations

Childhood and adult vaccinations are available to protect against many diseases. Children's immunizations include: Tdap (diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis), Hepatitis B Hib, pneumococcal conjugate, polio, rotavirus, MMR (measles, mumps, rubella), varicella, Hepatitis A, HPV, meningitis and COVID. Adult immunizations provided are Hepatitis B, Hep A, HPV, meningitis MMR, pneumonia, tetanus, Tdap, COVID and varicella. Flu shots are available in season for children and adults. Cost varies from no charge to sliding fee to pay in full, depending on the vaccine. Insurance holders are encouraged to receive vaccinations from their private provider, as insurance is not billed for payment.

Adult Health

Services include immunizations, breast and cervical cancer screening and presumptive TennCare eligibility for breast and cervical cancer.

Communicable Disease and STD Control

The Monroe County Health Department collects information on diseases in the community, investigates and monitors outbreaks. Also provided is confidential tests, treatment and partner notification for sexually transmitted diseases.

Environmental Health

Specialists are responsible for inspecting food service establishments, hotels, motels, public swimming pools, bed and breakfast establishments, childcare facilities, organized camps, schools, plants, tattoo and body piercing establishments. Environmental specialists also investigate animal bites for possibility of rabies. The department is separate from ground water services that inspect septic tanks or test water supplies. Those services can be reached by calling 865-594-0981.

Health Education

The Department of Health provides information on current health issues, conducts classes and partners with local schools and other community agencies. Healthy weight, youth nicotine, chronic disease classes and others are offered on a regular basis. A Diabetes Support Group meets the second Tuesday of each month at the Cora Veal Center.

Vital Records

Birth certificates for those born in Tennessee can be provided for \$15 each. Copies of death certificates are issued upon request for \$15 each.

Dental Clinic

The Monroe County Dental Clinic is located beside the Health Department. Its hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Most all insurances are accepted. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 423-442-8828.

Sweetwater Hospital

Sweetwater Hospital Association (SHA) provides the community with a first-class hospital. The hospital's employees are dedicated professionals with some of the best facilities and equipment around.

For more information, visit Sweetwater Hospital's website at www.sweetwater-hospital.org or call, 865-213-8200.

Chota

Chota Community Health Services is a non-profit community health center that provides affordable health care to all residents of Monroe County regardless of economic status or insurance coverage. Walk-in and same-day appointments are available. Chota has locations in Madisonville (open seven days a week), Tellico Plains, Vonore and the Monroe County school-based clinics.

For more information, call 423-442-2622 or visit chotahealth.org.

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