

**Building & Grounds
Committee Meeting
February 6, 2012**

Members Present: JoAnn Blankenship, Ronnie Trivett, Robert L. Gobble, Buford Peters, L.C. Tester, Scott Sams, and Richard Winters.

Members Absent: Ken Arney (due to a family emergency).

Meeting was called to order by Chairman L.C. Tester at 6:10 p.m. Quorum present.

Motion was made by Robert Gobble, seconded by Ronnie Trivett to approve the minutes of the last meeting, December 5, 2011 as printed. All ayes, motion carried.

There was no Old Business to discuss.

Tom Anderson of Carter County Tomorrow was introduced to the committee and took the floor at this time. Mr. Anderson spoke concerning the Lease Agreement between Carter County Tennessee (lessor) and First Tennessee Private Industry Council, Inc.(lessee) which he noted was still in the draft stages. He stated that the plan was to accept a fifteen (15) year lease which begins on August 1, 2011 and continues until July 31, 2018. The terms in the lease agreement would allow funds to be borrowed in the amount of approximately \$80,000.00 to which would be used to install an elevator in the complex opening additional space.

During discussion it was noted that the annual rent would be \$41,000.00 and the county would be responsible for any major repairs. Also noted was the possibility of the Emergency Management Office being moved to the first floor of the complex(at no rental fee, due to it being a County owned building).

Committee Chairman, L.C. Tester noted that the lease was still in the draft stages and should be ready for consideration by the March meeting.

Courthouse maintenance personnel. Sheriff Chris Mathes, whom was in attendance, voiced that he preferred not assuming the courthouse maintenance at this time. Members of the committee agreed that any changes were required to be brought before the full commission.

PODS removal and sale. Sheriff Mathes stated that there was a total of five (5) PODS however the "middle" pod had only two wall when others were removed and would require walls being constructed if sold separately. He stated that the Elizabethton Fire Department had stated that they wanted one of the pods, and that the sale of these had been posted nation wide on the Sheriffs Association network. It was noted that these PODS were in very "rough" condition and that removal could be costly. Several uses for these was also discussed however no action was taken.

Sheriff Mathes noted that the "punch list" for the new jail was also near completion and the extended warranty went thru December 31, 2012. He spoke of some damage to the new jail made by balls being hit from the park nearby and stated that these issues were being addressed.

Ronnie Trivett voiced concern of the "clutter" on the third floor of the Courthouse. He told the committee that this was of major concern. It was noted that an auction could be an option for some of the items and that others was "junk" and needed to be thrown away. Also noted that work was being done to sort out items and reorganize them. Some windows were noted as needing repairs.

Courtroom repairs scheduled to began April 16, 2012.

Motion was made by Ronnie Trivett, seconded by Robert Gobble to adjourn. All ayes, motion carried, meeting adjourned at 8:20 p. m.

Following the adjournment of the meeting some members visited the third floor to view the space.

Respectfully submitted by,
Patsy H. Lewis, Secretary
L.C. Tester Chairman

APPROVED

Approved
Steve Lawrence for L.C. Tester
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