

**Building & Grounds Committee
10-16-14**

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Mayor, Leon Humphrey called the meeting to order at 6:25 P.M.

Roll Call as follows:

Present: Willie Campbell, Isaiah Grindstaff, Timothy Holdren, Randall Jenkins, Ray Lyons, Cody McQueen, Ronnie Trivett-sitting in on behalf of Beth Depew

(7 Present)

Absent: Al Meehan, Beth Depew

(2 Absent)

Quorum Present

Motion made by Ronnie Trivett, second by Randall Jenkins to nominate Ray Lyons as the chairman of the Building & Grounds committee.

Motion made by Ronnie Trivett, second by Isaiah Grindstaff to cease nominations

Vote by Acclamation to elect Ray Lyons chairman

All Ayes, motion carried - Ray Lyons is Chairman

Motion made by Isaiah Grindstaff, second by Timothy Holdren to nominate Willie Campbell as the vice-chairman of the Building & Grounds committee.

Vote by Acclamation to elect Willie Campbell vice-chairman

All Ayes, motion carried - Willie Campbell is vice-chairman

Motion made by Randall Jenkins, second by Willie Campbell to nominate Cody McQueen as the secretary of the Building & Grounds committee.

Vote by Acclamation to elect Cody McQueen secretary

All Ayes, motion carried - Cody McQueen is secretary

Ronnie Trivett spoke in public comments. He briefed the committee on the a project to pave the parking lot surrounding the Jail. He stated that the road superintendent would pave the parking lot, and Mr. Pete Slagle. Mr. Trivett further stated that in accordance with the rules of the city the parking lot would have to be curbed. He stated that Mr. Danny Hilbert would be willing to loan the county a machine capable of curb creation, and a supervisor to pilot and/or oversee the use of the machine. He expressed an intent to use the remaining balance of \$129,100 of the litigation fund for the parking lot project. He mentioned that the mayor had secured the blue prints needed.

Ronnie Trivett addressed a second concern regarding the replacement of windows at the courthouse. He pointed out that the building is in the historic district of Elizabethton, and the building falls under the codes governing said district.

County Mayor Leon Humphrey informed the committee of a grant awarded by the state in the amount of \$12,000 and that the primary use of that grant would be to restore the third floor windows. He stated that the estimated cost of restoration per window to be somewhere between \$2,000 and \$2,500.

The County Mayor Leon Humphrey explained a situation regarding an in-ground tank at the jail. Samples taken for testing indicated contamination. He stated that all proper protocol was followed, and authorization for monitor wells had already taken place. Authorization of funds from building and grounds were already allocated at the time of this meeting.

Chief Deputy James Parrish presented a plan to the committee to deconstruct the top half of the "old jail" building. He spoke at length on the dilapidated condition of the inside of the building. He made a recommendation to the committee to take into account a study that found the only load bearing structures in the building to be pillars. As such, we would have an opportunity to deconstruct most of the walls and existing structure to make room for usable renovated square footage. He noted that this could be a potential source for additional revenue streams in the future.

The Tennessee Department of Health County Director Caroline Hurt was a distinguished guest of the committee. She stated concerns regarding the current condition of the building, and the limited scope of usable acreage on the property. She listed several services provided by the health department including vital record storage, special medical services, and also vaccine storage. She indicated that future County Commission action would be required in order to facilitate an expansion and renovations. She stated this was necessary for the good of the health care of our citizens.

An Appointment was made for October 21, 2014 at 6:00 P.M. to tour the Tennessee Department of Health building.

Motion made by Willie Campbell, second by Isaiah Grindstaff to adjourn the meeting.

Vote by Acclamation to adjourn the meeting.

All Ayes, motion carried - the meeting was adjourned.

Building & Grounds Committee Officers

Chairman **Ray Lyons**

ViceChairman **Willie Campbell**

Secretary **Cody McQueen**

11/04/14 was the date and 6:00 P.M. was the time that was established as the next meeting of the Building & Grounds committee and has now been changed to 11/13/14.

Respectively Submitted

Cody McQueen