

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

January 8, 2014

8:30 am

APPROVED

**PRESENT:** Jo Ann Blankenship, Tom Bowers, Jack Perkins, Pat Hicks, Russell Kyte, Mayor Humphrey and Peggy Campbell.

The meeting was called to order by Jo Ann Blankenship.

Quorum present.

Motion was made by Pat Hicks with a second by Russell Kyte to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Russell Kyte with a second by Tom Bowers to approve the November 6, 2013 minutes. Motion carried.

## **New Business**

- **Carter County Emergency Rescue Squad:** Terry Arnold said the Affordable Care Act is having an impact on the Rescue Squad. He stated Carter County would fall under the Blue Cross Blue Shield Affordable Care Act Plans. He discussed the different levels of coverage Blue Cross offers. Mr. Arnold said with the new rules in place many plans have an increased deductible and/or higher monthly premiums. He said many people will not meet their deductible leaving the patient to cover all costs out of pocket. Mr. Arnold believes the Affordable Care Act is going to put stress on the Rescue Squad and other healthcare facilities. The Rescue Squad has close to two million dollars in collections according to Mr. Arnold of which they anticipate to collect approximately 3%.
- **Carter County Income Resources:** County Trustee Randal Lewis discussed the sources of income that come through his office including: property taxes, solid waste funds, animal shelter fees, permits, funds from fee offices and interest earned on certificates of deposits. Russell Kyte asked where the fees go that are collected through the Sheriff's Office. Finance Director Ingrid Deloach said funds go in as revenue to either the General Fund or the Drug Fund depending on the source. Pat Hicks asked how property taxes are coming in. Randal Lewis stated property taxes are coming in at the usual rate. Mr. Lewis also said some people are taking advantage of the partial payment plan. Jo Ann Blankenship asked if there has been an increase in the number of applications for tax relief. Mr. Lewis said there has been a steady increase in the number of applicants for tax relief each year.
- **2014-2015 Budget Calendar:** Finance Director Ingrid Deloach presented the 2014-2015 Budget Calendar. She noted the Budget Workshops will now be called Budget Hearings.
- **Recent Bids:** Finance Director Ingrid Deloach reviewed a list of recent bids.
- **County General Update:** No report.
- **County Highway Department Update:** Jack Perkins introduced Interim Assistant Road Superintendent Shannon Burchett. Mr. Perkins said the Highway Department had used over 1,000 tons of salt and chat. Jo Ann Blankenship asked if a surveyor seen on Smalling Road was doing work for the County. Mr. Perkins said the surveyor was most likely doing work for the State.
- **County Schools Department Update:** No report.
- **Tom Bowers:** Commission Meeting will be Tuesday January 21, 2014 at 9:00 A.M.
- **Pat Hicks:** No report.
- **Russell Kyte:** No report.

- **Public Comments:** Randal Lewis said the Trustee's Office will need more money in postage. He was referred to Budget Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jo Ann Blankenship, Approved for File