

Carter County Commission

Minutes of:

Health & Welfare Committee

February 4, 2020 6:00 PM



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Members:

Chairman Dr. Robert Acuff

Ginger Holdren

Mike Hill

Randall Jenkins

Brad Johnson

Ray Lyons

Austin Jaynes

Robin McKamey

I. Call to Order

The Health & Welfare Committee was called to order by Dr. Robert Acuff at 9:45 pm.

II. Approval of Agenda

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Austin Jaynes, second by Ginger Holdren. Motion unanimously approved.

III. Public Comments

None

IV. Approval of the Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes from the January 2020 meeting was made by Austin Jaynes, second by Randall Jenkins. The motion was unanimously approved.

V. Discussion of the need for regional sewer / water initiatives

https://www.mswmag.com/online_exclusives/2015/11/usda_provides_314_million_for_rural_water_and_wastewater_infrastructure

Chairman Acuff asked that if the members didn't see Governor Lee's State of the State Address then please read the transcript. He spoke a lot about rural counties. Chairman Acuff asked each one to look at the web page above about the water infrastructure from the USDA.

VI. Health and Welfare Issues Facing our County – Updates

a. Health Insurance Incentives for County Employees

There will be updates soon.

b. Opioid Epidemic

Chairman Acuff wants to ask Sheriff Lunceford to come in and update.

c. Food Accessibility for Kids and Families – update on the potential partnership between B&G Club of Elizabethton Carter County with Harmony Church, Hampton

The Boys & Girls Club will partner with Harmony Church in Hampton to expand the food distribution and after school programs.

VII. New Business

None

VIII. Old Business

None

Robin McKamey asked Chairman Acuff if he could add homelessness to the agenda for March. Chairman Acuff stated that he would reach out to the director of the homeless program Knoxville Area Rescue Ministries to see if they could possibly bring a representative to a meeting to see if what they do to serve the community there. He is looking at possible March or April and will be inviting local church leaders as well. Ms. McKamey said she has been speaking with a lady from Camelot and she will be willing to come and speak as well.

Ginger Holdren told the committee that she found a web page, tn.grantwatch.com and asked if the committee would help her write a grant to assist in the some of the issues that the Health & Welfare deals with.

IX. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Randall Jenkins, second by Robin McKamey. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 9:58 pm.