

**Law Enforcement Committee Meeting  
November 5, 2012**

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

Others in attendance included: Chief Deputy Ron Street, Jail Administrator Tom Smith, Sheriff Chris Mathes, John Lewis Commissioner, Tom Bowers County Commission Chairman, Keith Bowers, Jr. County Attorney, Leon Humphrey County Mayor, and news media.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Buford Peters at 7:40 PM, quorum present.

Motion was made by Ken Arney, seconded by Ronnie Trivett to accept the minutes of the last meeting, October 1, 2012 as printed. By majority voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Old Business

County Attorney, Keith Bowers, Jr. stated that negotiation with Southern Health Partners which was the low bidder for health care at the Carter County Jail had reduced the cost to \$422,100.00 annually. He stated that local doctors would be used by the Southern Health Partners which is based in Chattanooga, TN.

Sheriff Chris Mathes addressed the committee stating that Chancellor Johnson had requested additional security in the courtrooms and courthouse such as camera's and panic buttons. Sheriff Mathes stated that cost would be approximately \$20,000.00 coming from Courtroom Security funds with no new monies.

**Motion was made by Ronnie Trivett, seconded by Ken Arney to forward the above request as presented to the Budget Committee for additional approval.** By majority voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Chief Deputy Ron Street gave a report concerning a **Finger Print Machine agreement with the City of Elizabethton. The city has agreed to purchase the machine with county placing the order (city to reimburse funds once machine is received) and City keeping maintenance on the machine with Carter County doing labor only.**

**Motion was made by Ronnie Trivett, seconded by Ken Arney to approve the purchase of the Finger Print Machine as agreed upon with the City of Elizabethton.** By majority voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

**PODS** – removed however some problems had occurred with the water line had been resolved.

Motion to adjourn was made by L.C. Tester, seconded by Ken Arney. By majority voice vote, all ayes, meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Patsy H. Lewis, Secretary

Buford Peters, Chairman

**APPROVED**  
