

Law Enforcement
Committee
January 6, 2015

Present: Ray Lyons, Willie Campbell, Al Meehan, Tim Holdren, Beth Depew, Cody McQueen, and Isaiah Grindstaff (7 Present)

Absent: Randall Jenkins (1 Absent)

Chairman Isaiah Grindstaff called the meeting to order.

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Al Meehan, second Ray Lyons.

Vote by acclamation to approve the agenda, all ayes agenda was approved.

Motion to approve the minutes from the November 13, 2014 meeting was made by Al Meehan, second by Beth Depew.

Vote by acclamation to approve the previous minutes, all ayes minutes were approved.

Public Comments – Chief Deputy James Parrish stated for our information that Captain Tom Smith was working with Southern Health Partners (Contract Medical Providers for the Carter County Detention Center) to renegotiate the yearly contract due to a lower Average Daily Population from 330 inmates to approximately 190 inmates. Which would potentially result in a cost savings during the current fiscal period of approximately \$17,400. This is to be proposed to the Budget Committee on Monday, January 12, 2015. Chief Parrish then extended an invite for the committee to come view the Sheriff's Office and the Detention Center and to have an overview of the Law Enforcement processes of the county.

Chairman Grindstaff seeing no additional public comments closed the public comment section of the meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Al Meehan, second by Cody McQueen.

Question by Willie Campbell about the next meeting of the Law Enforcement Committee, which is set for February 3, 2015 at 6:00PM.

Question by Willie Campbell about the holding area (work on the upstairs area of the Old Jail) concerning the supposed mold seen on the photos of the Old Jail facility taken by Cody McQueen.

At this time, Chairman Grindstaff seeing a valid question to be addressed asked Ray Lyons, Chairman of the Building and Grounds Committee, to speak about the mold issue.

Ray Lyons stated that during discussions between Mayor Leon Humphrey and Sheriff Dexter Lunceford that it was determined to be a mildew issue as opposed to a Black Mold issue. During this time Sheriff Dexter Lunceford entered the committee meeting and was asked by Ray Lyons to comment on this issue. Sheriff Lunceford affirmed that the issue is a mildew problem as opposed to a mold problem and that the mold in question had indeed been tested in the past and found not to be Black Mold. Sheriff Lunceford then stated that the area in question had not grown in size and due to the roof being repaired and that the inmates being removed had assisted in preventing the issue from worsening. Willie Campbell then asked if work had begun on renovating the upstairs of the Old Jail and Sheriff Lunceford replied that it had not and that this project would require assistance from the commission to complete. At this time Sheriff Lunceford reaffirmed the need for the whole commission and any public to come and inspect both the old and new facilities. Ray Lyons then restated to clarify that there was not a Black Mold issue, but a mildew issue that was shown in the pictures taken by Cody McQueen. Chairman Grindstaff credited the pictures for bringing this issue forward to be discussed. Mayor Leon Humphrey then asked Chairman Grindstaff if he could add a statement and Chairman Grindstaff then turned the floor over to him. Mayor Humphrey then discussed the Roof Replacement project on the Sheriff's Office Annex Building and how being a proactive committee, working together, and finding the answers to these problems and moving forward is the answer. The floor was then returned to Chairman Grindstaff.

Chairman Grindstaff then asked for any additional comments and hearing none entertained a motion to adjourn.

Motion to adjourn by Al Meehan, second by Cody McQueen.

Vote by acclamation to adjourn, all ayes meeting was adjourned.

Respectively Submitted,

Isaiah Grindstaff