

**Minutes**  
**Carter County Agricultural Committee**  
**University of Tennessee Carter County Extension Office**  
**Nov. 6, 2017 4:00 pm**

**Present:** Chairman, Ross Garland, Charles Von Cannon, Dawn Winters, Bobby Blevins, Vickie Clark, Shirley Buckles, Emily Barton, Kathleen Wilson, Melissa Shelton, April Pierce, Jolie Scaff, and Alaynah Turbyfield

Ross Garland called the meeting to order. Roll was called; quorum was present. Ross asked for a motion to approve agenda with calendar addition. Bobby Blevins made the motion to approve agenda as amended. Shirley Buckles seconded, all in favor.

Minutes from Aug. 14, 2017 meeting were approved.

**Old Business:**

- Mini-Split Air Conditioning/Heating unit for upstairs offices – Mayor has gotten quotes and is waiting on report from structural engineer to move forward. Water is standing under the building. It has been recommended that we pull up the carpet to reduce mold and allergens. Should contact CCBOE to get contact info for Johnson Controls.
- \$25,000 has been placed in budget by UT Extension for all new furniture for offices.
- Tree Lighting - Nov. 14 at 5:30 pm. Chamber of Commerce is checking the bulbs. Ross Garland contacted an arborist to look at the tree for us. He says the tree is in good shape but needs mulch, dead limb pruning, and recommended we take a soil sample. He said the bands were too tight and should be replaced with bolts directly into the tree. Would like the tree measured to see if it meets the statistics for State and/or National Tallest Fir. Need to get mulch, labor and cost – possibly from mayor.
- Master Gardeners – Ross has not yet received a list of master gardeners. Vickie says only 4 or 5 are on the list.
- Charles thanked Vickie for doing sewing classes at ETCHA.

**New Business:**

- Habitat for Humanity is dedicating a house in Elizabethton Saturday, Nov. 11 at 1:30 pm. The house is for a Veteran, Steve Messina, and is being dedicated on Veterans Day, Saturday, Nov. 11 at 1:30 pm. Community has volunteered lots of hours, lunches and labor. Quilt of Valor will be presented at the dedication in recognition of Steve's military service.
- Cattleman's Association will have their Fall meeting Nov. 11 at 6:30 at Fairview Baptist Church.
- Ronnie Hazelwood and Shirley Buckles' term on the Ag Committee will be up this year. Both will have served two terms (they are eligible for no more than 3 consecutive terms). Shirley chose to remain for the 3<sup>rd</sup> term. Bobby Blevins made a motion to approve Shirley

for another term, Charles Von Cannon seconded the motion. All approved. Vickie will check with Mr. Hazelwood.

### **Program Updates:**

#### **Agriculture – Kathleen Wilson**

##### Trainings Held and Attended:

- Tennessee Agriculture Enhancement Program
- Disaster Animal Relief Training
- AI School and Pesticide Training - Passed
- Sullivan County Cattlemen Tour - Encourage Participation, Robotic Dairy
- Northeast Tennessee Career Day
- Northeast Tennessee Beef Expo
- Northeast Tennessee Master Beef and Beef Quality Assurance
- Eastern Region Nursery Tour

##### Present/ Future:

- Pesticide Trainings (points and recertification's)
- Season End
  - Cattlemen's, Soil Conservation, Farm Bureau
    - Represent as Young Farmers and Ranchers
  - NETBE Committee Member
- Progressive Agriculture Farm Safety Day Training
- Tennessee Master Horse Program in February

#### **Family & Consumer Science – Vickie Clark**

- Fresh Plate – a monthly nutrition program that will be offered for Mountain States Cardio-Pulmonary Rehab patients. FCS agents in the Upper 8 counties will all be offering the same lessons each month for the patients from their counties. The nutrition class will be a required part of the Rehab program.
- Living Well with Chronic Disease – teaching at Elizabethton Senior Center, a 6 week program for self-management of chronic diseases.
- ETCHA Sewing Class – teaching an 8-10 week sewing and quilting class for 7 girls at East Tennessee Christian Home and Academy.

#### **4-H – Emily Barton & Melissa Shelton**

- Chick Chain Applications are active. Due January 9
- 4-H Winter Contest Day will January 25<sup>th</sup> at TCAT Elizabethton. In need of judges to judge various contests.
- Feast of Joy and Community Advisory Board Thanksgiving Meal Service Projects.

- 7 new Honor Club Initiates inducted January 25<sup>th</sup>
- 3 new 4-H All-Stars inducted on November 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Attending Progressive Agriculture Farm Safety Day Training November 30
- Attending 4-H Scholarship Training tomorrow

#### **TNCEP – April Pierce**

- Nutrition Education Programs (Rudy Raccoon and Power U) to Carter County 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade classes

#### **Committee Comments:**

Ross Garland expressed appreciation for the work 4-H has done with the community and especially the youth. He especially mentioned the Quarterly report that Extension has prepared last month. Very helpful in keeping the county informed.

2018 Meeting Calendar was discussed. The Ag Committee is required to meet 4 times a year: Feb., May, Aug, and Nov. Bobby Blevins made a motion to hold the Ag Committee meetings on First Tuesday of each month at 4:00 pm. Shirley seconded the motion. Approved by all.

4-H Forestry Team is invited to be recognized at the Commission Meeting Nov. 20 at 6 :00 pm for their State Win.

Melissa reported that social media, Facebook and the website are in the process of constant improvement. She is working on providing information and forms on-line.

Emily wanted to be sure the committee was aware of the new policy to house federal prisoners in the Carter County Jail which is directly behind the Extension office. She asked if there was any reason for concern since this is the county 4-H office and juveniles are in and out of our office on a regular basis. Ross said he would discuss it with the mayor.

There being no further business, Bobby Blevins moved that the meeting be adjourned. Dawn Winters seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned.

\*\*The next Agriculture Committee meeting will be Feb. 6, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. in the Extension office.

**Adjourn**