

CARTER COUNTY
BUDGET COMMITTEE

July 9, 2018

6:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Robert Acuff, Al Meehan, Ronnie Trivett, Isaiah Grindstaff, Ross Garland, John Lewis, Sonja Culler and Kelly Collins

ABSENT: None

CALL TO ORDER: Sonja Culler, Chairwoman

ROLL CALL: Quorum Present

- ADOPT AGENDA: Motion was made by Al Meehan, seconded by Ronnie Trivett to approve the agenda as presented. By voice roll call vote, motion carried.
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made by John Lewis, seconded by Isaiah Grindstaff to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2018, meeting as presented. Roll call vote as follows:

Robert Acuff	aye	Al Meehan	aye
Ronnie Trivett	aye	Isaiah Grindstaff	aye
Ross Garland	aye	John Lewis	aye
Sonja Culler	aye	Kelly Collins	aye

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Sheriff Lunceford assured the committee the jail was not going to fail inspection. He stated each year they were inspected and given a punch list. Then at a later date, they would come back for the final inspection, this year it would be July 19, 2018. He cautioned the committee to beware of political rock throwing that happened each election year.
- Roy Livingston questioned why a total dollar amount of what was left in this year's budget at 6-30-2018, the end of the fiscal year, could not yet be determined. Brad Burke, Financial Director, made an effort to explain there would be payables/receivables for this fiscal year still coming in to pay or disburse for some time.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- Bobbie Dietz, Chairwoman of the Landfill Committee, addressed the committee regarding an offer that had presented itself to purchase one (1) truck and four (4) trailers from the company which is presently hauling the county's waste to Blountville for a purchase price of \$135,000. She stated the five (5) year contract with the company was expiring and they no longer wanted to stay in the business. She presented an Estimated Annual Costs for In-House Hauling Services and a Comparison of Estimated Costs for Trash Hauling Services. Benny Lyons told the committee he had been checking into prices of other companies and was quoted \$420 per load. He stated presently the cost was \$167.43 per trip. After much discussion including the trailer size, mileage on the trucks, maintenance cost and cost for hiring a driver, etc., motion was made by Ronnie Trivett, seconded by John Lewis to honor the request as it was unanimously approved by the Landfill Committee in the amount of \$135,000. It was stated by Benny Lyons the purchase could possibly save the county \$1 million dollars over the course of ten (10) years. Brad Burke stated the trailer and trucks purchased would have to be appraised by a professional appraiser. By roll call vote as follows, motion carried.

Ronnie Trivett	nay	Isaiah Grindstaff	aye
Ross Garland	aye	John Lewis	aye
Sonja Culler	aye	Kelly Collins	aye

BUDGET AMENDMENTS

- Motion was made by Ronnie Trivett, seconded by Al Meehan to approve General Fund 101, Budget Amendment #1, Item #1 in the amount of \$33,687.00 as presented. By roll call vote as follows, motion carried:

Robert Acuff	aye	Al Meehan	aye
Ronnie Trivett	aye	Isaiah Grindstaff	aye
Ross Garland	aye	John Lewis	nay
Sonja Culler	aye	Kelly Collins	aye

DONATION LISTINGS

- Motion was made by Ross Garland, seconded by Isaiah Grindstaff, to approve the Walmart donations for the month of June 2018, to the Elizabethton Carter County Animal Shelter totaling approximately \$1,654.41 as presented. By roll call vote as follows, motion carried.

Robert Acuff	aye	Al Meehan	aye
Ronnie Trivett	aye	Isaiah Grindstaff	aye
Ross Garland	aye	John Lewis	aye
Sonja Culler	aye	Kelly Collins	aye

Chairwoman Culler asked the Financial Director to explain the letter received from the Treasury Department Division of Unclaimed Property acknowledging receipt of the claim he filed on behalf of the County to property belonging to the unknown heirs of Ronald Joseph McNair, deceased. The letter explained that estate funds escheated to the State when there were no known heirs in order for the estate to be officially closed. The letter advised that no statutory provision or other law authorized the State of pay these funds to Carter County and could not honor the County's claim. Josh Hardin informed the committee the Chancellor was trying to figure a way for at least part of the funds to come back to the County but estate funds were handle differently than Unclaimed Property.

On motion by Al Meehan, seconded by Robert Acuff, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzi Wallace

Approved for Entry: *Sonja Culler*
 Sonja Culler, Chairwoman

8-13-18