

**Building and Grounds Committee Meeting
October 7, 2013**

APPROVED

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Members Present: Buford Peters, Ken Arney, Robert L. Gobble, Ronnie Trivett, Jo Ann Blankenship, Scott Sams, L.C. Tester and Richard Winters. (8 Present)

Absent: None (0 Absent)

Others in attendance included: Tom "Yogi" Bowers, Commission Chairman; Ron Street, Chief Deputy; Capt. Tom Smith; John Lewis, Commissioner; Keith Bowers, Jr., County Attorney; news media, and concerned citizens.

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Meeting was called to order by Chairman, L.C. Tester. Quorum present.

Motion was made by Ken Arney, seconded by Robert Gobble to accept the minutes of the previous meeting, September 9, 2013 as presented. By majority voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Annex Roof – work not yet started.

Annex Generator/Tank – dealing with three companies (tank, generator, and new tank).

John Lewis, questioned the bids for the annex roof. Due to the large gap in bids submitted, the were re-bid.

An office was being cleaned for employee of Ronnie Taylor, Tax Assessor which would be moving from the third floor. It was reported that this move would be completed soon.

Ken Arney stated that the Courthouse was in desperate need of repairs and upkeep.

Motion was made by Ken Arney, seconded by Ronnie Trivett to enter into a five (5) minute recess to view the outside of the building to point out necessary repairs.

Following the recess, Chairman Tester called the meeting back to order.

Discussion followed stating approval was necessary from the Historical Commission concerning window replacements. It was noted that storm windows could be installed on the inside. Also framing could be replaced, as this would not change the appearance of the building.

Ken Arney stated that equipment could be rented and labor could be done by prisoners which would be a cost savings to the county.

MOTION was made by Ronnie Trivett, seconded by Jo Ann Blankenship to authorize L.C. Tester, along with Leon Humphrey, to begin repairs/replacement of windows with renting of equipment and using state prisoners. By majority voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

It was stated that the Handicap Parking areas had still not yet been correctly painted with signs being erected. L. C. Tester stated he would follow up on this item with the Mayor.

Ice Machine had been relocated to the Register of Deeds office. L.C. Tester to follow up with Jodi Bristol to see if this move had been completed.

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Keith Bowers, Jr. presented to the Committee a draft of an Memorandum of Understanding concerning the parking lot at the Courthouse Annex. It was stated that the county was over it limitation to be completed. A meeting with the city on this issues had been held and proved to be very successful.

The city stated several items were necessary to be completed, to grant an fifteen month extension for the Certificate of Occupancy for the new jail. These were:

1. Parking shed moved to the back parking lot.
2. Installation of a walk-thru gate between the Jail parking area and the city ball park parking area. (This could be locked and secured if necessary)
3. Landscape the area were the PODS were located. If appearance was greatly improved, paving may not be required, be a great savings to the county.
4. Remove fence with the sliding gate.

MOTION was made by Ken Arney, seconded by Richard Winters to authorize County Attorney Keith Bowers, Jr. to complete the Memorandum of Understanding and present to the full Commission for approval. By majority voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Keith Bowers stated that an Deed error had been discovered in someone transferring property. It appeared that the land being transferred belonged to Carter County which was incorrect.

MOTION was made by Ken Arney, seconded by Ronnie Trivett to authorize County Attorney Keith Bowers, Jr. to execute and correct deed as needed. By majority voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Motion to adjourn was made by Ronnie Trivett, by majority voice vote, all ayes, motion carried and meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM.

Patsy H. Lewis, Secretary

L.C. Tester, Chairman

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