

**APPROVED**

**Building & Grounds Committee Meeting     January 13, 2014**

Members Present: Jo Ann Blankenship, Richard Winters, Willie Campbell, Robert L. Gobble, Ronnie Trivett, Ken Arney, L.C. Tester, Scott Sams, and Patsy Lewis, Recording Secretary.

Others in attendance included: Commissioners John Lewis and Nancy Brown, Sheriff Chris Mathes, Capt. Tom Smith, Chief Deputy Ron Street, Terry Arnold and Anthony Roberts with the Carter County Rescue Squad, news media and concerned citizens.

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Meeting was called to order by Chairman L.C. Tester at 6:00 PM. Quorum present.

Motion was made by Ronnie Trivett, seconded by Ken Arney to approve the minutes of the last meeting, October 7, 2012 (note there was no Nov. or Dec 2013 meeting) as printed. By majority voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

**Unfinished Business**

Courthouse Annex Roof update report was presented by Chief Deputy Ron Street. Chief Street stated that jackhammers had to be used to remove concrete barriers on the roof. Some water damage occurred during a recent rain storm, but no vital records were damaged. It was noted that if weather permits, project should be completed in April.

Courthouse Annex Generator update report was also presented by Chief Street. Chief Street informed the committee that both generators are "up and running". He also stated that in the 2014-2015 budget that the yearly basic service check fees amounting to approximately \$2500 - \$3200 needed to be considered.

Courthouse Annex Parking Lot was discussed. Chairman Tester stated that he had spoke with the City of Elizabethton and was told that they desired the area to be paved. The reason was stated as being necessary in case of emergency vehicles needing to get close to the building. The design of the parking area has already been made, which will be a factor when taking bids for the project.

**New Business**

Kitchen Area in the Old Jail was noted as being cleared and almost ready for use by Sheriff Mathes. Only some electrical issued needed addressing and to do this would require no new monies. Sheriff Mathes request to allow this area to be used as a "holding area" for inmate during court. This had previously been approved earlier tonight by the Budget Committee.

**MOTION was made by Ken Arney, seconded by Willie Campbell to allow the area in the Old Jail previously used as the kitchen to be converted into a holding area for inmates during court. No new monies required.** By majority voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Motion to adjourn was made by Ken Arney, seconded by Willie Campbell. By majority voice vote, all ayes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:20 PM.

Patsy H. Lewis, Recording Secretary

L.C. Tester, Chairman

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