

**BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE**

**January 8, 2019**

**6:00 P.M.**

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PRESENT: Robert Acuff, Mike Hill, Brad Johnson, Austin Jaynes for Jerry Proffitt, Layla Ward, Randall Jenkins, Aaron Frazier and Rick Richardson  
ABSENT: Jerry Proffitt  
CALL TO ORDER: Rick Richardson, Chairman  
ROLL CALL: Quorum Present

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- Approval of Agenda: Chairman Richardson amended the agenda to include the lease agreement for EOC as item "c" under New Business. Motion was made by Mike Hill, seconded by Randall Jenkins to approve the agenda with the amendment. By voice roll call vote, motion carried.
- Approval of Minutes: No minutes from last meeting
- Public Comments: None
- Old Business: Chairman Richardson asked for an update on the Courthouse Security Project and was told Isaiah Grindstaff had that information and was not present. Brad Johnson stated Part 1 of the project had been bid out and Part 2 was ready to bid out until the break in occurred in the clerk's office. At that time the bid process was halted until it was determined if the present project included alarms for windows and doors. If not to verify whether or not that could be added. Attorney Hardin added the grant received for the courthouse security had mostly been spent but with some of the equipment coming in at a cheaper rate than expected there was some leftover funds. He stated these would be used to update the judge's bench.

Sheriff Lunceford stated he had contacted three (3) companies regarding the much needed quality air testing at the jail. The only company he heard back from was Hepco who quoted a price of \$4,000 to conduct the quality air and surface testing. Brad Johnson stated the two (2) main areas of concern were the space between the suspended ceiling and structure above and the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor where demolition was to start. He said the environment of the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor had to be certified before work began there either by inmates or contractors. Motion was made by Randall Jenkins, seconded by Brad Johnson to refer this matter to the Budget Committee with the recommendation of the Building & Grounds Committee. By roll call vote as follows, motion carried.

Robert Acuff	aye	Mike Hill	aye
Brad Johnson	aye	Austin Jaynes	aye
Layla Ward	aye	Randall Jenkins	aye
Aaron Frazier	aye	Rick Richardson	aye

When asked by Mayor Barnett to give the history on the Sluder property, Ray Lyons stated he felt that had already been well covered. He said there had been some media coverage to try and inform the public of the project. He stated the next step would be to have a joint meeting with the School Department to get the community involved and search the school's and Sheriff Department for much needed labor. He said if the Mayor could secure the building that would be a huge step. This issue was left on the agenda for future consideration.

Commissioner Johnson informed the committee he had gone through the U.T. Extension Office to inspect how severe the window pane problem was and reported he found very minimal deterioration of the window structures. He said all of the work would have to be done from the outside because of the way the windows were made. He said he felt it was not necessary to check with the Historical Society to only replace the glass and the project should proceed. Motion was made by Randall Jenkins, seconded by Mike Hill to proceed with the project and designate the Planning Commission as overseer. By roll call vote as follows, motion carried.

Robert Acuff	aye	Mike Hill	aye
Brad Johnson	aye	Austin Jaynes	aye
Layla Ward	aye	Randall Jenkins	aye
Aaron Frazier	aye	Rick Richardson	aye

- New Business: Jon Hartman Director of Planning and Economic Development for the City of Elizabethton had requested to be on the agenda but was not present.

Danny O'Quinn, Vice President of the College of Applied Technology, addressed the committee at this time. He stated several new programs were going to be started in the next couple of years and they had run out of space. His suggested swapping the Arney Hill property for the Great Lakes property to have room for these new programs. Brought out during discussion was the fact that Carter County Tomorrow presently had an active lease of the Great Lakes property until 2022. The Mayor stated if the county merged with Carter County Tomorrow, absorbed their assets and dissolved the entity, their lease would be canceled. As the TCAT programs are a valuable asset to the county, motion was made by Aaron Frazier, seconded by Randall Jenkins to investigate the school's proposal and try to come up with a beneficial solution for both the county and the schools. By roll call vote as follows, motion carried.

Robert Acuff	aye	Mike Hill	aye
Brad Johnson	aye	Austin Jaynes	aye
Layla Ward	aye	Randall Jenkins	aye
Aaron Frazier	aye	Rick Richardson	aye

Attorney Hardin presented the lease agreement for EOC at this time stating this was essentially the last step in the merging process of EMA and EOC. He stated the lease was in compliance with the grant guidelines. During discussion it was stated the county did not own the 911 building and therefore some members and commissioners stated they were opposed to the grant funds being used for this project and could not support this. When asked how backing out of the grant would affect the county, Ken Rea with the First Tennessee Development District stated there had been times this had been done but it did not look good on the county. Abby Frye related she and the Mayor had attended grant training through the state and were given the impression if you apply for a grant, get approved and then back out you basically "shoot yourself in the foot" for future grants. Attorney Hardin stated this was obviously a major project and approved by the full Commission to get to this point. He said regardless of whether this committee supported or opposed the project, it should be passed on to the the full Commission for approval or rejection. Motion was made by Randall Jenkins, seconded by Layla Ward to advance the approval of the EOC lease to the full Commission. By roll call vote as follows, motion ended in a tie vote.

Robert Acuff	nay	Mike Hill	nay
Brad Johnson	nay	Austin Jaynes	nay
Layla Ward	aye	Randall Jenkins	aye

Aaron Frazier aye Rick Richardson aye  
Motion was made by Randall Jenkins, seconded by Mike Hill to adjourn. By roll call vote as follows, motion carried.

Robert Acuff	aye	Mike Hill	aye
Brad Johnson	aye	Austin Jaynes	aye
Layla Ward	aye	Randall Jenkins	aye
Aaron Frazier	aye	Rick Richardson	aye

Respectfully submitted,

Approved for entry:

Suzi Wallace

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Rick Richardson, Chairman