

**BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE**

**February 5, 2019**

**6:00 P.M.**

**PRESENT:** Robert Acuff, Mike Hill, Jerry Proffitt, Layla Ward, Randall Jenkins, Aaron Frazier and Rick Richardson

**ABSENT:** Ronnie Trivett for Brad Johnson

**CALL TO ORDER:** Rick Richardson, Chairman

**ROLL CALL:** Quorum Present

- Approval of Agenda: Motion was made by Mike Hill, seconded by Robert Acuff to approve the agenda as presented. By voice roll call vote, motion carried.
- Public Comments: Isaiah Grindstaff passed along "kudos" from a commissioner in Unicoi County who was impressed with the fact our county had a commissioner document basically outlining commissioner duties to help direct newly elected commissioners in their duties. He stated having this in place helped inform new commissioners before they took office.
- Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Mike Hill, seconded by Randall Jenkins to approve the minutes of the January meeting as presented. By voice roll call vote, motion carried.
- Old Business: Chairman Richardson stated he had asked Isaiah Grindstaff to give a presentation on the Courthouse Security Project. He stated a bond in the amount of the total project \$495,000 was required. He said in order to get the bond, a contract had to be signed by the county and the contractor. Attorney Hardin drafted the contract, it was properly executed and the bond was issued. He said presently initial purchases of required components were being made. He stated the Single Point of Entry project was still pending at the old courthouse. He stated their next move was to sit down with Jon Hartman, show him the plans and make sure there were no issues with the project that would have to be taken before the Historical Society. Mr. Grindstaff stated he would help out with the project as much as he possibly could, but with his day job it would be impossible to take on any more responsibilities. Dr. Acuff stated at some point in time it appeared a Project Manager may be needed. Chris Schuettler said his office would be willing to help as much as possible. After discussing available personnel and extra duties, motion was made by Robert Acuff, seconded by Randall Jenkins to appoint the Planning Office as Project Manager and if extra money was needed for the performance of these additional duties, Mr. Schuettler could come before the committee for assistance. By roll call vote as follows, motion carried.

Robert Acuff	aye	Mike Hill	aye
Ronnie Trivett	absent	Jerry Proffitt	aye
Layla Ward	aye	Randall Jenkins	aye
Aaron Frazier	aye	Rick Richardson	aye

At the request of Chairman Richardson, Superintendent of Roads, Roger Colbaugh addressed the committee at this time to discuss the development of the property in Little Milligan. He stated the existing driveway was a private drive and not open to the public. He stated access onto the property would have to be permitted. He said from experience he felt it was better to have the driveway come off of US Hwy 321 even if allowed access to the private drive as the site was to be set up as a county business. He stated in order to place the driveway off the highway, a permit from TDOT would have to be obtained and the state standards met for this type of business. Asking questions like would there be excavation on site and whether an elevation study had been performed, Supt. Colbaugh suggested the driveway be installed first to help avoid damage to other's property. It was asked for Supt. Colbaugh and Chris Schuettler to meet for discussion on this matter in the future and report back to the committee.

At this time Chairman Richardson stated as a member of the Financial Management Committee and the meeting he attended yesterday, the story he read today had a lot of inaccuracies. He stated the Mayor did not approach or petition the committee for a new vehicle as reported. He said questions were going to be asked and facts needed to be recorded as facts and rumors needed to be dealt with. He said the committee could not refer the matter to the Budget Committee, but voted to get some pricing information to be brought back to the next meeting to explore the possibilities. He said he felt these inaccuracies would turn the tide of public opinion away from the Mayor who then stated, "there will be no new vehicle".

On motion by Randall Jenkins, seconded by Mike Hill the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzi Wallace

Approved for entry:

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Rick Richardson, Chairman