Carter County Commission



Minutes of:

Buildings & Grounds Committee July 2, 2019 6:00 PM

Members:

Chairman

Vice Chairwoman Layla Ward

Dr. Robert Acuff

Mike Hill

Ronnie Trivett - absent

David Miller

Brad Johnson

Jerry Proffitt - absent

Randal Jenkins

Aaron Frazier

i. Call to Order

The Buildings & Grounds meeting was called to order by Vice Chairwoman Lala Ward at 5:58 pm. Ronnie Trivett and Jerry Proffitt were absent.

II. Approval of Agenda

A motion was made to approve the agenda by Mike Hill second by Aaron Frazier. The motion was unanimously approved.

III. Approval of minutes

A motion was made to approve the June minutes by Mike Hill second by Brad Johnson. The motion was unanimously approved.

IV. Public Comments

Melissa Morland joined the meeting to express her concerns about the inadequate lighting in the parking lot beside the courthouse. The lights at the far end of the lot are overgrown with trees. After a late night in court when leaving the building, the parking lot is dark and secluded. It is a safety issue. Through discussion it was determined that there is electricity there to install new lighting and that there is a camera already in place. Brad Johnson says that there are funds to cover capital improvements and would like to place this on the committee's priority list at number five (5). Brad Johnson made the motion to place the lighting issue on the list, second by Randall Jenkins. The motion was unanimously approved.

V. Old Business

No updates

VI. New Business

Maintenance

Sheriff Lunceford came before the committed to discuss the issues about the maintenance and cleanliness of the courthouse and grounds. TCA code requires the Sheriff to maintain the courthouse and the buildings and grounds attached to it. Attorney Hardin informed the committee that in March 2012 the code was changed to assign maintenance of all county buildings except the jail to the Mayor. The county commission assigns or can take away

the assignment of the responsibility to oversee the maintenance and janitorial activities. As of now the responsibility is the Mayors. Ms. Ward informed the committee about some of the complaints she has received, and other members informed that they had received some of the same complaints. Ms. Ward informed the committee that the Mayor was aware of the situation and has taken steps to rectify the problem. Check lists have been put in place and this should take care of the issue.

VII. Commissioner comments

The topic of naming a new chairperson was brought up. The suggestion that Vice – Chairwoman Ward continue to lead the meeting for two (2) months then the committee can have an election.

VIII. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Aaron Frazier second by Mike Hill. The motion was unanimously approved. Meeting was adjourned at 7:12 pm.