

# Carter County Commission

Minutes of:

## Buildings & Grounds Committee

January 7, 2020 6:00 PM



### Members:

Chairman Austin Jaynes

Ginger Holdren

Robert Acuff

Randall Jenkins

Mike Hill

Ray Lyons

Brad Johnson

Robin McKamey

### I. Call to Order

The Buildings & Grounds meeting was called to order by Austin Jaynes at 8:35 pm.

### II. Approval of Agenda

A motion was made to approve the agenda by Mike Hill second by Robert Acuff. The motion was approved.

### III. Approval of minutes

A motion was made to approve the December minutes by Mike Hill, second by Robert Acuff. The motion was unanimously approved.

### IV. Public Comments

None

### V. New Business

#### a. Project Management

Chairman Jaynes suggests that the committee create a new position and use the \$30,000 allocated to the 20 hour a week position, drop the contractors license requirement. Brad Johnson reminded the committee that there are employees that can do the job. Mr. Lyons stated that we have instructed the County Attorney to litigate and we need to wait on his report. Chairman Jaynes asked each member to come up with a solution to the problem. Mayor Barnett informed the committee that the new maintenance staff has saved thousands of dollars so far. Mr. Lyons stated that he supports what the members are trying to do but would caution about going back to the planning commission. Mr. Hill told the committee that he believes the best thing to do is let the planning commission do their job. Mike Hill made a motion, second by Ray Lyons to retitle and rewrite the job description. Bring ideas back in February. The motion was unanimously approved.

### VI. Old Business

#### a. Paving at Workforce Development site

Funds have been allocated.

Ray Lyons made a motion, Dr. Robert Acuff second to allow the highway department to pave the Workforce Development site.

Roll Call:

Dr. Robert Acuff – Yes

Mike Hill – Yes

Ginger Holder – Yes  
Austin Jaynes – Yes  
Robin McKamey – Yes  
Brad Johnson – Yes  
Ray Lyons – Yes  
Randall Jenkins – Yes  
Motion unanimously approved.

**b. EOC construction update**

Project starts January 13 should be finished by June 10. Minutes from the EOC and Courthouse Security meetings were handed out.

**c. Courthouse security update**

Notice to proceed Armstrong Construction. Start date January 5 finish May 4.

**d. Lease for Vince Jordan Virtual Reality business at Workforce Development site**

Mayor spoke with Dr. Gardenour again, there was a rumor about buying a building. Chairman Jaynes asked if the mayor contact Dr. Gardenour and Attorney Hardin and update next month.

**e. Sluder property update**

Thursday / Friday this week the footers will be dug. Summers Taylor will pour concrete as soon as they are dug. Funding has been allocated.

**f. ADA transition plan**

Gary Smith informed Chairman Jaynes that the state has approved. Move to next month.

**g. Clerk and Master's back door**

Moved to next month.

**h. County Archive Department**

Moved to next month.

**i. Ralph and Kathleen Smith Carter County Park of Whaley Town Road**

Attorney Hardin is going to draw up papers.

**VII. Commissioner Comments**

Chairman Jaynes wants to know what the goals of the committee are for the Carter County Tomorrow space.

Brad Johnson wants the building to be inspected and get a proposal together to know what the county is looking at to fund the renovations. Ms. Holdren believes that roundtable meetings with Northeast State needs to be done soon. Mayor Barnett said he spoke to Dr. Flora and will be planning a roundtable meeting soon. Mr. Lyons asked about a name change for the site. Chairman Jaynes agreed and that it needed to include the connection to Carter County. Dr. Acuff brought security for the building up and Chairman Jaynes suggested that the same swipe locks and badges that is going in at the courthouse be used in this building as well. Mayor Barnett will be meeting with Walters State, Northeast State and Tennessee College of Applied Technology

about a culinary course. Ms. Holdren said that Kingsport has the Kingsport Higher Education Learning Center this could be the Elizabethton / Carter County Higher Education Center.

Mr. Hill wants to set a time limit on the meetings at 45 minutes.

Ms. Holdren suggests that there be only one break during the meetings.

**VIII. Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn was made by Randall Jenkins, second by Mike Hill. The motion was unanimously approved. Meeting was adjourned at 9:41 pm.