

# Carter County Commission



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Minutes of:

**Buildings & Grounds Committee**

**May 5, 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 Building & Grounds Committee was called to order by Chairman Austin Jaynes at 7:05 pm. Chairman Jaynes stated a disclaimer that the meeting was being held by video conference because of Covid – 19. Guidelines for the Coronavirus were being followed and there were no members in the same room during the meeting.

**II. Approval of Agenda**

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

**III. Approval of minutes**

A motion was made to approve the February 2020 minutes by Robert Acuff, second by Mike Hill. The motion was unanimously approved.

**IV. Public Comments**

None

**V. New Business**

**a. Land on Powder Branch**

This is 26 acres near Happy Valley High School. Previously the county looked at the property when TDOT wanted to do a lease on the property. The county decided to not proceed with a lease. Now TDOT is offering a deed to the property. The terms are the same as the lease. This was discussed about 2/3 years ago. This has been looked at by Parks & Rec to see what it can be used for. Chairman Jaynes questions the timing and the cost right now to assume responsibility for this property. Mr. Jenkins informed the committee that from the Park & Rec perspective this is an opportunity that will not come again because of interest from a neighboring property owner to purchase. The state is not going to use the property and the risk of the state taking it back is low. This is property that could be offered to the Carter County School System for ball fields for Happy Valley High School. Mr. Hill asked if the school would be interested and would they assume the cost to do the fencing that is part of the deal.

A motion was made to make an application to obtain the property by Robert Acuff, second by Ginger Holdren. Chairman Jaynes asked if the fencing would still have to be placed in order to obtain the

property. Attorney Hardin informed that there is a chain link fence in place so the same would be used to finish it. Dr. Acuff asked if other fencing could be used to finish it. Attorney Hardin said it could be negotiated. Chairman Jaynes asked if it would come back to the Building & Grounds committee? Attorney Hardin stated that this is just the application process to obtain the property. It will come back to the committee to look at contingencies.

Motion to make an application to obtain the property was unanimously approved.

## VI. Old Business

### a. EOC construction update

The project should be done earlier than what was anticipated. There is not an exact date of completion as of this meeting.

### b. Courthouse security update

This has not started yet, there have been two change orders currently. Chairman Jaynes asked Attorney Hardin to look at the contract to see what kind of exit clause we have. Bring closure to the issues, its been going on for four years.

A motion was made to have Attorney Hardin look at the contract and any other damages that are being caused to the county was made by Robert Acuff, second by Ray Lyons. Motion unanimously passed. Attorney Hardin asked for a copy of the contract and change orders and he will report back to this committee next month.

### c. RFP & Court house boiler

RFP for the Work Force Development property has been held up till at lease the end of May, first of June.

Have approved the request form the architect and Chairman Jaynes will go to the Budget Committee to ask for the funds needed.

### d. Court house protective glass

Protective glass will be installed in the Circuit Court Clerk's Office and the Trustees Office in the next two weeks. Mayor Barnett signed off on taking the money out of the emergency fund because of the Coronavirus. Abby Frye provided the cost for each office as follows, Trustees Office - \$3,534; Circuit Court Clerk - \$4,183. Ray Lyons asked what procedures were going to be put into place for the re-opening of the courthouse. Mr. Acuff stated that he was not aware of the procedures, but he stated that each office needed to do things like marking the floor 6 feet apart to help with social distancing. There will be assigned seats in the court rooms. Deputes can take temperatures before allowing people in. Chairman Jaynes informed the committee that he asked each office holder if they wanted the protective glass and each replied that they did not, except the two referenced above. Mayor Barnett stated that they court was going to allow 10 people at a time to come into the courtrooms. Robert Acuff informed him that if he needed anything from the Health & Welfare Committee please let him know. Abby Frye stated that there should be money in the budget for the extra signage that will be needed for opening but my run short on the custodial supplies. Chairman Jaynes said he would entertain a motion to ask for more money for the extra cleaning supplies that were being used and will be needed upon opening. Mike Hill offered to help with the signage for re-opening.

A motion was made to ask the budget committee for money to supplement the custodial supplies budget, not to exceed \$10,000, second by Brad Johnson.

Abby Frye stated that she believed \$1,500 would get us through till the end of June. The Mr. Johnson and Mr. Lyons reminded her that we did not know how long this was going to last therefore

the wording "not to exceed". Mr. Lyons amended his motion to change the amount from \$10,000 to \$5,000.

Roll Call:

Austin Jaynes – Yes

Brad Johnson – Yes

Mike Hill – Yes

Randall Jenkins – Yes

Robin McKamey – Yes

Ginger Holdren – Yes

Robert Acuff – Yes

Ray Lyons – Yes

The motion passes, Yes – 8, No – 0.

#### VII. **Commissioner Comments**

Randall Jenkins asked about the money (\$25,000) that was talked about for the Sluder Property. Was it approved or not approved? Abby Frye stated that she has not been able to find it in the committee or full commission minutes. It was discussed but was not voted on. Chairman Jaynes stated that he would entertain a motion to have the money approved.

A motion to approve \$25,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund to be used for the Sluder Property project was made by Randall Jenkins, second by Ray Lyons.

Roll Call:

Austin Jaynes – Yes

Brad Johnson – Yes

Mike Hill – Yes

Randall Jenkins – Yes

Robin McKamey – Yes

Ginger Holdren – Yes

Robert Acuff – Yes

Ray Lyons – Yes

The motion passed, Yes – 8, No – 0.

Chairman Jaynes stated that he would take this to the budget committee.

#### VIII. **Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made by Ray Lyons, second by Robin McKamey. The motion was unanimously approved. Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.