

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

August 5, 2015

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**PRESENT:** Roger Colbaugh, Bobbie Gouge-Dietz, Mayor Leon Humphrey, Ray Lyons, Charles VonCannon, Danny Ward, and Dr. Kevin Ward.

The meeting was called to order by Ray Lyons.

Quorum present.

Motion was made by Mayor Humphrey, second by Bobbie Gouge-Dietz to approve the agenda with the addition of Efforts to Help Officeholders under Old Business. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Mayor Humphrey with a second by Bobbie Gouge-Dietz to approve the July 8, 2015 minutes. Motion carried.

Public Comments: Roy Livingston had several questions concerning the budget. Sheriff Lunceford requested the committee to consider during the selection of the new director the ability to work with officeholders. Randal Lewis also expressed his concerns with the new director selection.

## Old Business

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- **Elizabethton Star Advertising Presentation:** Lynn Richardson, Publisher of the Elizabethton Star, approached the committee concerning the announcement of the Finance Department moving advertisements to the Johnson City Press. She explained her thoughts of the Star being a local, hometown newspaper as well as the cost of advertisements. She pledged to be the most efficient provider of advertisements. Charles VonCannon expressed his concern of a Monday edition not being available. Mayor Humphrey presented circulation comparisons he had researched and explained how the goal should be to reach as many county residents as possible. Chairman Lyons requested that Mrs. Richardson bring back circulation numbers and rates to the committee.
- **Efforts to Help Officeholders:** Charles VonCannon addressed the issue of items coming up from the floor during the full commission meeting without commissioners having an opportunity to research. His request was referred to the Rules and Bylaws Committee. Mr. VonCannon also discussed the bridge situation in the county.

## New Business

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- **Appoint Interim Director:** Motion was made by Ray Lyons and seconded by Bobbie Gouge-Dietz to appoint Christa Byrd as the Interim Director of the Finance Department effective August 13, 2015. Motion carried. Discussion was made concerning the pay of the Interim Director. It was determined that the pay would remain the same. Ingrid Deloach asked the committee to remember that Mrs. Byrd will be doing two jobs during the selection process. She asked that the committee appoint a permanent director as expeditiously as possible in order to prevent burnout and overload of the Interim Director.
- **Process for Director Appointment:** The number of resumes received was discussed. The process of submitting resumes was also discussed. The committee was informed that the Employment Advertisement stated that resumes should be submitted by mail to the Carter County Finance Department, Attention: Chairman-Financial Management Committee or electronically to [finc@cartercountyttn.gov](mailto:finc@cartercountyttn.gov) by 3:00 pm on August 4, 2015. The committee was informed of two resumes that did not meet those requirements. Motion was made by Danny Ward and seconded by Dr. Kevin Ward to not accept any resumes that did not follow the requirements of the advertisement. Motion carried.

Chairman Lyons discussed the copy of the minutes provided to the committee from the December, 2007 Commission meeting where the commission approved the requirement for the Finance Director and Deputy Director to live in Carter County.

Motion was made by Danny Ward and seconded by Dr. Kevin Ward to come back together on August 12, 2015 at 1:00 pm to discuss the candidates presented.

- **Recent Bids:** Ingrid Deloach reviewed a list of recent bids. Charles VonCannon asked how much money had been received from the sale of used cooking oil in the school system. Ingrid Deloach informed him she would have that information for him at the next meeting.
- **County General Update:** Mayor Humphrey had to leave the meeting to attend a very important regional meeting. No update was available.
- **County Highway Department Update:** Roger Colbaugh informed the committee that the Highway Department is currently doing summer maintenance work such as mowing, weedeating, spraying, pothole patching, and paving. He stated they are trying to pave the small roads to keep costs down. He also advised the committee of the upcoming State Aid and bridge projects. Discussion was made as to how to go about making sure the Bridge Funds were able to be utilized.
- **County School Department Update:** Dr. Ward thanked Mrs. Deloach for the efforts she has made concerning the school system. Dr. Ward stated that the school year will begin with Teacher In-Service on August 10, 2015 at 8:00 at Valley Forge Free Will Baptist Church. The Curriculum in Action program was also discussed as well as the Literacy Teams and Writing Teams who have been preparing throughout the summer for the TN Ready. Dr. Ward also informed the committee that the eMed contract has been approved and telemedicine services will be provided throughout the upcoming school year. An update was given on the Community Eligibility Program stating that 150,000 more breakfasts and 49,000 more lunches were served during the previous school year. Dr. Ward also discussed the recently released TVAAS scores. He stated that Hunter Elementary is once again a Reward School and that Carter County is a level 5 school system.
- **Bobbie Gouge-Dietz:** Mrs. Gouge-Dietz thanked Mrs. Deloach.
- **Ray Lyons:** Chairman Lyons expressed his appreciation to Mrs. Deloach.
- **Charles VonCannon:** Mr. VonCannon also spoke to the job that Mrs. Deloach has done. He also spoke to the need of information retrieval of county records.
- **Danny Ward:** Mr. Ward informed Mrs. Deloach she would be missed. He also asked questions concerning the funds received from the Delinquent Tax Sale.

Motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Kevin Ward, second by Bobbie Gouge-Dietz. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Ingrid Deloach

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Ray Lyons, Approved for File