

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

August 2, 2017

8:30 am

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

The meeting was called to order by Ray Lyons.

Quorum present.

**Adopt Agenda:** Motion was made by Mayor Leon Humphrey, second by Danny Ward to approve the agenda. Motion Carried

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion was made by Danny Ward, second by Bobbie Gouge-Dietz to approve the June 7, 2017 minutes.

**Public Comments:** Mr. Roy Livingston had questions pertaining to the process the County follows for setting a budget on a yearly basis. Finance Director, Christa Byrd, explained in detail the policy and procedures followed by the Budget Committee in setting a yearly budget.

**Old Business:** No Old Business to be discussed

**New Business:**

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- **Randal Lewis:**

- **Copier Lease Agreement:** County Trustee, Randall Lewis, brought two copier lease agreements before the Financial Management Committee for review and approval. The two companies that provided quotes for Mr. Lewis were Appalachia Business and Hungate. Mr. Lewis stated that both quotes were similar in price and requested that the committee consider letting him go with Hungate.

**Motion** was made by Mayor Leon Humphrey, second by Bobbie Gouge-Dietz to approve the copier lease agreement for the Trustee's office.

Ray Lyons	Aye	Danny Ward	Aye
Bobbie Gouge Dietz	Aye	Roger Colbaugh	Aye
Charles VonCannon	Aye	Leon Humphrey	Aye

**All Ayes, Motion Carried**

- **Future Revenue Potential:** Mr. Randall Lewis and his Deputy, Clerk Karla Andrews, questioned Mayor Leon Humphreys regarding his article on Facebook and in the Elizabethton Star. The article regarded possible revenue ventures that the Mayor believed could be engaged for the County. Mayor Leon Humphrey responded with an explanation of the article and what his intentions were with the article. Mr. Ray Lyons stated that if the Assessor's office, Finance Department, and Trustee department came together and created an educational program for the

benefit of the commissioners and public that could help with some misconceptions regarding what can or cannot be done on a regular basis.

**Motion** was made by Danny Ward, second by Mayor Leon Humphrey to implement a workshop that involved the Trustee Department, the Assessment Department, and the Finance Department that will help educate the public and commissioners on the process of government work.

Ray Lyons	Aye	Danny Ward	Aye
Bobbie Gouge Dietz	Aye	Roger Colbaugh	Aye
Charles VonCannon	Aye	Leon Humphrey	Aye

**All Ayes, Motion Carried**

Mayor Leon Humphrey stated that he believes an investment committee would be a good option to help finding better options for investing the counties monies and to help educate the public while working with each office holder. Finance Director, Christa Byrd, stated that she believes that the program with the different office holders would be a better way to educate the public.

**Motion** was made by Mayor Leon Humphrey, second by Charles VonCannon to implement an investment committee to further educate the County on investment opportunities for County monies.

Ray Lyons	Nay	Danny Ward	Nay
Bobbie Gouge Dietz	Nay	Roger Colbaugh	Nay
Charles VonCannon	Aye	Leon Humphrey	Aye

**2 Ayes and 4 Nays, Motion Failed**

- **Revenue Option Committee update:** Mr. Ray Lyons discussed the notes that came from the Revenue Option Committee meeting. Mr. Lyons relayed the fact that the committee came up with and researched three different options of possible new revenues. The three possibilities for new revenue to aid the County include a wheel tax, vehicle inspection tax, and animal tags tax. Mr. Lyons made certain to explain that this committee was made up of a lean group that attended the first meeting. He also explained that the committee is more of a think tank to come up with ideas to help aid the County in finding revenues to offset property taxes. Mr. Lyons was told by the committee to continue with the research process in the current Revenue Committee.
- **Recent Bids:** Director of Finance, Christa Byrd, reviewed a list of recent bids.
- **County General Update:** Mayor Leon Humphrey stated that the County received a letter from Mr. Kevin Triplett in regards to the Adventures Tourism Districts designation being awarded to Carter County to aid in attracting new business and industry. Mayor Humphrey also stated that feasibility studies prove that Carter County is in need of a

hotel. He also commented that the company Design Control Solutions has been to the County on several occasions to support in making the Corporate Attractions video. Mr. Humphrey stated that the Health Department Project is coming to a finish.

- **County Highway Department Update:** Highway Superintendent, Roger Colbaugh, commented that the new section of Middle Branch Road is now completed and open to the public. Mr. Colbaugh mentioned the state aid projects that the Highway Department are currently working on. Roger Colbaugh mentioned that the owner of the Minton Hollow Road property has presented the County with another appraisal. The Financial Management Committee requested that Roger take this new appraisal and the Counties appraisal to the Budget Committee for discussion.
- **County School Department Update:** Not Present.
- **Bobbie Gouge-Dietz:** No Comment.
- **Ray Lyons:** Mr. Lyons commended the work that all office holders and their employees put in for the County.
- **Charles VonCannon:** Mr. VonCannon mentioned some problems that the Counties local orphanage has been dealing with. Mr. VonCannon also stated that he will be trying to attend the second Revenue Discussion meeting tomorrow.
- **Danny Ward:** Mr. Danny Ward stated that he attended a meeting at the Bonnie Kate Theatre and feels that a lot of positive outcomes came from attending this meeting. He also told the Financial Management Committee that Workforce Development should have the new elevator fully completed by the end of the month.
- **Adjourn:** Motion made by Mayor Leon Humphrey, second by Bobbie Gouge-Dietz.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Kennedy

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Ray Lyons, Approved for File