

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

February 7, 2018

8:30 am

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

The meeting was called to order by Danny Ward.

Quorum present.

Adopt Agenda: Motion was made by Mayor Leon Humphrey, second by Charles VonCannon to approve the agenda with the addition of a discussion piece under new business covering the Counties policy regarding the acceptance of personal equipment loans. Motion Carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Bobbie Gouge-Dietz, second by Roger Colbaugh to approve the January 3, 2018 minutes.

Public Comments: Mr. Roy Livingston gave a public information request to Financial Management Chairman, Danny Ward, and Finance Director, Christa Byrd, to sign. Mrs. Byrd explained the request to the committee.

Old Business:

- **Financial Management Policies Updated:** Finance Director, Christa Byrd, continued presenting her recommended changes for Financial Management policies. Mrs. Byrd stated that if anyone has any recommendations for changes to the policy during her presentation feel free to speak up.

Motion was made by Mayor Leon Humphrey, second by Dr. Kevin Ward to accept the redraft of the Financial Management policies with the presented changes.

Leon Humphrey	Aye	Danny Ward	Aye
Roger Colbaugh	Aye	Bobbie Gouge-Dietz	Aye
Charles VonCannon	Aye	Brad Johnson	Aye
Dr. Kevin Ward	Aye		

All Ayes, Motion Carried

New Business:

- **Recent Bids:** Director of Finance, Christa Byrd, reviewed a list of recent bids.

- **County General Update:** Mayor Leon Humphrey commented on the progress being made to update the County Courthouse. Mayor Humphrey stated that his office is currently looking at the proposals for the Courtroom Sound System. He mentioned that two of the bidders put on a demonstration of their products. Mr. Humphrey also mentioned the many different painting projects that are currently being done in the Courthouse. According to Mayor Leon Humphrey, the office of Economic and Community Development hosted Mr. Tumblin from Dayton County. Mr. Humphrey believes that Carter County should try to replicate some of the good practices being used in Dayton County to bring Economic development to the area.
- **County Policy regarding Acceptance of Personal Equipment Loans:** Mr. Charles VonCannon wanted to discuss the policies regarding the Counties ability to accept personal equipment loans. Finance Director, Christa Byrd, stated that the Financial Management Committee can set new policies regarding the issue but they cannot enforce the policies on elected official's offices.

Motion was made by Mayor Leon Humphrey, second by Roger Colbaugh to have the County Attorney research the possibilities of accepting the loan of personal equipment from the public.

Leon Humphrey	Aye	Danny Ward	Aye
Roger Colbaugh	Aye	Bobbie Gouge-Dietz	Aye
Charles VonCannon	Aye	Brad Johnson	Aye
Dr. Kevin Ward	Aye		

All Ayes, Motion Carried

- **County Highway Department Update:** Highway Superintendent, Roger Colbaugh, stated that the Highway Department is doing a lot of winter maintenance at the moment. He also mentioned that his department is still repairing flood damage in Roan Mountain from the last storm. Roger Colbaugh also mentioned the changes he will be requesting to his budget in the next fiscal year.
- **County School Department Update:** Carter County School Superintendent, Dr. Kevin Ward, stated that the Schools are officially out of snow days. He stated that if the weather caused the schools to close going forward they will have to look at taking days from Spring Break. Dr. Ward mentioned that he and Finance Director, Christa Byrd, are currently having meetings to discuss next year's budget request.
- **Bobbie Gouge-Dietz:** Mrs. Bobbie Gouge-Dietz informed the committee that the Landfill is still dealing with insurance agents in regards to the landfill fire. Finance Director, Christa Byrd, mentioned that the insurance company has started making some payments to reimburse the County for the damages.

- **Brad Johnson:** Mr. Brad Johnson stated that the County needs to look at some kind of salary study for the employees. Mrs. Byrd stated she does agree that we need to look at a salary study but we need to be cautious to not only do the study but look at ways to fund any discrepancies. Mrs. Byrd commented that she believes employee morale would be brought down if the County did a study that proves employees are underpaid then did nothing to correct the issue. The Mayor and Dr. Kevin Ward discussed the work provided by the company who did the Salary studies for the School's paraprofessionals.

Motion was made by Brad Johnson, second by Roger Colbaugh to bring the idea of a salary study before County Commission for approval.

Leon Humphrey	Aye	Danny Ward	Aye
Roger Colbaugh	Aye	Bobbie Gouge-Dietz	Aye
Charles VonCannon	Aye	Brad Johnson	Aye
Dr. Kevin Ward	Aye		

All Ayes, Motion Carried

- **Charles VonCannon:** Mr. Charles VonCannon mentioned many different budget issues regarding outside agencies like the Public Library, Boys and Girls Club, and the Golf Course.
- **Danny Ward:** Mr. Danny Ward mentioned that the State Comptroller's office and the County Attorney agree that Carter County Tomorrow did not need an audit. He also mentioned that the elevator in the Workforce Development building has been installed.
- **Adjourn:** Motion made by Mayor Leon Humphrey, second by Bobbie Gouge-Dietz.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Kennedy

Danny Ward, Approved for File