

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

May 9, 2018

8:30 am

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

The meeting was called to order by Danny Ward.

Quorum present.

Adopt Agenda: Motion was made by Bobbie Gouge-Dietz, second by Roger Colbaugh to approve the agenda. Motion Carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Bobbie Gouge-Dietz, second by Roger Colbaugh to approve the April 4, 2018 minutes. Motion Carried.

Public Comments: Public citizen, Roy Livingston, welcomed the new Finance Director, Brad Burke, to Carter County Government. Mr. Livingston also made comments regarding his views on the budget process.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

- **Introduce new Finance Director:** Financial Management Chairman, Danny Ward, welcomed the New Finance Director, Brad Burke, to Carter County on behalf of the Financial Management Committee. Finance Director, Brad Burke, thanked the committee for the opportunity to work with the County. Mr. Burke also discussed his goals in making certain that the services provided by the Carter County Finance Department will be improved under his administration.
- **Update on landfill by Benny Lyons:** Solid Waste Director, Benny Lyons, discussed the processes that were required to get the landfill back on track after the fire. Mr. Lyons also mentioned the different cleanups necessary to get the landfill ready for the new 50 x 80 building. Mr. Lyons also discussed the purchase of a new roll-off truck and utility truck that was needed after the fire destroyed the Counties other roll-off truck. He also mentioned that the landfill has been purchasing replacement tools to keep the services provided by the landfill on track.
- **Recent Bids:** Director of Finance, Brad Burke, reviewed a list of recent bids.

Mr. Charles VonCannon asked for more detail on the Highway Department's posted bid for a 2018 Sports Utility Vehicle. Mr. Roger Colbaugh explained that the vehicle he currently drives would be better suited for an employee out in the field because he does not do any hauling; therefore, the posted new vehicle would be his replacement vehicle. Mr. VonCannon asked Highway Superintendent, Roger Colbaugh, if he has looked at State Contract vehicles as a possible replacement. Mr. Colbaugh stated that his office

always looks at State Contract vehicles before bidding out a new vehicle. Roger stated that the reason for buying an SUV rather than another pickup-truck is cheaper cost. Mr. Humphrey made comment that the Committee is overstepping their bounds trying to oversee the purchase of a new vehicle by the Highway department. Mr. Danny Ward stated that he wants the comment in the minutes that the Financial Management Committee does oversee the Finances of the County in order to look out for the public's best interest. Brad Johnson mentioned that some of the specs are exuberant. Mayor Leon Humphrey stated that in his observation he has never witness a time that the Highway Superintendent has abused his power by purchasing an item that would hurt the county financially. Mr. Danny Ward stated that he just wants to know if the new vehicle is needed.

- **County General Update:** Mayor Leon Humphrey thanked Roger Colbaugh and his staff on the work surrounding the County building and Folsom House. According to Mayor Humphrey, the work completed on these projects by the Highway Department saved the County upwards of \$40,000. The mayor stated that all projects in regards to buildings and grounds have been completed up this date given the monies allocated for this fiscal year. The mayor stated that Courthouse Security committee has made recommendations on approving the bidder for the electronics portion of single point of entry for the County Courthouse. The mayor said the cost for these electronics to get this single point of entry set up are right at \$500,000. He also mentioned that the last change order on the Health Department project is approved which means the project is near completion.
- **County Highway Department Update:** Highway Superintendent, Roger Colbaugh, stated that his department has finished the Holston Mountain project. He indicated to the committee that his department will begin mowing next week.
- **County School Department Update:** Not Present.
- **Bobbie Gouge-Dietz:** Mrs. Bobbie Gouge-Dietz congratulated Brad Burke on his getting the Finance Director position. Mrs. Gouge-Dietz stated that she is very proud of the progress at the landfill.
- **Brad Johnson:** Mr. Brad Johnson revisited the Advanced Travel Policy issue that was brought up in the previous Financial Management meeting. Finance Director, Brad Burke, reassured Brad Johnson that there is no issue with the Advanced Travel. Mr. Johnson also mentioned that the County needs to make the Courthouse Security venture of a Single Point of Entry as a priority when it comes to finances this year.

- **Charles VonCannon:** Mr. Charles VonCannon recommended that the County Schools start training and using County Constables as School Resource Officers. Mr. VonCannon believes this can help offset the budget shortage that the School has in regards to funding all County schools an SRO officer. Mr. VonCannon stated that he believes that Financial Management Committee should be the overseers of financial efficiencies in the County. Mr. VonCannon also recommended that the County look at bidding out the cost of finishing the third floor of the Jail. He believes that the County can make money if they finish and start using the third floor.

Motion was made by Charles VonCannon, second by Brad Johnson to entertain getting finite numbers in regards to the cost of finishing the third floor of the jail and how much money we could possibly see coming in from the use of the finished third floor.

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

All Ayes, Motion Carried

- **Danny Ward:** Mr. Danny Ward thanked Roy Livingston for his constant attendance and input at County meetings. Mr. Ward once again congratulated Brad Burke for his new position as Finance Director.

Mayor Leon Humphrey stated that the County needs to have a unifying front to aid in reversing the trend of population loss in Carter County. Mr. Humphrey stated that the County needs to work diligently at marketing the area.

- **Adjourn:** Motion made by Brad Johnson, second by Bobbie Gouge-Dietz. **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Kennedy

Danny Ward, Approved for File