

**Health & Welfare
Committee Meeting
August 6, 2012**

Members Present: JoAnn Blankenship, Ken Arney, Robert L. Gobble, Ronnie Trivett, Richard Winters, L.C. Tester, and Buford Peters.

Members Absent: Scott Sams

Others in attendance included: Carter Co. Sheriff, Chris Mathes, Chief Deputy, Ron Street, Jail Administrator Tom Smith, County Attorney, Keith Bowers, Jr., Commissioners, Sonja Culler, Joel Street, John Lewis, Andrew Worley, EMA Director, Dewayne Taylor CEO, Sycamore Shoals Hospital, Barbara LaDuke, Sycamore Shoals Hospital, concerned citizens, and news media.

Meeting was called to order by JoAnn Blankenship, Chairman at 6:45 PM. Quorum present.

Motion was made by Richard Winters, seconded by Ken Arney to approve the minutes of the last meeting, June 4, 2012 as printed. By majority voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Andrew Worley, Emergency Management Director spoke concerning the flooding that occurred on Sunday night, August 5, 2012. He stated that several roadways, homes and businesses had been affected however no lost of life. Assessment of damages are being made currently.

Mass Alert System was also addressed . Mr. Worley stated that different options affects the price of the system. Three systems were researched along with comparable options and features. Cost ranging: \$ 10,920 / \$ 19,500 / \$ 25,000 1st year - \$30,000 . Everbridge being \$10,920.00 is the system currently being used in Washington County. He stated that a alert system would be useful in notifying as many as possible when an event happens.

Motion was made by Ronnie Trivett, seconded by L.C. Tester to recommend to the commission that this be put out and begin the bid process for the Mass Alert System. By majority voice vote, all ayes, motion carries.

Dewayne Taylor, CEO Sycamore Shoals Hospital was introduced to the committee. Mr. Taylor stated that beginning October 1, 2012 that OB deliveries would no longer be made at Sycamore Shoals, other that emergency deliveries. Prenatal services will not be changed. This was change has been made due to the drop in the number of births in Carter County.

Health Department Update- Repairs all complete. Flooring all down and had came "under budget". Dentist now in place at Health Department.

Motion to adjourn made by Ronnie Trivett, seconded by Ken Arney. By majority voice vote, all ayes meeting adjourned at 7:18 PM

Patsy H. Lewis, Secretary

JoAnn Blankenship, Chairperson



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