

**Health & Welfare Committee Meeting  
October 1, 2012**

**APPROVED**

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

Others Present: Chief Deputy Ron Street, Jail Administrator Tom Smith, Sheriff Chris Mates, Terry Arnold, Rescue Squad Director, Anthony Roberts CCRS and Attorney Richard Norris (CCRS), John Lewis Commissioner, Andrew Worley EMA Director, Keith Bowers Jr, County Attorney and Josh Hardin Assistant, and news media.

Meeting was called to order by Chairwoman, JoAnn Blankenship at 6:00 PM, quorum present.

Motion was made by Ken Arney, seconded by Ronnie Trivett to approve the minutes of the last meeting, September 6, 2012 as printed. By majority voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Old Business

Health Department- no update available.

Mass Alert System has been forwarded to the Budget Committee Workshop for consideration.

New Business

New letter received by Carter County Rescue Squad on September 17, 2012 and was referred to the Health & Welfare Committee.

*Discussion concerning a new contract with the Carter County Rescue Squad.*

Richard Norris, Attorney for the Carter County Rescue Squad addressed the committee at this time. It was the CCRS endeavor to make the organization more efficient and lessen the burden of finance for emergency services.

It was note that presently there is only a ninety (90) day contract. A five (5) year contract was being introduced at this time for discussion.

Several services at this time was being offered without charge to the citizens. It was discussed to pass this cost to the individual instead of the county.

It was voiced by several committee members voiced disagreement concerning a five-year contract and supported a shorter one possibly with option to renew (if it works).

Much discussion was voiced concerning fees, equipment purchased, salaries and levels of services.

RESOLUTION # 278 dated 02-28-2000 was read by Chairwoman JoAnn Blankenship noted as Granting an Exclusive Franchise for Ground Ambulance Service to the CCRS, Inc. for all unincorporated areas of Carter County, TN at this time.

**Motion was made by Ken Arney, seconded by L.C. Tester to direct Keith Bowers, Jr., County Attorney to draft a Resolution for the Rescue Squad leaving the cost for services and terms blank (which will be filed in during the November meeting) for approval.**

By majority voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Attorney Richard Norris presented the committee members with a hand written list of fees, however no action was taken at this time.

Next meeting set for November 5, 2012 @ 6:00 PM.

Motion to adjourn was made by Ronnie Trivett, seconded by Ken Arney. By majority voice vote, all ayes, meeting adjourned at 7:05. PM

Patsy H. Lewis, Secretary

JoAnn Blankenship, Chairwoman



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