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**Health and Welfare
March 3, 2015**

Vice Chair Al Meehan called the meeting to order.

Present: Willie Campbell, Isaiah Grindstaff, Ray Lyons, Cody McQueen, Randall Jenkins, Al Meehan, Beth Depew, and Ross Garland (Sitting in for Timothy Holdren) (8 Present)

Absent: Timothy Holdren (1 Absent)

Quorum Present

Motion to approve minutes for prior meeting on February 3rd by Ray Lyons and 2nd by Isaiah Grindstaff.

Vote by acclamation to approve minutes.

All ayes, the motion passed.

Seeing no Public Comments the meeting was continued.

Old Business

Sinking Creek Update

Sinking Creek still under E-Coli Alert. Ross Garland stated that Chairman Holdren has received more information and would present it at the next meeting.

Health Department Update

Chairman Holdren is gathering the utility costs for an Energy Audit at the Health Department. Ms. Hurd sent an email with the costs for the audit to Chairman Holdren and he will present those to us at the next meeting.

New Business

Medical Examiner

Mayor Leon Humphrey informed us about the passing of our Medical Examiner, Dr. Perry, which occurred over the weekend. Mr. Humphrey made contact with the Forensic Center at ETSU on Monday and spoke with Dr. Karen Cline, the State Medical Examiner. During the meeting they discussed the Forensic Pathology agreement between the Forensic Center and Carter County. During negotiations of the contract it was discussed that the Forensic Center could serve as the Medical Examiner if the necessity arose. Mayor Humphrey asked Dr. Cline if she would accept appointment as Interim Medical Examiner until the position could be filled. Dr. Cline accepted the Interim Appointment. Mayor Humphrey will bring an

appointment recommendation of Dr. Cline to the next Full Commission Meeting on March 16th for confirmation of Dr. Cline to the position of Medical Examiner for Carter County. Mayor Humphrey then stated that Dr. Cline is the State Medical Examiner and is located in Johnson City. Mayor Humphrey also stated that Dr. Cline is also the Washington County Medical Examiner. At this time Chief Deputy James Parrish was recognized and made the request that Dr. Cline stay interim until research of some issues can be completed by the Carter County Sheriff's Office before she is considered for appointment as the Carter County Medical Examiner. Vice-Chair Meehan then posed a question about how the Medical Examiner position was appointed. Mayor Humphrey stated that there is state statute on how to fill the county Medical Examiner's position. This includes developing a board for selection and looking within the County for an appointee. However, due to Dr. Cline's credentials and the current contract, that this would be the most cost effective approach. Mayor Humphrey did advise the committee that this is a Mayoral Appointment and Commission Confirmation position.

At this time Vice-Chair Meehan, not seeing any additional New Business asked for any Commissioner Comments. Not seeing any Commissioner Comments the meeting continued and the next meeting date was set to April 7th at 6PM.

Motion to Adjourn by Cody McQueen and 2nd by Willie Campbell.

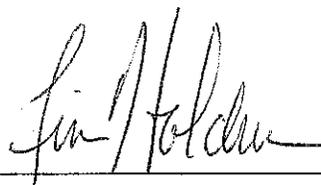
Vote by acclamation to adjourn meeting.

All ayes, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



Isaiah Grindstaff



Date 6/2/15

Timothy Holdren, Chair – Approved for File