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**Minutes of:
Health and Welfare Committee
February 06, 2018**

Present:

Nancy Brown
Willie Campbell
Isaiah Grindstaff
Tim Holdren

Randall Jenkins
Bradley Johnson
Ray Lyons
Cody McQueen

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Committee Chairman Tim Holdren.

II. Approval of Agenda

The February 2018, meeting agenda was presented. Cody McQueen made a motion to approve the agenda and seconded by Isaiah Grindstaff. Agenda was approved unanimously.

III. Approval of Minutes

The January 2017, minutes were presented for approval. Randall Jenkins made a motion to approve the minutes and seconded by Nancy Brown. Minutes were approved.

IV. Public Comments

None

V. Old Business

Environmental Court.

Bradley Johnson reported State law prohibits part time or limited time court. Sessions Court may need to take on additional cases. Creating a complete courtship will cost around \$250,000. Cody McQueen asked if we can make the consequences stiffer and build a reputation for being intolerant of the infractions. Mayor Humphreys pointed out that while the cost of having a new environmental court is huge. The money that is being lost in property taxes due to unmaintained property is also very large and recovering that money would help cover the cost. Brad Johnson asks if we can set up a system that works with the property owner to take steps to help clean the property, before it goes into the courts. Isaiah Grindstaff makes a motion to bring Chris Schuler into the next meeting and have the County Attorney pull the trend numbers for the last 10 years from the clerk's office. Ray Lyons seconded the motion. Motion approved.

VI. New Business

Cody McQueen introduced Ms. Lisa Lyons from Kids Like Us. The center is a 501c3 Non-Profit organization located at 106 Rogosin Drive. The center has been open for one month and there are 56 kids enrolled. The center teaches life skills to children and adults with special needs such as Autism. The goal of the center is to teach the children how to survive and thrive in society. Ms. Lyons stated

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that she has listed on Facebook items which can be purchased and donated to the center. Staff consists only of volunteers from local school systems, a local newspaper and churches. We are working with Milligan seminary to do a program to see how many special needs children attend local churches. We are starting a mentor program with the local churches to train people to work with the needs these children have. In turn, they are going back into their church and starting Sunday School programs. A short-term goal is to open a summer program so that what is learned during the school year will not be lost during summer. Northeast Community Credit Union gave \$2000 for an employee donated community project and funded the teen room. Then added the center to their annual budget for \$1000 per year in quarterly increments to help maintain it, this quarter a computer was purchased. The need is great, and we are asking for help.

Tim Holdren asked if anyone has advised Ms. Lyons about how to go about applying for funds from the County. Her answer was no. He gave her his contact information and asked if there was a priority list of things that needed to be done.

Homelessness Study – Tim Holdren relayed that Dr. Acuff wants the committee to have a discussion on whether there should be a study on homelessness in Carter County. Dr. Acuff spoke with City Mayor, Curt Alexander, and the city is willing to participate. Randall Jenkins recommends they table this and ask Dr. Acuff to attend the March meeting.

Randal Jenkins made a motion to table the discussion and ask Dr. Acuff to come to the next meeting to discuss it, Willie Campbell seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

Resolution

County Attorney Hardin brought before the committee a resolution in support of state legislation for TN Care and Medicare rates to be the maximum chargeable amount for medical services provided to inmates in county jails and state prisons.

Motion to support the resolution made by Randall Jenkins, seconded by Isaiah Grindstaff. Motion approved.

Resolution

3 Star Grant Program compliance. Needed to have approval to support. Per Mayor Humphrey we received a \$25,000 grant last year that was used for the ACT program.

All members voted in agreement.

VII. Announcement

Tim Holdren, *Kids Like Us* is having a Superhero themed dance at the Park & Rec on Thursday, February 8 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

VIII. Adjournment

Adjournment was called by Nancy Brown and seconded by Isaiah Grindstaff. Adjournment was unanimously approved. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Gwen Crowe

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