

HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE

January 5, 2019

6:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Robert Acuff, Mike Hill, Ronnie Trivett for Brad Johnson, Jerry Proffitt, Layla Ward, Randall Jenkins, Aaron Frazier and Rick Richardson

ABSENT: Brad Johnson

CALL TO ORDER: Robert Acuff, Chairman

ROLL CALL: Quorum Present

- Approval of Agenda: Motion was made by Randall Jenkins, seconded by Jerry Proffitt to approve the agenda as presented. Mike Hill asked to add under New Business a resolution proposal he had prepared honoring Bob Peoples. By voice roll call vote, the agenda with the addition was approved.
- Public Comments: None
- Approval of Minutes: As the Chairman had no minutes from the January 8, 2019, meeting to be approved, no action was taken.
- At this time Chairman Acuff turned the floor over to Tim Helton and Kelly Geer representing the Sequoya Group, Inc., insurance company. They each gave a background of how and why they ended up with this insurance group and how it was formed. They gave a projector presentation showing slides and spread sheets comparing many aspects of the employee insurance they offered. They stated their goal was to meet with each individual employee to determine the best plan available to them. The concern for affordable insurance for employees was obvious as there were employees representing most all of the county offices attending the meeting.
- To follow up on the issue of the formation of a unified task force linking VFD's, EMS and 1st Responders brought to the committee last month by Jack Buckles, Chairman Acuff stated he had spoken with Chris Williams, retired Assistant Fire Chief for Washington County and a member of the EMS Board in regard to structuring such a committee. He said if the county agreed to move forward on this matter Mr. Williams agreed to Chair the committee and requested names for members be submitted to him.
- Chairman Acuff informed the committee the County Health Department was holding an open house on February 20, 2019, at 3:30 PM to "show off" their new building. He stated they had also put together a workshop to inform county employees of what services the health department offered they may qualify to take advantage of.
- Chairman Acuff stated that he and Commissioner Layla Ward had been in contact with the Extension Agency concerning the food insecurity for children in our county. He said they had also spoken with the 4H that helps children and would give an update at a later date.
- Mike Hill presented a resolution proposal to the committee for their consideration at this time. He stated Mr. Bob Peoples, owner of Kincora Hostel in Dennis Cove was nearing his 25,000 hiker hosting. He asked that the County Attorney be instructed to draft a Resolution honoring Mr. Peoples for his accomplishments and placed on the agenda of the March Commission meeting in able to present the resolution to Mr. Peoples at the Appalachian Trail Celebration on May 4, 2019. By roll call vote as follows, motion carried.

Robert Acuff	aye	Mike Hill	aye
Ronnie Trivett	aye	Jerry Proffitt	aye
Layla Ward	aye	Randall Jenkins	aye
Aaron Frazier	aye	Rick Richardson	aye

- On motion by Mike Hill, seconded by Aaron Frazier the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved for entry:

Suzi Wallace

Robert Acuff, Chairman