

HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE

March 4, 2019

6:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Robert Acuff, Mike Hill, Brad Johnson, Layla Ward, Randall Jenkins, Aaron Frazier and Rick Richardson
ABSENT: Jerry Proffitt
CALL TO ORDER: Robert Acuff, Chairman
ROLL CALL: Quorum Present

As Dr. Acuff was not present at the beginning of the meeting, Layla Ward presided over the meeting..

- Approval of Agenda: Motion was made by Randall Jenkins, seconded by Mike Hill to approve the agenda as presented. By voice roll call vote, motion carried.
- Public Comments: None
- Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Randall Jenkins, seconded by Mike Hill to approve the minutes from the February meeting as presented. By voice roll call vote, motion carried.
- Insurance Presentation: As the Health & Welfare Committee is presently collecting data from various insurance companies in an effort to insure county employees are provided the best plan possible, the floor was turned over to James Smith representing Five Points Benefits, Franklin, TN. He gave a presentation explaining what his company had to offer and answered questions from the committee members and interested parties.
- Resolution: Layla Ward presented the committee with a **“Resolution in Recognition of National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week, April 14 – 20, 2019”** prepared by the County Attorney, Josh Hardin. Motion was made by Randall Jenkins, seconded by Mike Hill to approve the resolution and present it to the full commission. By voice roll call vote, motion carried.

Layla Ward presented the committee with a **“Resolution Honoring Mr. Bob Peoples for his Service to the Citizens of Carter County and the Appalachian Trail Hiking Community”**. Motion was made by Mike Hill, seconded by Randall Jenkins to approve the resolution and present it to the full commission. By voice roll call vote, motion carried.

- Sick Bank for Carter County Employees: Dr. Acuff explained employees contribute maybe two (2) sick days to the bank and in the event an employee has an issue that requires more sick leave than they have accumulated, they could borrow the days needed from the bank. The present policy in place for county employees allows them to voluntarily donate their sick days to another employee according to the rules of said policy. The pros and cons were discussed by the committee and Dr. Acuff stated he knew several organizations operating with a “sick bank” and felt it was worth consideration.
- VFDs, EMS, First Responders Regarding a Committee to Explore Partnerships and Working Together: When this issue was discussed at a previous meeting, Dr. Acuff stated Chris Williams, retired Asst. Fire Chief for Washington County, would be willing to chair such a committee, but as of last week, no longer would be able to so. He said the organizations involved seemed to want to move forward and needed to be encouraged to work together as, what he called a “power buy” for equipment and things they needed. Mike Hill stated if such a committee would help homeowners with insurance casualty class ratings, it needed to be investigated. Dr. Acuff agreed to contact Jack Buckles concerning this issue as we needed to meet with the organizations involved to set up an agenda of what they want to accomplish.

- Local Option for Non-tobacco Use on Play-Grounds: Dr. Acuff related to the committee there was a bill on the Senate floor (SB0009) to prohibit by local ordinance, smoking on the grounds of any playground owned or operated by the local government. He stated the bill was initiated for Knox County and was a “buy in” situation. This meant if Carter County wanted to be included in the legislation, they would need to contact their State Representative and Senator to do so. Motion was made by Dr. Acuff, seconded by Randall Jenkins to bring this matter before the full commission. By voice roll call vote, motion carried.
- Health and Welfare Issues Facing Our County: Dr. Acuff stated he was on the Sycamore Shoals Hospital Board and had attended a presentation by the head pharmacist concerning the opioid epidemic and what the hospital was doing to help control the problem. He said he thought a program could be put together, brought back to the Health & Welfare Committee in April and presented to the full commission for their approval, to hold a workshop attended by the full commission and the public addressing the seriousness of the opioid addiction in our county. He said it needed to be brought to everyone's attention what the treatment options were and how the Judges of the Drug Court handle the situations, as well as the Sheriff's Department, EMS and anyone who dealt with opioid abuse on a regular basis.

Dr. Acuff informed the committee he and Layla Ward had talked with Vicky Clark of the UT Extension Office, the Boys & Girls Club, Angie Odom and others who felt there was definitely a food accessibility problem for children/families in our county. He stated they were willing to participate in anything the county wanted to do going forward such as having 4-H mentors from the High School teach kids how to plant and grow vegetables to share with ones in need. He stated a lot of interest in helping solve this problem had been shown and they would continue to pursue it.

On motion by Aaron Frazier, seonded by Mike Hill the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved for entry:

Suzi Wallace

Robert Acuff-Chairman by
Layla Ward, Interim Chairwoman

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR CARTER COUNTY, TENNESSEE

REGULAR MEETING, MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2019

RESOLUTION NO. _____

"A RESOLUTION HONORING MR. BOB PEOPLES FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF
CARTER COUNTY AND THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL HIKING COMMUNITY"

WHEREAS, Bob Peoples is a bona fide "trail legend" who owns and operates the legendary Kincora Hikers' Hostel along the Appalachian Trail in the Dennis Cove area of Hampton, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, it is projected that in April of 2019 Mr. Peoples will host his 25,000th hiker since founding the Kincora Hiker's Hostel in 1997; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Peoples has also served as a trail steward for more than thirty years during which time he has personally logged thousands of hours of trail maintenance and organized countless large groups of current and former hikers in trail maintenance efforts each year; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Peoples was inducted into the Appalachian Trail Hall of Fame on May 4, 2018, being recognized as perhaps the Appalachian Trail's greatest ambassador for the inspiration he instills in others who give back to the trail after experiencing all it has to offer; and

WHEREAS, he is such a highly respected figure among the Appalachian Trail hiking community it is said that "Bears hang Bob Peoples' food bag for him"; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate for the Carter County Mayor and the Board of County Commissioners to honor citizens whose selfless public service has benefited their community and the citizens of Carter County in significant ways.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners for Carter County, Tennessee, meeting in regular session on this the 18th day of March, 2019, with a lawful quorum of said Board being present and with a majority voting in the affirmative that the Board, being joined by Carter County Mayor Russell Barnett, hereby honors Bob Peoples for his ambassadorship for Carter County, his countless hours of public service, and his environmental conservation efforts by which he has enriched the lives of the citizens of Carter County and the Appalachian Trail hiking community and left a legacy for future generations.

Co-Sponsored by the following County Commissioners:

Mike Hill

Travis Hill

Gary Bailey

Randall Jenkins

Reviewed and approved by the Health & Welfare Committee on March 5, 2019.

Committee Chairperson

Adopted this 18th day of March, 2019.

CARTER COUNTY, TENNESSEE

RAY LYONS, CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

RUSSELL BARNETT
CARTER COUNTY MAYOR

ATTEST:

MARY GOUGE
CARTER COUNTY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

JOSHUA A. HARDIN
CARTER COUNTY ATTORNEY

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR CARTER COUNTY, TENNESSEE

REGULAR MEETING, MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2019

RESOLUTION NO. _____

"A RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY
TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK, APRIL 14 - 20, 2019"

WHEREAS, emergencies can occur at any time that require police, fire or emergency
medical services; and

WHEREAS, when an emergency occurs the prompt response of police officers,
firefighters and paramedics is critical to the protection of life and preservation of property; and

WHEREAS, the safety of our police officers and firefighters is dependent upon the
quality and accuracy of information obtained from citizens who telephone the Carter County
Emergency Communications Center; and

WHEREAS, Public Safety Telecommunicators are the first and most critical contact our
citizens have with emergency services; and

WHEREAS, Public Safety Telecommunicators serve as the single vital link for our police
officers and firefighters by monitoring their activities by radio, providing them information and
ensuring their safety; and

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Telecommunicators of the Carter County Emergency
Communications District have contributed substantially to the apprehension of criminals,
suppression of fires and treatment of patients; and

WHEREAS, each Dispatcher has exhibited compassion, understanding and
professionalism during the performance of their job during the past year; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners for Carter County, along with Carter
County Mayor Russell Barnett, feels that it is proper to honor those that provide Public Safety
Telecommunications locally and in turn provide them with some much deserved recognition for
the invaluable services they provide to the citizens of Carter County on a daily basis.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners for
Carter County, Tennessee, meeting in regular session on this the 18th day of March, 2019, with
a lawful quorum of said Board being present and with a majority voting in the affirmative that the
Board, being joined by Carter County Mayor Russell Barnett, hereby adopts this Resolution
officially designating April 14 – 20, 2019 as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week in
Carter County in honor of the men and women whose diligence and professionalism help to
keep our citizens safe.

Reviewed and approved by the Health & Welfare Committee on March 5, 2019.

Committee Chairperson

Adopted this 18th day of March, 2019.

CARTER COUNTY, TENNESSEE
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

APPROVED:

By: _____
RAY LYONS, CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

APPROVED:

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RUSSELL BARNETT
CARTER COUNTY MAYOR

ATTEST:

MARY GOUGE
CARTER COUNTY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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