

# Carter County Commission

## Minutes of:

### Health & Welfare Committee

June 2, 2020 6:00 PM

#### Members:

Chairman Dr. Robert Acuff

Mike Hill

Brad Johnson

Austin Jaynes

Ginger Holdren

Randall Jenkins

Ray Lyons – Absent

Robin McKamey - Absent

#### I. Call to Order

The Health & Welfare Committee was called to order by Dr. Robert Acuff at 8:37 pm.

#### II. Approval of Agenda

Chairman Acuff asked for the minutes to reflect a change to section 4. Approval of Minutes. Change the date from May 4 to May 5. A motion to approve the agenda with the amendment was made by Mike Hill, second by Austin Jaynes. Motion unanimously approved.

#### III. Public Comments

None

#### IV. Approval of the Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes from the May 5, 2020 meeting was made by Mike Hill, second by Austin Jaynes. The motion was unanimously approved.

#### V. Discussion of the Resolution regarding the purchase of Health Insurance from the County by Commissioners - update

Enrollment period is June 8, 9, 10 2020. Commissioners cannot come in after those dates and want to enroll. Austin Jaynes asked if Brad Burke can send out an email to all members with a reminder of those dates and contact information for Sequoyah and Kelly. They can come in and speak with a representative or they can go online and sign up themselves. Patty Woodby stated that there are going to be budget issues due to people changing from HSA to a regular plan.

#### VI. Use of Smokeless Tobacco products in county buildings and vehicles to include the general public - update

Passed

#### VII. On-Going Health and Welfare Issues Facing our County - update

##### a. Homeless Zoom event for Thursday May 21, 2020 with Burt Rosen President and CEO of KARM – update

Chairman Acuff informed the committee that a great discussion was had during the meeting. An invitation was extended to anyone who would like to come down and see what was being done in Knoxville. Chairman Acuff would like to talk with Mike Simerly about doing a joint City / County resolution to form a task force. But the driving force being the community. He did reach out to Brandon Young asking if he would consider being the chair for such a taskforce. Patty Woodby brought up that a lot of homeless people in the area are being arrested with no address. They are being processed through the courts for offences such as Public Intoxication and Disorderly Conduct.



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They come in and stay 4 hours and are released. It is wearing Elizabethton Police Department out bringing them in repeatedly and then they are right back on the street. She suggested speaking with Chief Shaw about possible members for the taskforce.

b. **Opioid Epidemic**

Will discuss next month

c. **Food Accessibility for Kids and Families - update on the potential partnership between B&G Club of Elizabethton Carter County (BGC re-opened June 1, 2020) with Harmony Baptist Church.**

Schools are starting their summer food programs. B&G Club opened yesterday, mainly essential workers children, will expand soon.

United Way A.L.I.C.E group, shows people in the area living at or below the poverty line that are employed, but make too much to receive assistance.

**VIII. New Business**

None

**IX. Old Business**

None

**X. Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made by Brad Johnson, second by Austin Jaynes. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.