

Carter County Commission

Minutes of:

Health & Welfare Committee Zoom Meeting

April 6, 2021 6:00 PM

Members:

Dr. Robert Acuff - present

Mike Hill - present

Brad Johnson - present

Thomas Proffitt - present

Ginger Holdren - present

Randall Jenkins - present

Daniel McInturff – present

Austin Jaynes in for Isaiah Grindstaff - present

I. Call to Order

The Health & Welfare Committee was called to order by Chairman Robert Acuff at 8:04 pm.

II. Roll Call

All members present.

III. Approval of Agenda

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Mike Hill, second by Ginger Holdren

Roll Call:

Robert Acuff – yes

Mike Hill – yes

Brad Johnson – yes

Austin Jaynes - yes

Ginger Holdren – yes

Randall Jenkins – yes

Daniel McInturff – yes

Thomas Proffitt – yes

The motion was unanimously approved.

IV. Public Comments

None

V. Approval of the March 2021 minutes

Chairman Acuff asked to change the minutes from February to March. A motion was made by Mike Hill, second by Thomas Proffitt to approve the minutes from the March Meeting.

Roll Call:

Robert Acuff – yes

Mike Hill – yes

Brad Johnson – yes

Austin Jaynes – yes

Ginger Holdren – yes

Randall Jenkins – yes

Daniel McInturff – yes

Thomas Proffitt – yes

All in favor, the motion unanimously passed

VI. Americano Steakhouse: A unique solution for food insecurity in Roan Mountain – Troy Boane

Mike Hill introduced Troy Boane to the committee to speak about what he is doing to help with the ongoing food crisis in the area. Mr. Boane came before the committee to explain the premise behind the restaurant. Because of Covid construction on the restaurant has slowed down. But they plan to open this summer. They will be partnering with Miss Pumpkin, a business in Winston Salem that provides chef prepared meals to be given to families in need. They can't provide monthly food but can provide frozen meals that can be taken home and placed in the oven for a hot nutritious meal. He would love to find a store in Elizabethton where he could have the frozen meals available for purchase and if you buy a meal, a meal is given. Chairman Acuff stated that he would like to have Mr. Boane involved with the homeless task force. Austin Jaynes stated that would like for Mr. Boane to come to the next budget meeting and asked if Chairman Acuff or Commissioner Hill would contact Director Burke to have him put on the agenda. Ms. Holdren advised Mr. Boane to reach out to the Chamber of Commerce for space for lease.

VII. Broadband Internet Update

Chairman Acuff stated that Brad Shields has been in touch with Crystal Ivy and funds should be made available by the end of summer. Chairman Acuff asked for a motion to roll over the funds that have been approved to next year's budget.

A motion was made by Brad Johnson, second by Ginger Holdren to move \$600,000 from the reserve fund to next year's budget to be used for broadband.

Roll Call:

Robert Acuff – yes

Mike Hill – yes

Brad Johnson – yes

Austin Jaynes – yes

Ginger Holdren – yes

Randall Jenkins – yes

Daniel McInturff – yes

Thomas Proffitt – yes

All in favor, the motion unanimously passed.

Travis Hill stated that one of the stipulations for the Care funds is that it can be used for broadband.

Chairman Acuff said he would check with Mr. Shields and Skybest.

VIII. Homeless Taskforce Update – Carter Compassion Center

Chairman Acuff sent out the Carter Compassion Center Bylaws. Thanks to Attorney Hardin for drawing those up. Several Non-Profits and Churches have donated, and others have asked how they can help.

IX. Old/New Business

None

X. Adjournment

A motion to Adjourn was made by Mike Hill, second by Randall Jenkins. The meeting was adjourned at 8:27

Respectfully Submitted by

Gwen Crowe