

**Law Enforcement  
Committee Meeting  
May 7, 2012**

FILED **APPROVED**  
6-5-, 2012  
MARY BOUGE  
COUNTY CLERK  
P.D.C.

Members Present: Richard Winters, Robert L. Gobble, Ronnie Trivett, JoAnn Blankenship, L.C. Tester, Buford Peters, Ken Arney.

Also in attendance were County Attorney, Keith Bowers, Jr. Chris Mathes, Carter County Sheriff, Chief Deputy Ron Street, news media and concerned citizens.

Meeting was called to order by Ken Arney, Chairman at 6:08 p.m.

Motion was made by L.C. Tester, seconded by Ronnie Trivett to approve the minutes of the last meeting, April 2, 2012 as printed. By voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

At this time Committee Chairman, Ken Arney passed out the following statement and read.

“After two years of serving as chairman of the Law Enforcement Committee, I feel it is time to resign as chairman, effective today. As chairman, I feel limited in the things I need to do. With this said, I would like to nominate Mr. Buford Peters to take my place as chairman. Thank you, Signed/Ken Arney 05-07-2012.”

Many of the members present expressed their desire that they did not wish to accept the resignation, however Mr. Arney stated that he felt this would be of best interest. Also at this time Mr. Arney was thanked for his services and job well done as Chairman. Following discussion the resignation was accepted by the committee.

Motion was made by Ken Arney, seconded by Richard Winters to approve and accept Buford Peters as the new Chairman of the Law Enforcement Committee, effective 05-07-2012. By majority voice vote, motion carried. Ronnie Trivett voiced a “no” vote.

At this time Buford Peters assumed the position as Chairman and continued with the meeting.

Issues concerning the opening of the new Jail were discussed. Sheriff Mathis noted that he hoped that the Jail would be up and running during the first or second week of June.

Warranty issues were also discussed. Concerns were voiced about items inside the jail that may need repairing or replacing and the possibility of the warranty dates being expired.

**Motion** was made by Ronnie Trivett, seconded by Ken Arney to **ask for an extension of contract to cover warranty issues (with the approval of Keith Bowers, Jr. County Attorney) and present to the commission for approval.**

By majority voice vote, motion carried. It is noted that JoAnn Blankenship voiced a “no” vote due to the fact items were not just “black and white” issues.

Public Comments- Ronnie Hartley addressed the committee at this time. Mr. Hartley made reference to past projects that were not completed in a timely fashion and repairs that were costly. He

said he felt it was important that we “refresh our memories” concerning past projects and statute of limitations.

Other Business – Deputy Max, A K-9 Service Dog with the Carter County, TN Sheriff Department.

**Motion** was made by Ronnie Trivett, seconded by L.C. Tester to recommend for approval by the full Commission the Resolution as prepared by County Attorney, Keith Bowers, Jr.,

**“A RESOLUTION TO RETIRE AND PLACE DEPUTY MAX, A K-9 SERVICE DOG WITH THE CARTER COUNTY TENNESSEE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT”**

By majority voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Motion to adjourn was made by Ronnie Trivett, seconded by L.C. Tester. By majority voice vote, all ayes, meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Submitted by, Patsy H. Lewis, Secretary

 Buford Peters, Chairman

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Thank you,

Ken Arney

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5/7/2012