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Law Enforcement Committee Minutes
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Meeting called by Chairman Cody McQueen

Present: Willie Campbell, Isaiah Grindstaff, Ray Lyons, Cody McQueen, Randall Jenkins, Timothy Holdren, Brad Johnson, and Mike Hill sitting in for Mr. Meehan

Absent: Al Meehan

Quorum Present

Motion made by Mr. Jenkins to accept the agenda, 2nd by Mr. Campbell.

All Ayes.

Motion made by Mr. Lyons to approve the minutes from previous meeting, 2nd by Mr. Grindstaff

All Ayes.

No Public Comments

Old Business:

New Business : Commissioner Miller spoke on the behave of the county constables in regards to purching fuel from the county at cost. Chairman McQueen ask Capt Smith if could explain the difference between constables and county deputy's. Capt. Smith stated that constables are elected officials and they are responsible for all cost of their duties. Mr. Smith also stated the the constables are very active in the county and they face same dangers as our county deputies face, and that we needed to consider that.

Chairman McQueen said this matter had came up before several years ago and from what he could understand it was declined possibly for legal reasons. Chairman McQueen ask the county attorney if he could do some further research on this. Mr. Hardin said the problem with this is the use of county funds for private individuals even if they are county constables. Mr. Hardin said he would do some further research on the matter. Heavy discussion continued about this until the chair said nothing could be done until we had more information.

Second item on agenda
City of Watauga

City manger of Watauga, Ms. Hattie Skeans ask the county and the city enter into an policing contract paying the county 46,356 a year. We had a contract in the past until our former sheriff decided to raise the cost to 100,000. She ask to make the recommendation to the full commission to approve the contract. This would be a win win for county because if the city decided to drop the policing services the county would have to patrol the area for no additional money. The contract would last approximately four years, and could be canceled at anytime with a ninety day notice. Major Maintenance would be covered by the city and minor day to day repairs would be covered by the

county. This is cutting zone one in half and would give better coverage. Any citation gave in the city limits, stays in the city, and any gave in the county stays in the county. Mr. McQueen ask for the mayor's opinion. Mayor said the agreement looks positive for the county and the sheriffs department is feels the same. Mayor then ask the opinion of the county attorney. Mr. Hardin first stated that he also represents the city, but did not on this matter.. He noted one change the contract that was not on our copy. Line number 12 was added stating this a four year contract and after four years it renews for one year terms and can be canceled with sixty day notice on the terms of just cause. After review the contract looks in line.

Mr. McQueen said would entertain a motion to take the contract to the full commission.
Motion made by Mr. Johnson and second by Mr. Holdren.
All Ayes. Motion passes.

Motion made by Mr. Lyons and 2nd by Mr. Grindstaff to adjourn.

All Ayes.

Meeting Adjourned.

Approved
Carroll
City Clerk