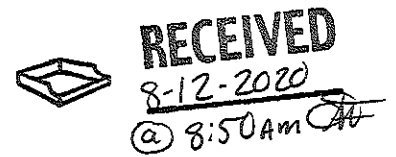


Carter County Commission



Minutes of:

Law Enforcement Committee Zoom Meeting

August 4, 2020 6:00 PM

Members:

Chairman Mike Hill - present

Robert Acuff - present

Brad Johnson - present

Austin Jaynes - present

Ginger Holdren - present

Randall Jenkins - present

Sonja Culler in for Ray Lyons

Robin McKamey - present

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mike Hill at 7:24 pm. Roll Call: All members present except Ray Lyons. Commissioner Sonja Culler will sit in for Commissioner Ray Lyons.

2. Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Brad Johnson, second by Robert Acuff to approve the agenda. The motion was unanimously approved.

3. Approval of minutes

A motion was made by Ginger Holdren, second by Robert Acuff to approve the minutes from the previous meeting.

Roll Call:

Randall Jenkins – yes

Mike Hill – yes

Robert Acuff – yes

Brad Johnson – yes

Austin Jaynes – yes

Ginger Holdren – yes

Sonja Culler – abstain

Robin McKamey - yes

The motion was approved by 7 yes votes with Chairwoman Culler abstaining.

4. New Business

a. Presentation from Constable / Professor Myles Cook

Miles Cook, Constable and Criminal Justice Instructor at Tennessee College of Applied Technology – Elizabethton spoke to the committee about the 864-hour Criminal Justice program that has started at TCAT. At TCAT we focus on job ready skills and this type of training has never been done in the state before and is a healthy mix between college and the academy, resulting in a much more advance career training program. Partnering with Tennessee Department of Corrections and Tennessee Corrections Institute and they are excited about the program and it lines up well with the Governors at-risk counties. Students receive hands on training for 8 months. TCI came out of Nashville for the first time and certified our students as correctional officers and certified officers in various other counties that TCAT serves. Post classes will be offered to Carter, Washington, Johnson and Unicoi Counties as well. Most of the cost is covered by Pell Grants and Tennessee Promise. This training is doing things that have never been done before. The students are doing things

that have never been done before, for example the students are able to write search warrants and other skills that make them very well trained.

Mayor Barnett asked if it had been discussed with Dr. Bullock, President at NESCC about helping with the Covid checks and security at the college. Mr. Cook said that there had been a lot of discussion about police presence on campus and that he would be open to that and will follow up.

Dr. Acuff asked what are the savings for the counties that are low budget that are offered this training? Mr. Cook stated that while regular training is expensive, and the turnover is huge. This program will save money and get well educated and trained employees that know what the job is about and has some hands-on experience through this course saves counties thousands per student / officer. Dr. Acuff asked how the Law Enforcement Committee do to help? Mr. Cook stated that it is a win for the student, the county and the state. The support from the committee is huge especially as we approach Nashville. Ms. Holdren asked how is the course free? Who is footing the bill for this program? Mr. Cook stated that mostly federal grant monies.

b. Consideration of draft resolution (attached)

Chairman Hill asked Attorney Hardin to draft a resolution recognizing the value of the program. It is a great program and should be shared with the rest of the state. Attorney Hardin summarized the resolution to recognize the value of the program statewide and Mr. Cooks contribution to the program.

A motion was made by Robert Acuff, second by Brad Johnson to accept the resolution to recognizing the value of the program to the county and state.

Roll Call:

Randall Jenkins – yes

Mike Hill – yes

Robert Acuff – yes

Brad Johnson – yes

Austin Jaynes – yes

Ginger Holdren – yes

Sonja Culler – yes

Robin McKamey – yes

The motion unanimously passed.

5. Old Business

None

6. Sheriff / Chief

None

7. Commissioner Comments

None

8. Adjournment

A motion for adjournment was made by Brad Johnson, second by Robert Acuff. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by

Gwen Crowe