

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE  
CARTER COUNTY, TN  
February 14, 2022  
6:00 P.M.**

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**PRESENT:** Willie Campbell, Aaron Frazier, Ross Garland, Julie Guinn, Travis Hill, Austin Jaynes, Brad Johnson, Robin McKamey

**ABSENT:** N/A

**CALL TO ORDER:** Aaron Frazier, Chairman

**ROLL CALL:** Quorum Present

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**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** No changes were requested to the meeting agenda. Motion was made by Willie Campbell, seconded by Travis Hill to approve the agenda as proposed. By a voice roll call vote, motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The October 11, 2021 meeting minutes were provided in advance. Motion was made by Julie Guinn, seconded by Robin McKamey to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2021 meeting. By a voice roll call vote, motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** Chairman Frazier reported that one application has been submitted for the Planning and Zoning Board opening. The opening was posted via a Public Notice, advertised and open for a period of one month. The applicant is Christopher Colton Schuettler, who has applied to fill the open position and represent the 2<sup>nd</sup> District. Chairman Frazier noted that Christopher C. Schuettler is the son of the current Planning Department Director, Chris Schuettler.

A question was raised about the potential conflict of interest that may arise, and County Attorney Josh Hardin confirmed that if Christopher C. Schuettler were appointed, there would likely be many occasions that he may need to abstain from a goodly number of actions taken by the Board. Willie Campbell noted that based on his own experience of serving on the Highway Committee, that Christopher Schuettler would likely not be able to vote on anything. Josh Hardin further commented that while the County has no nepotism policy, this could be an issue since the Planning Board hires and supervises the Planning Director.

Further discussion ensued, with Julie Guinn commenting that the 2<sup>nd</sup> District would not then be fairly represented. Brad Johnson asked if a commissioner from the 2<sup>nd</sup> District could step in until a candidate is found. Josh Hardin commented that this is not possible. Various committee members commented that it is disappointing to turn away a willing applicant when no one else has stepped up to do so. Chairman Frazier noted that there is beneficial and required training associated with the appointment. Mayor Woodby stated that the opening has also been posted on the County's Facebook page. After additional concerns were discussed, the Committee decided not to take action to confirm the appointment. The opening will be reposted until filled.

Ross Garland made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 pm. Robin McKamey was second. By a roll call vote of all ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:

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Approved for Entry:

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Aaron Frazier, Chairman