

## RULES & BYLAWS COMMITTEE

January 8, 2019

6:00 P.M.

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PRESENT: Robert Acuff, Mike Hill, Brad Johnson, Austin Jaynes for Jerry Proffitt, Layla Ward, Randall Jenkins, Aaron Frazier and Rick Richardson  
ABSENT: Jerry Proffitt  
CALL TO ORDER: Randall Jenkins, Chairman  
ROLL CALL: Quorum Present

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- Approval of Agenda: Motion was made by Robert Acuff, seconded by Mike Hill to approve the agenda as presented. By voice roll call vote, motion carried.
- Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Mike Hill, seconded by Robert Acuff to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2018, meeting as presented. By voice roll call vote, motion carried.
- Public Comments: None
- New Business: Attorney Hardin addressed the committee regarding the placement of “IN GOD WE TRUST” in/on county buildings. He stated we are authorized to place replicas of historical documents and “IN GOD WE TRUST” was adopted as the National Motto in 1956. He said we could do one (1) of two (2) things, either post the motto and see what happened or get a declaratory judgment from Federal Court stating we would not be in violation of the 80's injunction against the County and School Board by such posting. Motion was made by Brad Johnson, seconded by Rick Richardson to have “IN GOD WE TRUST” posted at the main courthouse and Chairman Jenkins have this matter placed on the full Commission agenda for comments and a vote. By voice roll call vote, motion carried.

Abby Frye had passed out CTAS Guidance on Reapportionment and the Process and stated she and the Mayor had recently met with some officials with the Federal Census Bureau. She said as the census is closely tied to reapportionment, they were asked to create a Complete Count Committee involving community leaders to help encourage census participation. She said she had contacted several community leaders she felt would be helpful in getting people to participate in the upcoming census. She stated the census affects so many aspects of our government and the goal was to get the most accurate count possible. She said as the committee came together, she would supply information to Chairman Jenkins. Brad Johnson suggested a Reapportionment Committee in advance and have the members, as well as the Commissioners, present at the census meetings. Chairman Jenkins stated he would have someone from the Comptroller's Office at the next meeting concerning the census issue.

Several committee members voiced their opinions on Public Comments during regular County Commission meetings. It was suggested any person wanting to address the commission be recognized by the commissioner in their district. There were several suggestions for limiting Public Comments during a regular commission meeting. As the person asking to place this item on the agenda was not present, it was left under Old Business for the next meeting.

As the County Commission going digital had previously been discussed, Abby Frye said she had check with Staples and was given an estimated cost of \$50.60 for each tablet. She said by using the tablets the commission packets, committee minutes, etc. could be sent to and read on the tablets. She said it would be \$50.00 for each official Email. She said Anthony Lawrence had looked at storage and components and felt these tablets would be sufficient for the county's needs. The committee instructed her to get a demo tablet for testing.

- Old Business: Chairman Jenkins informed the committee he had looked on the county website at the meeting schedules for this year and found several dates needed to be changed. This was due to holidays being the day of the meeting. Dr. Acuff stated we needed a rule that no two (2) committees could meet at the same time. It was stated they had no control over any of the committees other than the four (4) major ones. Motion was made by Aaron Frazier, seconded by Robert Acuff to ask each committee to turn into the Rules & Bylaws Chairman in November all meeting dates for the next year. If any of the meetings needed to be rescheduled, they would have time to contact the committee's chair to work out any changes. By voice roll call vote, motion carried.

Mayor Barnett addressed the committee at this time to better explain his intentions to dissolve Carter County Tomorrow. He said CCT leased space at the Great Lakes Property for \$42,000 from the county and in turn CCT leases space to NES and AB&T for \$300,000. His plan is to take over CCT, absorb their assets and dissolve the entity to form a Joint Economic Community Development Board. Motion was made by Robert Acuff, seconded by Mike Hill to proceed with dissolving CCT and apply for a new 501(c)3 identification number for the JECDB once established. By voice roll call vote, motion carried.

On motion and second, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzi Wallace

Approved for entry:

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Randall Jenkins, Chairman