

Carter County Commission

Minutes of:

Rules & Bylaws Committee

August 6, 2019 6:00 PM

Members:

Chairman Randal Jenkins - absent

Jerry Proffitt

Vice Chairwoman Layla Ward

Aaron Frazier

Dr. Robert Acuff

David Miller

Mike Hill

Ronnie Trivett

Brad Johnson

- I. **Call to Order**
The Rules & Bylaws meeting was called to order by Vice Chairwoman Layla Ward at 7:11 pm.
- II. **Approval of Agenda**
A motion was made to approve the agenda by Aaron Frazier, second by Mike Hill. Agenda was unanimously approved.
- III. **Approval of minutes**
A motion was made to approve the July 2019 minutes by Mike Hill, second by Aaron Frazier. The July minutes were unanimously approved.
- IV. **Public Comments**
None
- V. **Old Business**
None
- VI. **New Business**
 1. **Park & Recreation Board Meeting Request**
The Park & Recreation Board has made a proposal to change their meetings from 8 (eight) times a year with pay to 12 (twelve) times per year with pay. (see attached petition) Mike Hill made a motion to grant the request in the petition. Aaron Frazier second the motion. The motion to approve the request as written passed unanimously. Mr. Johnson stated that this would now have to go to the Budget Committee for approval of the funds.
- VII. **Adjournment**
A motion was made to adjourn by Aaron Frazier, second by Mike Hill. The motion was unanimously approved. Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.



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A Petition Regarding the Carter County Parks and Recreation Board Meetings

January 10, 2019

TO: Carter County Mayor Rusty Barnett
Carter County Commission

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Several years ago the Parks and Recreation Board was reconstituted by amendment to the governing statute, Tenn. Code Ann. § 11-24-104, which, among other provisions, allowed the Board 8 paid meetings per year.

The Board has been very active since its inception in March, 2015, and expects to be equally active for many years to come as it works with partners throughout Carter County and Northeast Tennessee to build a recreational system that is a credit and benefit to the county and its people.

However, it has become apparent that being allowed only 8 meetings has hampered our work. The need for monthly meetings has become evident, and is becoming more so as the Board initiates larger, more-ambitious, more-complex projects.

Four more meetings has a very little fiscal impact – less than \$2,000 per year – but will allow us to conduct the Board’s business in a more-orderly and quicker fashion, in particular with regard to decision-making that is critical to on-going projects involving our partner agencies. Many of these projects are time-critical due to weather concerns and the availability of volunteer labor at particular times of the year. The same is true of other county resources, which also have limited availability.

THEREFORE, the Board requests that the county appeal to the state legislature that Tenn. Code Ann. § 11-24-104 be amended by changing the last sentence of Paragraph B from “Board members shall be compensated at a rate of fifty dollars (\$50.00) per meeting, with a maximum of eight (8) paid meetings occurring each year.” to “Board members shall be compensated at a rate of fifty dollars (\$50.00) per meeting, with a maximum of twelve (12) paid meetings occurring each year.” This request is contingent upon determining that the amendment will have no effect or consequence other than changing the number of allowed meetings.

By vote of the Carter County Parks and Recreation Board, this petition is respectfully submitted for your consideration.

Kenneth D. Gough, Chairman

Erik Anderson, Secretary