

# Carter County Commission

## Minutes of:

### Rules & Bylaws Committee

November 02, 2021, 6:00 PM

#### Members:

Sonja Culler in for Daniel McInturff

Thomas Proffitt - present

Mark Blevins in for Robert Acuff

Layla Ward – present

Randall Jenkins - present

Isaiah Grindstaff - present

Charles Von Cannon – present

Mike Miller - present

#### I. Call to Order

The Rules & Bylaws Committee was called to order by Chairman Randall Jenkins at 6:03 pm.

#### II. Roll Call

Sonja Culler was in attendance for Daniel McInturff, Mark Blevins was in attendance for Robert Acuff.

#### III. Approval of Agenda

**Motion to approve the agenda was made by Thomas Proffitt, second by Isaiah Grindstaff. All in favor. Motion carried.**

#### IV. Approval of October minutes

**A motion to approve the minutes from the October meeting was made by Layla Ward, second by Isaiah Grindstaff.**

Voice Roll Call as Follows:

##### Yes:

Randall Jenkins

Layla Ward

Charles Von Cannon

Isaiah Grindstaff

Thomas Proffitt

Michael Miller

##### Abstain:

Sonja Culler

Mark Blevins

With six (6) yes votes, two (2) abstain, **motion carried.**

#### V. Public Comments

None

#### VI. Final Review

##### A. 8 Districts / 16 Commissioners

Chairman Jenkins explained the maps and how each district would change, in the redistricting proposal. He explained how they were able to help people in the Roan Mountain area that were having to travel to Hampton to vote. His goal was to make it easier for the citizens of Carter County to vote. District population was important in redrawing

district lines while trying to make it more convenient for voters. All maps and worksheets are included with the minutes.

**VII. Committee Layout**

Chairman Jenkins stated that there would be a change in the number of commissioners representing the districts from three (3) to two (2). He included a chart of committees and how they should be grouped. (attached) Each group will have one member from each district.

**Operation/Internal Committee will include: to meet monthly**

Landfill	Building & Grounds
Rules & Bylaws	Nominating

**Community / External Committee: to meet monthly**

Health & Welfare	Highway
Education	Beer Board (change to be a board of 8)
Law Enforcement	

**Budgeting / Purchasing Committee: to meet monthly**

The following groups meet less than monthly and have fewer commissioners on the committees.

**Records Commission** – 1 Commissioner – to meet quarterly

**JECDB** – 1 Commissioner – to meet quarterly

**Carter County Board of Health** – 1 Commissioner – to meet yearly

**Audit Committee** – 1 Commissioner – to meet twice a year

**Elizabethton / Carter County Library Board** – 1 Commissioner

**Planning Commission** – 4 Commissioners (until 1/2022) – to meet monthly

**Board of Zoning & Appeals** – 2 commissioners

**Carter County Parks & Recreation Board** – 1 Commissioner – to meet monthly

**Agriculture committee** – 3 Commissioners – to meet 3 to 4 times per year

**Financial Management** – 4 Commissioners (Does not have to be Commissioners) – to meet monthly

**Elizabethton Carter County Animal Shelter** – 3 Commissioners (Pending Contract for 2 Commissioners) – to meet monthly.

He stated that there were a few committees that could be done away with such as Law Enforcement and Education.

Commissioner Mark Blevins asked if it would be two (2) votes, one to change the districts and one to change the number of commissioners. Attorney Hardin stated that it would be one vote. If you voted to change the district lines you were also approving the reduction in commission.

**VIII. Approval to advance Resolutions to adopt Redistricting plan**

**A. Resolution #1 to Adopt a Redistricting Plan for Carter County**

**Motion was made by Isaiah Grindstaff, second by Charles Von Cannon to accept**

**Resolution #1 as written and advance it to the full commission in a special called meeting.**

Voice Roll Call Vote as Follows:

**Yes:**

Sonja Culler  
Randall Jenkins  
Charles Von Cannon  
Thomas Proffitt

Layla Ward  
Isaiah Grindstaff  
Michael Miller

**No:**

Mark Blevins

With a vote of seven (7) yes votes, one (1) no vote, **motion carried.**

**B. Resolution #2 to Re-Establish the Districts for the Election of Carter County Constables and the Number of Constables Eligible for Election Per District**

**Motion was made by Sonja Culler, second by Mark Blevins to accept Resolution #2 as written and advance it to the full commission in a special called meeting.**

Voice Roll Call Vote as Follows:

**Yes:**

Sonja Culler  
Mark Blevins  
Randall Jenkins  
Charles Von Cannon

Thomas Proffitt  
Layla Ward  
Isaiah Grindstaff  
Michael Miller

All in favor, **motion carried.**

**IX. Commissioner Comments**

Chairman Jenkins asked Attorney Hardin to explain the new Sick Leave Policy that the committee asked him to change. Attorney Hardin informed the committee that he had changed the conditions of using sick leave days from only being able to use them after six (6) months of employment to once they are earned, they may be used. There is no longer the six (6) month waiting period.

**A motion was made by Mark Blevins, second by Layla Ward to accept the new Sick Leave Policy as written.**

All in Favor, **motion carried.**

**X. Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made by Thomas Proffitt, second by Sonja Culler. All in favor, **meeting adjourned.**

Respectfully submitted by  
Gwen Crowe