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BE IT REMEMBERED, that the County Commission of Carter County, Elizabethton, Tennessee, met in Regular Session on November 16, 2009, at 10:00 A.M. in the main courtroom of the Carter County Courthouse. Present and presiding were the Honorable Johnny Holder, County Mayor/Chairman; the Honorable Keith Bowers, Jr., County Attorney; and the Honorable Mary Gouge, County Clerk. The following Commissioners were present: Paul Mottern, Gebe Ritchie, Lawrence Hodge, Nancy Brown, R. L. Miller, Jim Whaley, Harry Sisk, Jerry Pearman, L. C. Tester, Steve Lowrance, Tom Bowers, Jo Ann Blankenship, Charlie Bayless, Dickie Renfro, Terry Montgomery, Ken Arney, Larry McKinney, Lynn Tipton, Sonja Culler, Bill Armstrong, Robert Davis and Robert Gobble. Jeff McKinney was absent.

ROLL CALL.....QUORUM PRESENT

PRAYER.....LAWRENCE HODGE

PLEDGE.....ROBERT DAVIS

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**JOHNNY L. HOLDER**  
CARTER COUNTY MAYOR

### **PUBLIC NOTICE OF A REGULAR SESSION OF THE CARTER COUNTY COMMISSION**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all members of the Carter County Commission, to all residents of the County of Carter, Tennessee, and to all persons interested, that the Regular Session of the Carter County Commission will be held Monday, November 16, 2009, 10:00 a.m., Main Courtroom, Carter County Courthouse, 801 E. Elk Avenue, Elizabethton, Tennessee.

#### Agenda

- Call to Order
- Roll Call
- Opening Prayer
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Acceptance of Minutes from Previous Meeting
- Recognition of Elected Officials/Guests
- Public Comments
- Carter County Tomorrow
- Resolution Honoring Snap On Tools for 35 Year Anniversary
- Resolution in Reference to the Adult Traffic Offender School and Serious Offenders School (Defensive Driving)
- Resolution to Transfer Funds from General Purpose School Funds to Federal Projects Fund for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2009
- Resolution for Financial Assistance for Low-Income Elderly Taxpayers, Totally and Permanently Disabled Homeowners, and Disabled Veterans
- Dean Blevins, Director, Tennessee Technology Center
- Larry Gobble, Tourism Director, Carter County
- Kathy Pierce, Presentation on Carter County Tomorrow Leadership Class
- Formal Announcement of Resignation of Commissioner Richard Tester, 7<sup>th</sup> District and Intent to Fill Position By Accepting Applications From Interested Parties as well as Nominations from the Floor at the January 2010 Commission Meeting
- Notaries/Bonds
- Old Business
- Committee Reports/Recommendations
- County Attorney Report
- Commissioner Comments
- Adjourn

All matters that may be normally considered may be taken up and acted on at such meetings.

Johnny Holder, County Chairman  
Carter County, Tennessee

The following Proclamation honoring Snap-On Tools, Incorporated was read by the County Attorney. It was then presented to Keith Whitehead Manager of Human Resources at the Elizabethton plant. Also present representing Snap-On was Site Manager John Carley and employee Clarence Wilson, who has worked for the facility for 34 years.

**PROCLAMATION**  
Honoring  
**Snap-on Tools, Incorporated**  
November 16, 2009

**WHEREAS, Snap-on Tools, Incorporated has operated for 35 years in the Carter County and Elizabethton communities, becoming an integral part of and instrumental in, the development of a better community; and**

**WHEREAS, Snap-on Tools, Incorporated established its Carter County, Tennessee forging facility in 1974 hiring one hundred (100) associates; and**

**WHEREAS, Snap-on Tools, Incorporated Carter County, Tennessee production facility began producing Snap-on wrenches to a finished product in 1975; and**

**WHEREAS, Snap-on Tools, Incorporated Carter County, Tennessee production facility expanded production and began producing Snap-on ratchets and forging pliers in 2003; and**

**WHEREAS, Snap-on Tools, Incorporated Carter County, Tennessee production facility expanded production and began producing Snap-on pry bars in 2007; and**

**WHEREAS, Snap-on Tools, Incorporated Carter County, Tennessee production facility expanded production and began producing Snap-on punches in 2009; and**

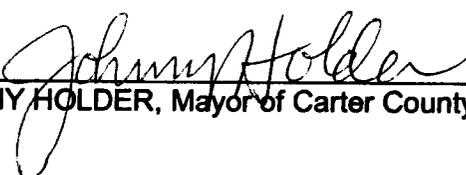
**WHEREAS, Snap-on Tools, Incorporated Carter County, Tennessee production facility currently produces over two thousand five hundred (2,500) products; and**

**WHEREAS, Snap-on Tools, Incorporated Carter County, Tennessee production facility expanded its plant in 1978, 1981, and 2000 and currently operates in a one hundred forty thousand (140,000) square foot facility; and**

**WHEREAS, Snap-on Tools, Incorporated Carter County, Tennessee production facility has provided quality gainful employment to the Carter County and Elizabethton community and current employees 350 associates; and**

**WHEREAS, Snap-on Tools, Incorporated has altruistically sponsored numerous community service projects for the betterment of the Carter County and Elizabethton communities; and**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Carter County, by and through Johnny Holder, Mayor of Carter County, Tennessee and the Carter County Commission does hereby proclaim that we honor and commend Snap-on Tools for their service to the community, this the 16<sup>th</sup> day of November 2009 .**

  
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JOHNNY HOLDER, Mayor of Carter County, Tennessee

On motion by Jerry Pearman, seconded by Jo Ann Blankenship the minutes of the September 21, 2009, Commission meeting were approved by voice roll call vote.

Mayor Holder recognized the elected and appointed officials in the audience by asking them to stand.

Under Public Comments, Roy Livingston questioned who would be responsible to keep an eye on the \$92 million coming to our county from the state. He also commented on the Landfill situation and the keys to the Landfill being restricted to management only.

Steve Lowrance on behalf of Carter County Tomorrow stated that 34 applications had been received for the vacant Director's position and their goal was to have this vacancy filled by the 1st of the year.

Motion was made by Dickie Renfro, seconded by Lawrence Hodge to suspend the reading of the Resolutions to be passed that were in their packets. By voice roll call vote, motion carried.

Motion was made by Dickie Renfro, seconded by Jo Ann Blankenship to approve the following Resolution No. 512 increasing the fees of the Adult Traffic Offender School and the Serious Offenders School. Roll call vote as follows:

AYES:	Paul Mottern, Gebe Ritchie, Lawrence Hodge, Nancy Brown, R. L. Miller, Jim Whaley, Harry Sisk, Jerry Pearman, L.C. Tester, Steve Lowrance, Tom Bowers, Jo Ann Blankenship, Charlie Bayless, Terry Montgomery, Ken Arney, Larry McKinney, Lynn Tipton, Sonja Culler, Bill Armstrong, Robert Davis & Robert Gobble
NAYS:	0
PASSING:	0
ABSENT:	Jeff McKinney

There being 22 ayes, 0 nays, 0 passing and 1 absent, motion duly carried.

**RESOLUTION No. 512**

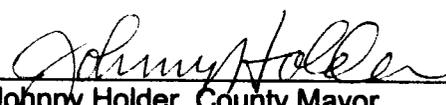
WHEREAS, John Walton, General Sessions Judge of Carter County, Tennessee entered an Order on October 20, 2009, in reference to the Adult Traffic Offender School and Serious Offenders School (Defensive Driving); and

WHEREAS, the cost and expenses in the attendance and operation of the Carter County, Tennessee Adult Traffic Offender School and Serious Offenders School (Defensive Driving) have not been addressed since the 24<sup>th</sup> day of February 2003; and

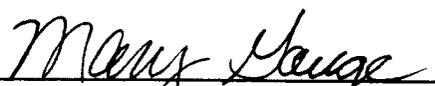
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislative Body of Carter County, Tennessee, in regular sessions on meeting this 16<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2009, that the Order of John Walton, Judge of the General Sessions Court of Carter County, Tennessee, is hereby approved and the County Executive is authorized to enter into a contract with Marvin Carden, a copy of the contract is attached to this Resolution.

ADOPTED this 16 day of November, 2009.

APPROVED:

  
Johnny Holder, County Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Mary Gouge, County Clerk

Motion was made by Lawrence Hodge, seconded by Lynn Tipton to approve the following Resolution 513 to transfer funds from General Purpose School Funds to Federal Projects Fund for fiscal year ending Jun 30, 2009. Roll call vote as follows:

AYES: Paul Mottern, Gebe Ritchie, Lawrence Hodge, Nancy Brown, R. L. Miller, Jim Whaley, Harry Sisk, Jerry Pearman, L. C. Tester, Steve Lowrance, Tom Bowers, Jo Ann Blankenship, Charlie Bayless, Dickie Renfro, Terry Montgomery, Ken Arney, Larry McKinney, Lynn Tipton, Sonja Culler, Bill Armstrong, Robert Davis & Robert Gobble

NAYS: 0

PASSING: 0

ABSENT: Jeff McKinney

There being 22 ayes, 0 nays, 0 passing and 1 absent, motion duly carried.

**RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUNDS TO  
FEDERAL PROJECTS FUND FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2009**

Resolution No. 513

**WHEREAS**, Federal Projects grants operate on a reimbursement basis and funds are requested from the State of Tennessee by Carter County School District for non-payroll expenditures on a monthly basis; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Federal Projects Fund operates with a cash deficit at various times throughout the fiscal year due to a slow turn-around time for reimbursements from the State of Tennessee; and,

**WHEREAS**, Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) consider a cash deficit in any fund to be a significant deficiency in internal control; and,

**WHEREAS**, Carter County School District does not desire to operate any fund with a cash deficit.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Education of Carter County School District, a school district in Tennessee, meeting in regular session on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of October 2009, and by the County Commission of Carter County, a county in Tennessee, meeting in regular session on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2009, that:

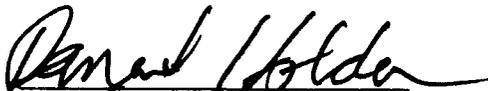
**SECTION 1.** The General Purpose School Fund shall transfer \$200,000.00 to the Federal Projects Fund on November 16, 2009.

**SECTION 2.** The \$200,000 transfer shall remain in the Federal Projects Fund as a designated fund balance from the General Purpose School Fund and may be repaid at any time as noted in a resolution passed by the Board of Education and County Commission.

**SECTION 3.** This resolution will take effect on November 16, 2009. The Secretary of the Board of Education shall include this Resolution in the minutes of the Carter County School District. The County Clerk shall include this Resolution in the minutes of Carter County.

Adopted this 16<sup>th</sup> day of November 2009.

APPROVED:



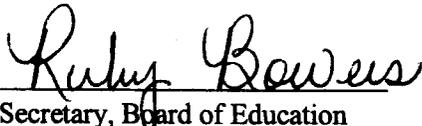
Chairman, Board of Education

APPROVED:



Chairman, County Commission

ATTEST:



Secretary, Board of Education

ATTEST:



County Clerk

Motion was made by Harry Sisk, seconded by Jim Whaley to approve the following Resolution No. 514 providing financial assistance to be paid by county tax revenues to low income taxpayers, permanently disabled homeowners and disabled veterans. Roll call vote as follows:

AYES: Paul Mottern, Gebe Ritchie, Lawrence Hodge, Nancy Brown, R. L. Miller, Jim Whaley, Harry Sisk, Jerry Pearman, L.C. Tester, Steve Lowrance, Tom Bowers, Jo Ann Blankenship, Charlie Bayless, Dickie Renfro, Terry Montgomery, Ken Arney, Larry McKinney, Lynn Tipton, Sonja Culler, Bill Armstrong, Robert Davis & Robert Gobble

NAYS: 0

PASSING: 0

ABSENT: Jeff McKinney

There being 22 ayes, 0 nays, 0 passing and 1 absent, motion duly carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 514

**RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO BE PAID FROM CARTER COUNTY TAX REVENUES TO LOW-INCOME ELDERLY TAXPAYERS, TOTALLY AND PERMANENTLY DISABLED HOMEOWNERS, AND DISABLED VETERANS IN ADDITION TO THE TAX RELIEF ALREADY PROVIDED BY THE STATE OF TENNESSEE AS PROVIDED BY T.C.A. §67-5-701, ET SEQ.**

WHEREAS, a need exists in Carter County to provide financial assistance to low-income elderly residents of the county; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to T.C.A. §5-9-112, counties are authorized to appropriate funds on an annual basis for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to T.C.A. §5-9-112, the county legislative body is authorized to develop guidelines for eligibility and participation in applying for this assistance;

WHEREAS, pursuant to T.C.A. §67-5-701, the legislative bodies of counties may provide for the appropriation of funds for tax relief for elderly low-income homeowners as described in T.C.A. §67-5-702, for disabled homeowners as described in T.C.A. §67-5-703 and for disabled veterans as described in T.C.A. §67-5-704.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Carter County legislative body meeting in regular session this 16th day of November 2009, that:

**SECTION 1.** A low-income ad valorem real property taxpayer who is sixty-five (65) years of age or older and who resides in Carter County shall be eligible to apply for financial assistance based on the amount of real property taxes assessed and levied by the county. The amount shall be \$20, and eligibility shall be determined by the standards and conditions set out in T.C.A. §67-5-702.

**SECTION 2.** A totally and permanently disabled homeowner and who resides in Carter County shall be eligible to apply for financial assistance based upon the amount of real property taxes assessed and levied by the county. The amount shall be \$20, and eligibility shall be determined by the standards and conditions set out in T.C.A. §67-5-702.

**SECTION 3.** A disabled veteran real property taxpayer who resides in Carter County shall be eligible to apply for financial assistance based upon the amount of real property taxes assessed and levied by the county. The amount shall be \$20, and eligibility shall be determined by the standards and conditions set out in T.C.A. §67-5-702.

**SECTION 4.** Property tax relief shall be obtainable by application to the county trustee. The procedure shall conform to the requirements for state relief as stated in T.C.A. §§67-5-701, 67-5-702, 67-5-703 and 67-5-704, as applicable. After application is made, the trustee shall certify the amount of the relief to the county mayor, who shall issue a warrant for the specified amount.

SECTION 5. The assistance set out herein is applicable solely for taxes levied and assessed for the 2009 calendar year. Eligible taxpayers must apply for the assistance no later than April 5, 2010. Failure to apply within the prescribed time shall constitute a waiver of all claims for the assistance hereby authorized.

SECTION 6. The implementation of this program is dependent on appropriations to fund it in the general appropriations for the fiscal year 2009-2010, or any supplemental appropriations.

SECTION 7. This resolution shall be effective upon passage, contingent upon funding as provided in Section 4, the public welfare requiring it.

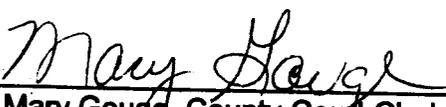
BE IT RESOLVED by the Carter County legislative body meeting in regular session this 16th day of November, 2009, that the property tax relief for low-income elderly residents shall be implemented as set forth above.

This Resolution shall take effect upon its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

  
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Johnny Holder, County Mayor

11-16-2009  
Date

Attest:

  
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Mary Gouge, County Court Clerk

11-16-2009  
Date

Dean Blevins, Director of the Tennessee Technology Center of Elizabethton relating that the school provides vocational training in various career fields. He stated that the two campuses in Elizabethton had a record enrollment this year and a job placement rate of 95 percent. He said that the LPN program had a 99 percent passing rate and was currently the largest in the state. He further stated that for every \$1.00 spent at TTC generated \$5.67 for the local economy.

Larry Gobble, Tourism Director, reported that the economic impact from tourism on the county in 2008, according to the Governor's Conference on Tourism, was \$31,270,000. A Tourism 2008 by the Tourism Development Council was placed in the Commissioner's packets for review.

Harry Sisk on behalf of the Nominating Committee stated that applications were being taken and that nominations would be heard from the floor at the January 2010 meeting, to replace the vacancy of Richard Tester, recently resigned commissioner in the 7th District.

On motion by Lynn Tipton, seconded by Jo Ann Blankenship, the following notaries were approved by voice roll call vote:

Teresa D. Whetsell  
Robin Marlow Young  
Gregory H. Bowers  
Brenda Lyons  
Chasity Lynn Stacy  
Elizabeth A. Glover  
Tracy L. Trivette  
Denise Hendrix  
Judith L. Bacon  
Chris McAdams  
Greg N. Dugger  
Candida Hope Berry

Sandy Davis  
John L. Bowers, III  
John L. Bowers, Jr.  
Lanny R. Norris  
Gary J. Smith  
Patricia S. Duffield  
Janice Cunningham  
Kristin Mae Powell  
Lynn Cornell Shurtleff  
Patsy T. Trivette  
James E. Stout

Motion was made by Jerry Pearman, seconded by Lynn Tipton to allow the Carter County Hunting and Fishing Club to lease a house adjacent to the county Landfill property to be used for their monthly meetings. John Snyder stated that the club would pay the bills, paint and do any necessary maintenance to the house as long as the club leased it. Roll call vote as follows:

AYES: Paul Mottern, Gebe Ritchie, Lawrence Hodge, Nancy Brown, R. L. Miller, Jim Whaley, Harry Sisk, Jerry Pearman, L. C. Tester, Steve Lowrance, Tom Bowers, Jo Ann Blankenship, Charlie Bayless, Dickie Renfro, Terry Montgomery, Ken Arney, Larry McKinney, Lynn Tipton, Sonja Culler, Bill Armstrong, Robert Davis & Robert Gobble  
NAYS: 0  
PASSING: 0  
ABSENT: Jeff McKinney

There being 22 ayes, 0 nays, 0 passing and 1 absent, motion duly carried.

Jo Ann Blankenship reported on behalf of the Financial Management Committee. Copy of October 20, 2009, meeting on file in the office of the County Clerk.

On recommendation of the Budget Committee, motion was made by Tom Bowers, seconded by Jerry Pearman to approve the following amendments to the General Fund-101, Items #1 thru #17, with the exception of Item #5. Motion was then made by Charlie Bayless, seconded by Harry Sisk to amend Commissioner Bowers motion to include Item #5. Roll call vote to AMEND as follows:

AYES: Gebe Ritchie, R. L. Miller, Harry Sisk, L. C. Tester, Charlie Bayless, Dickie Renfro & Robert Gobble  
NAYS: Paul Mottern, Lawrence Hodge, Nancy Brown, Jim Whaley, Jerry Pearman, Steve Lowrance, Tom Bowers, Jo Ann Blankenship, Terry Montgomery, Ken Arney, Larry McKinney, Lynn Tipton, Sonja Culler & Robert Davis  
PASSING: Bill Armstrong  
ABSENT: Jeff McKinney

There being 7 ayes, 14 nays, 1 passing and 1 absent, motion to AMEND failed.

Roll call vote on original motion as follows:

AYES: Paul Mottern, Gebe Ritchie, Lawrence Hodge, Nancy Brown, R. L. Miller, Jim Whaley, Harry Sisk, Jerry Pearman, Steve Lowrance, Tom Bowers, Jo Ann Blankenship, Terry Montgomery, Ken Arney, Larry McKinney, Lynn Tipton, Sonja Culler, Bill Armstrong, Robert Davis & Robert Gobble  
NAYS: L. C. Tester, Charlie Bayless & Dickie Renfro

PASSING: 0  
 ABSENT: Jeff McKinney

There being 19 ayes, 3 nays, 0 passing and 1 absent, motion duly carried.

**2009-10 BUDGET AMENDMENT #2  
 16-Nov-09**

**GENERAL FUND - 101**

Item #1	39000	Fund Balance	\$ 5,319.00	Decrease	
	58190-316-42	Forensic Services		\$ 5,319.00	Increase

Funds for the 2009-10 budget for forensic services

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Item #2	44170	Miscellaneous Refunds	\$ 1,040.53	Decrease	
	58130-599	Other Charges		\$ 1,040.53	Increase

To reconcile refund on cash bond for 2006 HOME Grant

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Item #3	47660	FHA Grant	\$ 3,332.72	Decrease	
	58130-599	Other Charges		\$ 3,332.72	Increase

To reconcile funds for 2006 HOME Grant

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Item #4	46420	State Aid Program	\$ 90,963.50	Decrease	
	58190-399-61	Other Contracted Services		\$ 83,838.50	Increase
	58190-599-61	Other Charges		\$ 7,125.00	Increase

To reconcile funds for Water Storage Tank Grant

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Item #5	44530	Sale of Equipment	\$ 25,475.31	Decrease	
	54110-716	Law Enforcement Equipment		\$ 25,475.31	Increase

Funds from auction to purchase Record Mgt System at Sheriff's Dept

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Item #6	44170	Miscellaneous Refunds	\$ 1,785.00	Decrease	
	54110-716	Law Enforcement Equipment		\$ 1,785.00	Increase

State of Tennessee for hand gun checks

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Item #7	48610	Donations	\$ 7,000.00	Decrease	
	54110-196	In-Service Training		\$ 3,000.00	Increase
	54110-716	Law Enforcement Equipment		\$ 4,000.00	Increase

Donation from TN Blind Industries to Sheriff's Dept

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Item #8	44170	Miscellaneous Refunds	\$ 225.00	Decrease	
	54110-353	Tow-In Services		\$ 225.00	Increase

Reimbursement for tow-in services at Sheriff's Dept

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Item #9	48610	Donations	\$ 1,000.00	Decrease	
	54110-716	Law Enforcement Equipment		\$ 1,000.00	Increase

Donation from James Prate Calendars to Sheriff's Dept

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Item #10	48610	Donations	\$ 300.00	Decrease	
	54110-401	Animal Food and Supplies		\$ 300.00	Increase

Personal donation for K-9 Unit

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Item #11	44170	Miscellaneous Refunds	\$ 127.70	Decrease	
	54210-422	Food Supplies		\$ 127.70	Increase

Refund from PFG for food at Jail

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Item #12	44170	Miscellaneous Refunds	\$ 242.07	Decrease	
	54110-336	Maintenance & Repair -Equipment		\$ 242.07	Increase

Reimbursement from inmate for damages to the Jail

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Item #13	44170	Miscellaneous Refunds	\$ 308.75	Decrease	
	54110-335	Maintenance & Repair-Building		\$ 308.75	Increase

Refund from Spears Services for work at Jail

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Item #14	44170	Miscellaneous Refunds	\$	131.33	Decrease	
	54110-716	Law Enforcement Equipment			\$	131.33 Increase

Sale of scrap metal at Sheriff's Dept

Item #15	44170	Miscellaneous Refunds	\$	534.00	Decrease	
	54110-719	Law Enforcement Equipment			\$	534.00 Increase

NRA Foundation Grant

Item #16	44170	Miscellaneous Refunds	\$	950.61	Decrease	
	54110-338	Maintenance & Repairs-Vehicles			\$	950.61 Increase

Refund from TN Farmers Mutual Insurance - Auto Accident

Item #17	46290	Public Safety Grants	\$	5,000.00	Decrease	
	54110-716	Law Enforcement Equipment			\$	5,000.00 Increase

St of Tennessee-Hwy Safety Grant

<b>TOTAL AMENDMENT FOR FUND 101</b>			\$	<b>143,735.52</b>	<b>Decrease</b>	
					\$	<b>143,735.52 Increase</b>

On recommendation of the Budget Committee, motion was made by Tom Bowers, seconded by Harry Sisk to approve the following Drug Fund-122, Budget Amendment #1, Item #1 as presented. Roll call vote as follows:

AYES: Paul Mottern, Gebe Ritchie, Lawrence Hodge, Nancy Brown, R. L. Miller, Jim Whaley, Harry Sisk, Jerry pearman, L. C. Tester, Steve Lowrance, Tom Bowers, Jo Ann Blankenship, Charlie Bayless, Dickie Renfro, Terry Montgomery, Ken Arney, Larry McKinney, Lynn Tipton, Sonja Culler, Bill Armstrong, Robert Davis & Robert Gobble

NAYS: 0

PASSING: 0

ABSENT: Jeff McKinney

There being 22 ayes, 0 nays, 0 passing and 1 absent, motion duly carried.

**2009-10 BUDGET AMENDMENT #1**

**DRUG FUND - 122**

Item #1	48610	Donations	\$	1,000.00	Decrease	
	54110-718	Motor Vehicles			\$	1,000.00 Increase

Donation from James Prate Calendars to Drug Fund

<b>TOTAL AMENDMENT FUND 122</b>			\$	<b>1,000.00</b>	<b>Decrease</b>	\$ 1,000.00 Increase
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On recommendation of the Budget Committee, motion was made by Tom Bowers, seconded by Nancy Brown to approve the following Solid Waste-116, Budget Amendment #1, Item #1 and Sports & Rec-123, Budget Amendment #1, Item #1 as presented. Roll call vote as follows:

AYES: Paul Mottern, Gebe Ritchie, Lawrence Hodge, Nancy Brown, R. L. Miller, Jim Whaley, Harry Sisk, Jerry Pearman, L.C. Tester, Steve Lowrance, Tom Bowers, Jo Ann Blankenship, Charlie Bayless, Dickie Renfro, Terry Montgomery, Ken Arney, Larry McKinney, Lynn Tipton, Sonja Culler, Bill Armstrong, Robert Davis & Robert Gobble  
 NAYS: 0  
 PASSING: 0  
 ABSENT: Jeff McKinney

There being 22 ayes, 0 nays, 0 passing and 1 absent, motion duly carried.

**2009-10 BUDGET AMENDMENT #1  
16-Nov-09**

**SOLID WASTE - 116**

Item #1	44170	Miscellaneous Refunds	\$ 1,801.19	Decrease
	55754-322	Evaluation & Testing		\$ 1,801.19 Increase

City of Elizabethton share of cost for closed Landfill

**2009-10 BUDGET AMENDMENT #1  
16-Nov-09**

**SPORTS & REC - 123**

Item #1	48130	Contributions	\$ 5,000.00	Decrease
	56700-799-761	Other Capital Outlay		\$ 5,000.00 Increase

County funds for capital projects

On recommendation of the Budget Committee, motion was made by Tom Bowers, seconded by Lynn Tipton to approve the following Carter County Schools Fund 141, Budget Amendment #3, Items #1 thru #3, Budget Amendment #4, Item #1 and Budget Amendment #5, Item #1 and Budget Amendment #1, Item #1. Roll call vote as follows.

AYES: Paul Mottern, Gebe Ritchie, Lawrence Hodge, Nancy Brown, R. L. Miller, Jim Whaley, Harry Sisk, Jerry Pearman, L.C. Tester, Steve Lowrance, Tom Bowers, Jo Ann Blankenship, Charlie Bayless, Dickie Renfro, Terry Montgomery, Ken Arney, Larry McKinney, Lynn Tipton, Sonja Culler, Bill Armstrong, Robert Davis & Robert Gobble  
 NAYS: 0  
 PASSING: 0  
 ABSENT: Jeff McKinney

There being 22 ayes, 0 nays, 0 passing and 1 absent, motion duly carried.

**Carter County Schools Fund 141  
Budget Amendment # 3 2009-10**

<b>Item #1</b>	73300	105	Director	16,081	Increase
	73300	169	Part-Time Personnel	193,000	Increase
	73300	201	Social Security	12,963	Increase
	73300	204	Retirement	5,467	Increase
	73300	206	Life Insurance	16	Increase
	73300	207	Medical Insurance	4,561	Increase
	73300	208	Dental Insurance	130	Increase
	73300	210	Unemployment	14	Increase
	73300	212	Medicare	3,032	Increase
	73300	355	Travel	2,200	Increase
	73300	399	Other Contracted Services	3,000	Increase
	73300	429	Instructional Supplies	4,200	Increase
	73300	524	Staff Development	1,500	Increase
	73300	599	Other Charges	3,836	Increase
	47590		Other Federal Through State		250,000 Increase

To recognize Carter Cares After School Grant

<b>Item #2</b>	73300	105	Director	32,161	Increase
	73300	169	Part-Time Personnel	336,159	Increase
	73300	201	Social Security	22,836	Increase
	73300	204	Retirement	10,892	Increase
	73300	206	Life Insurance	15	Increase
	73300	207	Medical Insurance	4,582	Increase
	73300	208	Dental Insurance	115	Increase
	73300	210	Unemployment	3,000	Increase
	73300	212	Medicare	5,341	Increase
	73300	355	Travel	3,500	Increase
	73300	429	Instructional Supplies	8,400	Increase
	73300	524	Staff Development	4,000	Increase
	73300	599	Other Charges		Increase
	46590		Other State Education Funds		436,500 Increase

To recognize Lottery Education Grant for after school programs

<b>Item #3</b>	48610		Donations - Citizens Group	1,178	Increase
	71200	725	Special Ed Equipment	1,178	Increase

**Carter County Schools Fund 141  
Budget Amendment # 4 2009-10**

<b>Item # 1</b>	47990		Other Federal Grants	4,000	Decrease
	72210-355-00-000-0000-810		Travel		2,500 Decrease
	72210-435-00-000-0000-810		Office Supplies		1,500 Decrease

To revise budget for Teaching American History Grant per Department of Education

**Carter County Schools Fund 141  
Budget Amendment # 5 2009-10**

<b>Item # 1</b>	47143		IDEA		20,637 Increase
	71200	399	Other Contracted Services	7,417	Increase
	71200	599	Other Charges	1,100	Increase
	72220	599		10,826	Increase
	72220	725		2,527	Increase
	72220	790			1,233 Decrease

To recognize additional funding for high cost special education services and make adjustment to equipment line item

**Carter County Schools Fund 143  
Budget Amendment # 1 2009-10**

<b>Item #</b>	<b>1</b>	47115	USDA Food Service Equipment ARRA	\$ 18,447	Increase
		73100-710-00-000-1055-982	Food Service Equipment	18447	Increase

**To adjust budget for USDA Food Service Equipment Grant ARRA**

On recommendation of the Budget Committee, motion was made by Tom Bowers, seconded by Harry Sisk to approve Humana Health Insurance as the provider for county employees beginning January 1, 2010. Gebe Ritchie made a motion to amend Commissioner Bowers motion by stating that if the Commission voted for Humana over Blue Cross Blue Shield they would be doing the employees of Carter County a disadvantage. His motion failed to receive a second and the roll call vote for Humana was as follows:

- AYES: Paul Mottern, Lawrence Hodge, Nancy Brown, R. L. Miller, Jim Whaley, Harry Sisk, Jerry Pearman, Tom Bowers, Jo Ann Blankenship, Charlie Bayless, Dickie Renfro, Lynn Tipton, Sonja Culler, Bill Armstrong, Robert Davis, Terry Montgomery & Robert Gobble
- NAYS: Gebe Ritchie, L. C. Tester, Steve Lowrance, Ken Arney & Larry McKinney
- PASSING: 0
- ABSENT: Jeff McKinney

There being 17 ayes, 5 nays, 0 passing and 1 absent, motion duly carried.

On recommendation of the Budget Committee, motion was made by Tom Bowers, seconded by Harry Sisk for all new hires to pay 10% of their own insurance.

Roll call vote as follows:

- AYES: Paul Mottern, Lawrence Hodge, Nancy Brown, R. L. Miller, Harry Sisk, Jerry Pearman, Tom Bowers, Jo Ann Blankenship, Charlie Bayless, Lynn Tipton, Bill Armstrong & Robert Davis
- NAYS: Gebe Ritchie, Jim Whaley, L. C. Tester, Steve Lowrance, Dickie Renfro, Terry Montgomery, Ken Arney, Larry McKinney, Sonja Culler & Robert Gobble
- PASSING: 0
- ABSENT: Jeff McKinney

There being 12 ayes, 10 nays, 0 passing and 1 absent, motion duly carried.

On recommendation of the Budget Committee, motion was made by Tom Bowers, seconded by Jerry Pearman to approve the sale of 2 acres in the Watauga Industrial Park to Richard Tetrick for \$10,000 per acre for a casket distribution facility. This facility to provide 10 jobs. Roll call vote as follows:

AYES: Paul Mottern, Gebe Ritchie, Lawrence Hodge, Nancy Brown, R. L. McKinney, Jim Whaley, Harry Sisk, Jerry Pearman, L. C. Tester, Steve Lowrance, Tom Bowers, Jo Ann Blankenship, Charlie Bayless, Dickie Renfro, Terry Montgomery, Ken Arney, Larry McKinney, Lynn Tipton, Sonja Culler, Bill Armstrong, Robert Davis & Robert Gobble

NAYS: 0

PASSING: 0

ABSENT: Jeff McKinney

There being 22 ayes, 0 nays, 0 passing and 1 absent, motion duly carried.

On recommendation of the Budget Committee, motion was made by Tom Bowers, seconded by Harry Sisk to pay \$29,287.93 assessed by the Local Government Insurance Pool for a workman's comp claim in the fiscal year 1999-2000. Roll call vote as follows:

AYES: Paul Mottern, Gebe Ritchie, Lawrence Hodge, Nancy Brown, R. L. Miller, Jim Whaley, Harry Sisk, Jerry Pearman, Steve Lowrance, Tom Bowers, Jo Ann Blankenship, Dickie Renfro, Lynn Tipton, Sonja Culler, Bill Armstrong, Robert Davis & Robert Gobble

NAYS: L. C. Tester, Terry Montgomery, Ken Arney & Larry McKinney

PASSING: Charlie Bayless

ABSENT: Jeff McKinney

There being 17 ayes, 4 nays, 1 passing and 1 absent, motion duly carried.

Robert Davis reported for the Jail Task Force and recommended that each Commissioner visit the jail construction site to become familiar with the site.

County Attorney Keith Bowers updated the commission on several issues. He stated that the deal was closed on the skatepark, that the mental health evaluations for inmates convicted of misdemeanors would be paid by the county, felony charged inmate evaluations would be paid by the state. He said the updated Civil Service Manual would be out soon.

Steve Lowrance spoke on behalf of Tennessee House Speaker Kent Williams relating that many projects had been brought into the county by him, stating he had been removed from the Republican Party undeservedly. Putting it in the form of a motion, seconded by Terry Montgomery, he said that out of respect for the voters of Carter County he felt it was in their best interest that "they" as the governing body of Carter County send a letter in the form of a Resolution to the chairman of the State Republican Party to let him know that we stand behind Kent Williams and would like to see him re-instated to the Republican Party. He went on to say that he did not feel like it was their right to tell us that we couldn't do that. By voice roll call vote, motion duly carried. The Clerk noted a "no" vote from Commissioner Bowers.

Motion was made to adjourn by Mayor Holder, seconded by Jerry Pearman  
and carried by voice roll call vote.