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May 18, 2015  
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**Carter County Commission  
Regular Session  
March 16, 2015**

**Chairman, Leon Humphrey called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.**

**Roll Call** as follows:

**Present:** Buford Peters, Willie Campbell, Jerry Proffitt, Nancy Brown, Mike Hill, Al Meehan, Ronnie Trivett, Charles VonCannon, L.C. Tester, Isaiah Grindstaff, Danny Ward, Ross Garland, Timothy Holdren, Bobbie Gouge-Dietz, Randall Jenkins, Larry Miller, John Lewis, Ray Lyons, Sonja Culler, Scott Simerly, Cody McQueen, Robert Carroll, and Robert Gobble.  
(23 Present)

**Absent:** Beth Depew (1 Absent)

Quorum present.

Commissioner **Jerry Proffitt** was recognized by Chairman Humphrey and addressed the Commission. He stated, that after viewing research done by County Attorney, Joshua Hardin, about his **moving from District 1 to District 4, he was no longer a Commissioner in Carter County.** This was because he is no longer a resident of District 1 as required.

Commissioner Proffitt went on to explain the reasoning for his moving. He stated that his residence was located near the Elizabethton Airport, and he was "technically" forced to relocate due to its expansion. Commissioner Proffitt wanted to explain to the people, "especially the people of Stoney Creek" that it was not his intentions to move from that District.

Commissioner Proffitt thanked everyone for working with him and for their friendship. He also stated that the Commission needs to work to "make the County better."

Chairman Humphrey thanked Mr. Proffitt for his service as Commissioner, which was followed by a standing ovation from fellow Commissioners and the audience.

A text message from **Commissioner Beth Depew** was read by Chairman Humphrey at this time. He stated that he was unable to make copies available to the Commission due to the time the text was received.

The text, dated March 16, 2015, stated it was to inform them of her decision to **resign from her duties as Carter County Commissioner, representing the 3<sup>rd</sup> District effective immediately, due to changes in employment.**

Chairman Humphrey informed the Commission that because of the two (2) resignations received today, membership of the Commission body was now twenty-two (22) members. He also stated that a voting majority of twelve (12) would be necessary, with two being fifteen (15) to pass, and approve items presented today.

**Prayer** was led by Willie Campbell and Robert Carroll followed with the *pledge to the American flag.*

Commissioner L.C. Tester was recognized and requested that County Attorney, Joshua Hardin, clarify the voting process.

Joshua Hardin, County Attorney, confirmed that due to the *vacancies*, the voting requirements, as previously stated, were correct.

**Recognition of Elected and Appointed Officials/Guest**

Chairman Humphrey recognized and introduced Susan Robinson, his new Administrative Assistant.

**Public Comments** – None

**Confederate History and Heritage Proclamation**

April 2015 was proclaimed as Confederate History and Heritage Month in Carter County, Tennessee, by Chairman Humphrey. Following the reading of the the Proclamation, he presented the same to Russell Tarvis of the Lt. Robert J. Tipton Sons of the Confederate Veterans Camp # 2083. Recorded on page 658.

**Recognition and Presentation of Plaque**

A poem entitled "I'll Show You a Volunteer" was read by Chairman Humphrey. Following the reading Chairman Humphrey presented Conley Jones, Chief of the West Carter County Volunteer Fire Department, a plaque. This was presented in recognition of Mr. Jones' forty-four (44) years of service to the department and was followed with a stating ovation.

**Acceptance of Minutes from Previous Meeting**

Motion was made by Ray Lyons, seconded by John Lewis, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, February 23, 2015, with corrections as requested below.

Discussion followed. Typographical errors were noted and correction requested on pages 637 and 640 (nay votes listed as ayes).

Commissioner Danny Ward addressed an item in Commissioner Comments. On page 642 concerning items being defeated in Committee and still being presented to the Commission for consideration.

County Attorney, Joshua Hardin, responded. He stated that in his opinion, the items needed to be referred back to the Committee and re-submitted by the Committee for re-consideration by the full Commission.

Roll Call Vote as follows:

Ayes: Buford Peters, Willie Campbell, Nancy Brown, Mike Hill, Al Meehan, Ronnie Trivett, Charles VonCannon, L.C. Tester, Isaiah Grindstaff, Danny Ward, Ross Garland, Timothy Holdren, Bobbie Gouge-Dietz, Randall Jenkins, Larry Miller, John Lewis, Ray Lyons, Sonja Culler, Scott Simerly, Cody McQueen, Robert Carroll, and Robert Gobble. (22 Ayes)

Nays: None (0 Nays)

Absent: None (0 Absent)

By majority roll call vote, **motion carried.**

**Notaries/Bonds**

Motion was made by Sonja Culler, seconded by Isaiah Grindstaff, to accept the following Notaries/Bonds as presented.

Karla Gentry Andrews	Linda S. Birchfield	Helen Keller
Shelby Medearis	Peggy Fresnell	Layla Ward
Letha Gwyn	Joe Alexander	Connie D. Tester
Patricia A. Whitehead	Clara B. Perkins	Tracy Lewis Guy
Teresa McKinney	Cletta A. Younce	Regina L. Shepherd
Susan Robinson	*****	Julie Schule

Roll Call Vote as follows:

Ayes: Buford Peters, Willie Campbell, Nancy Brown, Mike Hill, Al Meehan, Ronnie Trivett, Charles VonCannon, L.C. Tester, Isaiah Grindstaff, Danny Ward, Ross Garland, Timothy Holdren, Bobbie Gouge-Dietz, Randall Jenkins, Larry Miller, John Lewis, Ray Lyons, Sonja Culler, Scott Simerly, Cody McQueen, Robert Carroll, and Robert Gobble. (22 Ayes)

Nays: None (0 Nays)

Absent: None (0 Absent)

By majority roll call vote, **motion carried.**

Wireless Voting System

Chairman Humphrey stated that this item passed in Budget Committee and came back before this Committee in the February meeting. However, seventeen percent ( 17%), being four (4) members of the Commission were not present at that meeting. He went on to say that because of that reason, it had been requested by a number of Commissioners that this item be revisited and placed on today's agenda for consideration.

Correspondence was distributed to the Commissioners on this subject by Chairman Humphrey who opened the floor for a motion on the item as presented.

Commissioner Al Meehan rose to **object to the consideration of a motion** for the following reasons: 1. The item had been defeated.  
2. The item takes up and wastes the time of the Commissioners and the public.  
3. The item, in most cases, cost taxpayers more money to reconsider.

**Objection** was made by Al Meehan, to move, to refer the item of the Wireless Voting System back to the Committee for reconsideration and cease discussion.

Chairman Humphrey stated, this *being an objection to the consideration of the motion, did not require a second, but did require a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote to pass.*

Roll Call Vote as follows:

Ayes: Buford Peters, Willie Campbell, Mike Hill, Al Meehan, L.C. Tester, Isaiah Grindstaff, Danny Ward, Ross Garland, Bobbie Gouge-Dietz, and Sonja Culler. (10 Ayes)

Nays: Nancy Brown, Ronnie Trivett, Charles VonCannon, Timothy Holdren, Randall Jenkins, Larry Miller, John Lewis, Ray Lyons, Scott Simerly, Cody McQueen, Robert Carroll, and Robert Gobble. (12 Nays)

Absent: None (0 Absent)

By majority roll call vote, **objection failed.**

**Motion** was made by John Lewis, seconded by Nancy Brown, to go ahead and buy it, the wireless voting system, and put it into use.

Following a lengthy discussion Chairman Humphrey called for a vote.

Roll Call Vote as follows:

Ayes: Nancy Brown, Ronnie Trivett, Charles VonCannon, Timothy Holdren, Randall Jenkins, Larry Miller, John Lewis, Ray Lyons, Scott Simerly, Cody McQueen, Robert Carroll, and Robert Gobble. (12 Ayes)

Nays: Buford Peters, Willie Campbell, Mike Hill, Al Meehan, L.C. Tester, Isaiah Grindstaff, Danny Ward, Ross Garland, Bobbie Gouge-Dietz, and Sonja Culler. (10 Nays)

Absent: None (0 Absent)

By majority roll call vote, **motion carried.**

RESOLUTIONS

A. TDOT 2015-2016 Litter Grant Program

County Attorney, Joshua Hardin, read the resolution and presented the same for approval.

**RESOLUTION No. 620**

**Motion** was made by Ronnie Trivett, seconded by Randall Jenkins, to accept as presented, "A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND AUTHORIZE THE GRANT FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE CARTER COUNTY LITTER GRANT PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016."

Recorded on pages 659-660

Chairman Humphrey called for a Roll Call Vote as follows:

Ayes: Buford Peters, Willie Campbell, Nancy Brown, Mike Hill, Al Meehan, Ronnie Trivett, Charles VonCannon, L.C. Tester, Isaiah Grindstaff, Danny Ward, Ross Garland, Timothy Holdren, Bobbie Gouge-Dietz, Randall Jenkins, Larry Miller, John Lewis, Ray Lyons, Sonja Culler, Scott Simerly, Cody McQueen, Robert Carroll, and Robert Gobble. (22 Ayes)

Nays: None (0 Nays)

Absent: None (0 Absent)

By majority roll call vote, **motion carried.**

### **RESOLUTIONS**

#### ***B. Ralph & Ronald Cole Memorial Highway***

County Attorney, Joshua Hardin, read the resolution and presented the same for approval.

**Motion** was made by Ronnie Trivett, seconded by Cody McQueen, to adopt as presented, "A **RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF RALPH COLE AND REQUESTING THAT THE PORTION OF STATE ROUTE 91 IN THE STONEY CREEK COMMUNITY OF CARTER COUNTY CURRENTLY DESIGNATED AS THE RONDAL COLE MEMORIAL HIGHWAY BE RE-DESIGNATED AS THE RALPH AND RONDAL COLE MEMORIAL HIGHWAY.**"

Following a very lengthy discussion, Chairman Humphrey called for a roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote as follows:

Ayes: Ronnie Trivett, Charles VonCannon, Danny Ward, Timothy Holdren, Bobbie Gouge-Dietz, Larry Miller, and Robert Gobble. (7 Ayes)

Nays: Buford Peters, Willie Campbell, Nancy Brown, Mike Hill, Al Meehan, L.C. Tester, Isaiah Grindstaff, Ross Garland, Randall Jenkins, John Lewis, Ray Lyons, Sonja Culler, Scott Simerly, Cody McQueen, and Robert Carroll. (15 Nays)

Absent: None (0)

By majority roll call vote, **motion failed.**

**Motion** was made by Mike Hill, seconded by Isaiah Grindstaff, to refer back to the Highway Committee, the re-naming of Rondal Cole Memorial Highway to Ralph and Rondal Cole Memorial Highway for additional reconsideration.

Discussion followed. It was noted, that once again, something that failed in Commission was being brought back for re-consideration. Due to misunderstandings concerning this issue, it was voiced as being the reason for this item to be re-addressed.

Highway Committee Chairman, Mike Hill, announced that the next Highway Committee Meeting would be held on April 6, 2015 at 6:00 P.M. A notice of the meeting would be published.

Roll Call Vote as follows:

Ayes: Buford Peters, Willie Campbell, Nancy Brown, Mike Hill, Al Meehan, Ronnie Trivett, Charles VonCannon, L.C. Tester, Isaiah Grindstaff, Danny Ward, Ross Garland, Timothy Holdren, Bobbie Gouge-Dietz, Randall Jenkins, John Lewis, Ray Lyons, Sonja Culler, Scott Simerly, Cody McQueen, Robert Carroll, and Robert Gobble. (21 Ayes)

Nays: Larry Miller (1 Nays)

Absent: None (0 Absent)

By majority roll call vote, **motion carried.**

## Committee Reports/Recommendations

**Budget Committee** - Chairwoman, Sonja Culler approached the podium and presented the following for consideration.

Chairman, Leon Humphrey, requested that all committee chairs please refrain from making motions as recommended by the committee.

**Motion** was made by Cody McQueen, seconded by Danny Ward, to accept the February 2015 donations totaling \$637.50 to the Animal Shelter. Recorded on page 661.

Roll Call Vote as follows:

Ayes: Buford Peters, Willie Campbell, Nancy Brown, Mike Hill, Al Meehan, Ronnie Trivett, Charles VonCannon, L.C. Tester, Isaiah Grindstaff, Danny Ward, Ross Garland, Timothy Holdren, Bobbie Gouge-Dietz, Randall Jenkins, Larry Miller, John Lewis, Ray Lyons, Sonja Culler, Scott Simerly, Cody McQueen, Robert Carroll, and Robert Gobble. (22 Ayes)

Nays: None (0 Nays)

Absent: None (0 Absent)

By majority roll call vote, **motion carried.**

**Motion** was made by John Lewis, seconded by Nancy Brown, to approve General Fund 101 Amendment #10 for a total of \$18,817.65 with 8 items and \$12,293.05 coming from Fund Balance. It was noted that the amount coming from fund balance is for the cost of outside counsel in the case of Tennessee Tavern v. Carter County (Item #8). This representation was approved in the January 2014 session of the Carter County Commission. Recorded on page 662.

Roll Call Vote as follows:

Clerk's Note: (\*) Indicates that the Disclaimer for Employees of Carter County, Tennessee, was voiced by the Commissioner before voting.

Ayes: Buford Peters, Willie Campbell, Nancy Brown, Mike Hill, Al Meehan, Ronnie Trivett, Charles VonCannon, L.C. Tester, (\*) Isaiah Grindstaff, Danny Ward, Ross Garland, Timothy Holdren, Bobbie Gouge-Dietz, Randall Jenkins, Larry Miller, John Lewis, Ray Lyons, Sonja Culler, Scott Simerly, Cody McQueen, Robert Carroll, and Robert Gobble. (22 Ayes)

Nays: None (0 Nays)

Absent: None (0 Absent)

By majority roll call vote, **motion carried.**

**Motion** was made by Isaiah Grindstaff, seconded by Ross Garland, to approve General Purpose School Fund 141 Amendment #9 with 1 item for a total of \$730.00 with \$0 coming from General Purpose School Fund Balance. Recorded on page 661.

Roll Call Vote as follows:

Ayes: Buford Peters, Willie Campbell, Nancy Brown, Mike Hill, Al Meehan, Ronnie Trivett, Charles VonCannon, L.C. Tester, Isaiah Grindstaff, Danny Ward, Ross Garland, Timothy Holdren, Bobbie Gouge-Dietz, Randall Jenkins, Larry Miller, John Lewis, Ray Lyons, Sonja Culler, Scott Simerly, Cody McQueen, Robert Carroll, and Robert Gobble. (22 Ayes)

Nays: None (0 Nays)

Absent: None (0 Absent)

By majority roll call vote, **motion carried.**

Motion was made by L.C. Tester, seconded by Randall Jenkins, to approve **General Purpose School Fund 141 Amendment #10 with 1 item for a total of \$360,957.09 with \$0 coming from General Purpose School Fund Balance. This amendment is presented pending School Board approval.** Recorded on page 661

This item was noted as being "time sensitive" to allow the construction to occur during the summer while school is not in session. Due to inclement weather, the School Board has not been able to vote on this amendment.

Roll Call Vote as follows:

Ayes: Buford Peters, Willie Campbell, Nancy Brown, Mike Hill, Al Meehan, Ronnie Trivett, Charles VonCannon, L.C. Tester, Isaiah Grindstaff, Danny Ward, Ross Garland, Timothy Holdren, Bobbie Gouge-Dietz, Randall Jenkins, Larry Miller, John Lewis, Ray Lyons, Sonja Culler, Scott Simerly, Cody McQueen, Robert Carroll, and Robert Gobble. (22 Ayes)

Nays: None (0 Nays)

Absent: None (0 Absent)

By majority roll call vote, **motion carried.**

Commissioner Robert Gobble requested to be recognized and approached the podium to address the Commissioners and spoke briefly concerning Carter County Tomorrow.

**Motion** was made by Robert Gobble, seconded by Robert Carroll, to **cease funding to Carter County Tomorrow, effective immediately.**

A lengthy discussion followed. Many Commissioners voiced concerns over industries and jobs in Carter County. It was stated that this program was already funded for 2014-2015. However, it is felt that the money for this program was not being spent wisely.

During discussion, it was stated that Send The Light Distribution was in the process of moving. It was stated that Carter County needs to work to keep industries and jobs in Carter County.

Question was addressed to County Attorney, Joshua Hardin, concerning "defunding" Carter County Tomorrow immediately.

Attorney Hardin replied that, in his opinion, the Commission could not "defund" Carter County Tomorrow immediately, as it is funded in this years budget. He stated also, that we are statutorily required to have a board of some type. In conclusion, Attorney Hardin stated, "no" we cannot "defund" this item today. He also requested that Tom Anderson, Carter County Tomorrow, come and address the Commission.

Following the advise of the County Attorney, it was stated that this needed to be readdressed.

**Motion was amended** by Robert Gobble, and seconded by Robert Carroll to change the previous motion to the following: **To place before the Budget Committee, the Carter County Tomorrow and let the Budget Committee investigate this Board and present back to the Commission for consideration.**

Roll Call Vote as follows:

Ayes: Buford Peters, Willie Campbell, Nancy Brown, Mike Hill, Al Meehan, Ronnie Trivett, Charles VonCannon, Isaiah Grindstaff, Danny Ward, Ross Garland, Timothy Holdren, Bobbie Gouge-Dietz, Randall Jenkins, Larry Miller, Ray Lyons, Scott Simerly, Cody McQueen, Robert Carroll, and Robert Gobble. (19 Ayes)

Nays: L.C. Tester, John Lewis, and Sonja Culler. (3 Nays)

Absent: None (0 Absent)

By majority roll call vote, **motion carried.**

**Building and Grounds Committee** – Chairman Ray Lyons approached the podium and presented the following report and items for consideration.

Thank-you for a job well done, concerning drainage issues at the Health Department, was extended to the Sheriff Department and inmate labor as well as Highway Superintendent, Roger Colbaugh and the Highway Department. Pictures provided by Cody McQueen was issued a thank-you as well.

Chairman Lyons spoke on action concerning the old 911 Building and the use of it. Recommendation was made by the Building and Grounds Committee to relocate the Elections Commission to the old 911 Building.

**Motion** was made by Sonja Culler, seconded by Danny Ward, **to relocate the Carter County Election Commission to the old 911 Building located on Holston Avenue, Elizabethton, Tennessee, with the necessary repairs, as needed, being completed during the next six (6) months.**

Discussion followed. It was stated that other organizations had expressed interest in using this space as well.

Chairman Humphrey stated that the old 911 Building needed only minor repairs and cleaning. He stated that with the inmate labor cost would be approximately \$15,000 to \$20,000 which would come from the Building and Grounds Budget. However, Chairman Humphrey stated that due to lack of funds, the funding would need to come from the 2015-2016 Building and Grounds Budget if funding remained the same as in 2014-2015.

Paul Souder, Election Commissioner, was recognized and spoke concerning the request to move locations. He stated that would be a wise move and invite more people an opportunity to vote. He also noted that because of the City of Elizabethton sign ordinances, no signage would be allowed on the parking area. The nearby church stated that parking would be allowed on the church parking during election time, therefore parking would not be a issue. Handicap parking and better accessible, as well as storage issues would be better at this location.

In closing, Mr. Souder respectfully requested, the Commission approve the moving of locations of the Carter County Election Commission to the old 911 Building located on Holston Avenue.

Commissioner Buford Peters, noted that this was a “need” and \$20,000 had just been spent on something, that in his opinion, “we didn't need, and now we don't have \$20,000 to do something we do need.” Commissioner Peters urged fellow Commissioners to “think about what we are doing.”

Chairman Humphrey replied that “every building in this county needs attention.” He also stated, “for the first time, since I have been here, we have a team together that we can start addressing these things.”

Commissioner Larry Miller questioned if there was sufficient space for early voting at the requested new location. It was confirmed by Chairman Humphrey that there would be sufficient space at the new location.

Following the lengthy discussion on the matter, Chairman Humphrey called for a roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote as follows:

Ayes: Buford Peters, Willie Campbell, Nancy Brown, Mike Hill, Al Meehan, Ronnie Trivett, Charles VonCannon, L.C. Tester, Isaiah Grindstaff, Danny Ward, Ross Garland, Timothy Holdren, Bobbie Gouge-Dietz, Randall Jenkins, Larry Miller, Ray Lyons, Sonja Culler, Scott Simerly, Cody McQueen, Robert Carroll, and Robert Gobble. (21 Ayes)

Nays: John Lewis (1 Nays)

Absent: None (0 Absent)

By majority roll call vote, **motion carried.**

**Financial Management Committee** – Committee Chairman Ray Lyons, presented the following report.

Chairman Lyons stated that no decision had been made yet concerning the Health Insurance Broker Services.

Financial Director, Ingrid Deloach, stressed that this was for the Health Insurance Broker only, and that this did not change insurance coverage.

Chairman Humphrey expressed his appreciation to Committee Chairman Lyons, for his proactive stance and the Committees support in finally getting some of these much needed, overdue building projects going. "The Mayor controls the budget, but without the support of the Committee and the Commission, most of this work cannot be done," Chairman Humphrey stated. He also stated that he felt that in the past six (6) months he felt more had been accomplished more than in the past four (4) years.

Commissioner L.C. Tester was recognized and responded. He stated that he, as previous Chairman of the Building and Grounds Committee, felt personally offended by this remark. He stated that he realized that there was some controversy, however he felt much had been accomplished by the previous committee.

**Education Committee** – Committee Chairman, Charles VonCannon presented the report.

Chairman VonCannon stated that Dr. Keith Young, Dean of Off Campus Programs and Services, spoke at the March 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. The topic was Tennessee Promise Program and the funding opportunities available.

**Highway Committee** – Committee Chairman, Mike Hill stated there were no recommendations to present at this time.

**Landfill Committee** – Chairwoman, Bobbie Gouge-Dietz, presented the report.

Chairwoman, Dietz, reported that the Little Milligan Convenience Center, formerly the Elk Mills Convenience Center, would possibly be completed and opened within one month.

The possibility of making Carter County the center for Hub and Spoke Recycle Program for East Tennessee was presented. Chairwoman, Dietz, stated that Tennessee has decided not to give a grant for this program this year, but hopefully the grant would be available next year.

Chairwoman, Dietz, also made reference to the County Commission meeting of July 21, 2014, in which Resolution #602 was approved. This was in support of Carter County and the municipalities within Carter County in their efforts to increase recycling opportunities in the county and obtain grant funding for its purpose.

May 16, 2015 will be Household Waste Event from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the Recycling Center. In closing, Chairwoman Dietz urged everyone to visit the landfill as well as the recycling center.

**Law Enforcement Committee** – Committee Chairman, Cody McQueen, urged everyone to accept the Sheriff's invitation to visit the facilities.

**Rules and By-Laws Committee** – Committee Chairman, Randall Jenkins, presented the following report and recommendations.

A workshop to review Robert's Rules of Order was recommended. Some of the problems that occur could be avoided if proper procedures were followed was stated during the discussion.

It was also discussed that the second reading rule may be revisited by the committee, along with regulations concerning attendance of Commissioners.

**Motion** was made by Cody McQueen, seconded by Nancy Brown, to schedule a workshop studying Roberts Rules of Order to be held within the next ninety (90) days. It was stated that Mayor Humphrey, along with County Attorney, Joshua Hardin would oversee this workshop.

Roll Call Vote as follows:

Ayes: Buford Peters, Willie Campbell, Nancy Brown, Mike Hill, Al Meehan, Ronnie Trivett, Charles VonCannon, L.C. Tester, Isaiah Grindstaff, Danny Ward, Ross Garland, Timothy Holdren, Randall Jenkins, Larry Miller, John Lewis, Ray Lyons, Sonja Culler, Scott Simerly, Cody McQueen, Robert Carroll, and Robert Gobble. (21 Ayes)

Nays: Bobbie Gouge-Dietz (01 Nays)

Absent: None (0 Absent)

By majority roll call vote, **motion carried.**

**Nominating Committee** – Committee Chairman, Ronnie Trivett, had no recommendations to present.

**County Attorney's Report – Joshua Hardin** – Items discussed included the following:

**Delinquent Property Tax Sales** – Recommendation was made to place property located at 205 Lovers Lane, formerly the Lovers Lane Auto Salvage for sale. It was noted that this property did have some environmental issues in which the State requires the Commission to approve the restrictions as to how this property can be used. Restrictions require that if no bids come that the County will own this property.

**Motion** was made by Ronnie Trivett, seconded by L.C. Tester, **to sell the property located at 205 Lovers Lane noting that restrictions apply.**

Roll Call Vote as follows:

Ayes: Buford Peters, Willie Campbell, Nancy Brown, Mike Hill, Al Meehan, Ronnie Trivett, Charles VonCannon, L.C. Tester, Isaiah Grindstaff, Danny Ward, Ross Garland, Timothy Holdren, Bobbie Gouge-Dietz, Randall Jenkins, Larry Miller, John Lewis, Ray Lyons, Sonja Culler, Scott Simerly, Cody McQueen, Robert Carroll, and Robert Gobble. (22 Ayes)

Nays: None (0 Nays)

Absent: None (0 Absent)

By majority roll call vote, **motion carried.**

**Litigation** – No new litigation filed.

**Research and Opinions** included the following items:

- Tire disposal site
- GPS equipment for the Sheriff's Department contract
- Medical Examiner process
- Farmers Market at Roan Mountain
- Order of Protection / Time keeping at the Jail
- Jail Parking Lot
- Commissioner Attendance and Vacancies
- Resolutions drafted for presentation today

**Excess Property Sale** – Scheduled for April 10, 2015 at 4:00 PM which is already approved

**Tax Sale** – Scheduled for April 15, 2015

**Commission Comments**

Commissioner, John Lewis, spoke in regards to the resignations of Commissioners received today. It was noted that the procedures for replacement would begin immediately.

Commissioner, Mike Hill, spoke concerning the changes made by TWRA with fishing license. He also spoke in regards to the vote taken today concerning the Roll Call Pro electronic voting system.

Congratulations were extended to fellow Commissioner, Cody McQueen, upon the birth of his daughter.

Commissioner, Charles VonCannon, spoke in support of East Tennessee Christian Home and the support of volunteerism. He spoke concerning surplus items that could be relocated and put to use in other offices before being sold or discarded.

Commissioner, Ronnie Trivett, spoke in regards to the Rittertown bridge project.

Leon Humphrey, Commission Chairman, announced that the April Commission Meeting would be cancelled.

Carter County Expenditure Budget Report for the Month of March 2015 was provided to Commissioners by Ingrid Deloach, Financial Director. Included in the report were the Account Numbers, Account Description, Budget Amounts, Budget Amendments, and Amended Budgets, Month-to-day expenditures, Outstanding encumbrances, and Unencumbered Balances.

**Motion to adjourn** was made by Ronnie Trivett, seconded by Randall Jenkins.

By majority voice vote, **motion carried** and meeting adjourned at 11:15 AM.

## *Confederate History and Heritage Proclamation*

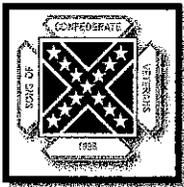
*WHEREAS, April is the month in which the people of the Confederate States of America began and ended a four-year heroic struggle for states' rights, individual freedom, local government control and determined struggle for deeply held beliefs; and*

*WHEREAS, Carter County supplied citizen soldiers and officers who fought for their beliefs in this great struggle; and*

*WHEREAS, Carter County, Tennessee has long recognized her Confederate history, the officers and enlisted men of the Confederate States Army and the Navy and those at home who made sacrifices on behalf of their families, homes, communities, and country; and that it is just and right to do so; and*

*WHEREAS, the noble spirit and inspiring leadership of these great officers, leaders, and the ordinary men and women, free and not free, of the Confederate States is an integral part of the history of all of America; and*

*WHEREAS, it is important for all citizens of Carter County to reflect upon our past and to respect the devotion of her Confederate leaders, soldiers, and citizens to the cause of Southern liberty; and*

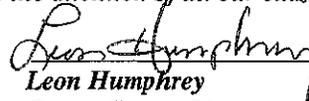


*WHEREAS, Carter County, Tennessee is proud to recognize and celebrate the devotion of her Confederate soldiers and all those from Carter County who fought and sacrificed in this great struggle that divided families, the nation, and our State; and*

*WHEREAS, the knowledge of the role of the Confederate States of America in the history of our nation and our State is vital to understanding who we are and what we are; and*

*WHEREAS, we honor our past and from it draw the courage, strength and wisdom to reconcile ourselves, and go forward into the future together as citizens of Carter County, Tennesseans and Americans;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I Leon Humphrey, Mayor of Carter County, on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March do hereby recognize the month of April 2015 as Confederate History and Heritage Month in CARTER COUNTY, TENNESSEE and urge all citizens of the county to engage in a historical study of the events of the years 1861 to 1865, inclusive, and to solemnly contemplate said time in our history and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.*

  
Leon Humphrey  
Carter County Mayor

BEFORE THE COUNTY COMMISSION  
OF CARTER COUNTY, TENNESSEE  
REGULAR MEETING, MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2015  
RESOLUTION NO. 620

"A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND AUTHORIZE THE GRANT FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE CARTER COUNTY LITTER GRANT PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015 - 2016"

WHEREAS, Carter County has participated in a Litter Grant Program funded through the State of Tennessee Department of Transportation for several years; and

WHEREAS, the County intends to submit an application for fiscal year 2015 - 2016 for the Tennessee Department of Transportation Litter Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the contract for the Grant for fiscal year 2015 - 2016 will impose certain legal obligations upon Carter County as in previous years and requires the approval of the Carter County Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Commission of Carter County, Tennessee, meeting in regular session on this the 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2015, with a lawful quorum of said Commission being present and with a majority voting in the affirmative as follows:

SECTION 1. The legislative body of Carter County, Tennessee hereby authorizes the Carter County Mayor to submit an application on behalf of Carter County for the Litter Grant Program for fiscal year 2015 - 2016 to the State of Tennessee Department of Transportation.

SECTION 2. That should said application be approved by the State of Tennessee Department of Transportation, then the legislative body of Carter County hereby authorizes the Carter County Mayor to execute the contracts and/or other necessary documents which may be required to signify acceptance of the Litter Grant Program by Carter County.

SECTION 3. All Resolutions in conflict herewith shall be and the same are rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

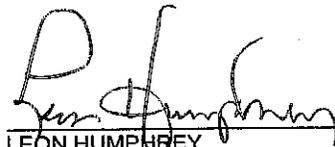
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect from and after the date of its approval the welfare of the county demanding.

Adopted this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2015.

CARTER COUNTY, TENNESSEE

APPROVED:

By:



LEON HUMPHREY  
CARTER COUNTY MAYOR &  
CARTER COUNTY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN

Carter County  
 General Fund 101  
 Budget Amendment #10  
 16-Mar-15

Item # 1	41120 Animal Registration		\$		1,575.00		
	55120-399-81 Other Contracted Services		\$	1,575.00			Decrease Increase

Reallocate funds received for spay/neuter services.

Item #2	44170 Miscellaneous Refunds		\$		337.49		
	51300-307 Communication		\$	337.49			Decrease Increase

Recognize reimbursement for communication expense.

Item #3	44170 Miscellaneous Refunds		\$		19.28		
	54110-355 Travel		\$	19.28			Decrease Increase

Recognize refund from Sheraton Music City Reimbursement for Sheriff's Department.

Item #4	44170 Miscellaneous Refunds		\$		449.98		
	55900-499-53 Other Supplies & Materials		\$	449.98			Decrease Increase

Recognize refund from Office Depot for Tobacco Grant Purchase.

Item #5	49700 Insurance Recovery		\$		3,314.64		
	54110-338 Maintenance & Repair Svc-Vehicle		\$	3,314.64			Decrease Increase

Recognize insurance reimbursement for damage to SO vehicle.

Item #6	44170 Miscellaneous Refunds		\$		788.21		
	53900-194 Jury & Witness Expense		\$	788.21			Decrease Increase

Recognize refund of jury costs.

Item #7	44170 Miscellaneous Refunds		\$		40.00		
	54110-355 Travel		\$	40.00			Decrease Increase

Recognize refund from Hampton Inn for Sheriff's Department.

Item #8	39000 Undesignated Fund Balance		\$		12,293.05		
	51400-331 Legal Services		\$	12,293.05			Decrease Increase

Allocate funds for attorney representation during Tennessee Tavern v. Carter County.

	Total	\$	18,817.65	\$	18,817.65
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