

Carter County Commission  
Regular Session  
January 17, 2017

2-21-17  
**APPROVED**  
w/correction  
as noted pg. 35

**Call to Order** – Chairman, Leon Humphrey, called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

**Roll Call** – Suzi Wallace, Deputy Clerk as follows:

Name of Configuration File: C:\RollCall-Pro\Configurations\January 17 2017 Commission Meeting.rcc  
Date and Time of New Session: 1/17/2017 6:04:14 PM

Beginning Roll Call for New Session:

Leon Humphrey is Present  
Willie Campbell is Present  
Buford Peters is Present  
Robert Acuff is Present  
Nancy Brown is Present  
Mike Hill is Present  
Al Meehan is Present  
Bradley Johnson is Present  
Ronnie Trivett is Present  
Charles Von Cannon is Present  
Isaiah Grindstaff is Present  
L.C. Tester is Present  
Danny Ward is Present  
Ross Garland is absent  
Bobbie Gouge-Dietz is Present  
Timothy Holdren is Present  
Randall Jenkins is Present  
John Lewis is absent  
Larry Miller is Present  
Sonja Culler is Present  
Ray Lyons is Present  
Scott Simerly is Present  
Robert Carroll is Present  
Kelly Collins is Present  
Cody McQueen is Present

Number of Voters PRESENT for Roll Call: 23  
Number of Voters ABSENT for Roll Call: 2

Leon Humphrey, Chairman, declared that a **quorum was present**.

**Courthouse – Emergency Egress Plan** – was presented by Billy Harrell, EMA.

**Approval of Agenda** – Chairman, Leon Humphrey, requested that the agenda be amended and authorize admission of the Community Development Block Grant Survey between Item # 8, Public Comments, and Item # 9, Presentation of Plaques.

**Motion** was made by Randall Jenkins, seconded by Robert Carroll, **to accept the agenda with the amendment as requested.** Recorded on page 51.

Voice Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

Nays: None (0 Nays)

Absent: Ross Garland, and John Lewis. (2 Absent)

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

Opening Prayer – was led by Commissioner, Willie Campbell.

Pledge of Allegiance – was led by Commissioner, Al Meehan.

Recognition of Elected and Appointed Officials/Guest – Chairman Humphrey requested all officials/guests present to stand and be recognized.

Public Comments

The following approached the podium and spoke.

Robin McKamey, a former volunteer at the Elizabethton/Carter County Animal Shelter, stated she was present to tell “the other side of the story.” She stated she had been a volunteer for the past thirteen years, but is no longer allowed to volunteer other than to do fund raising.

Samantha Morgan, a former volunteer at the Elizabethan/Carter County Animal Shelter spoke on the no “in take” of animals currently at the shelter. She also spoke about dogs running loose and lack of animal control.

Becky Nidiffer, a volunteer at the Elizabethton/Carter County Animal Shelter stated things had changed and were not as they appeared. She also stated there are many issues that needed addressing.

Brittaney Madden, a volunteer at the Elizabethton/Carter County Animal Shelter, and a local business owner spoke. She stated as a foster parent for the animal shelter, she has taken in sick dogs and at her own expense, paid for veterinary bills. Ms. Madden explained the truth that's really happening needed to be told.

Roy Livingston expressed concerns with the budget and paid debts not being taken off the tax rolls.

Presentation of Plaques – Chairman, Leon Humphrey.

**Elizabethton High School Band** Director, Perry Elliott and Drum Major, Grace Roberts were presented a plaque in recognition of the band's recent accomplishments. The band won TN Division II State Marching Band Championship, Color Guard/Best In State, Percussion/Best In State.

**Carson Peters**, East Tennessee's own musical “child prodigy” was presented a plaque in recognition of his exceptional gift of music and sharing it throughout the world.

**Elizabethton City Fire Department as well as Carter County Volunteer Fire Departments** were presented plaques in recognition for volunteered services during a recent wildfire in Sevier County, Gatlinburg, Tennessee.

Gary Smith, EMA Director spoke and acknowledged “sincere thanks” from the Sevier County and Gatlinburg Fire Departments to all those that volunteered during the fire.

Presented plaques were: Central Volunteer Fire Department, Elk Mills Volunteer Fire Department, Hampton Volunteer Fire Department (unable to be present), Roan Mountain Volunteer Fire Department, Stoney Creek Volunteer Fire Department, West Carter County Volunteer Fire Department, Watauga Volunteer Fire Department, and City of Elizabethton Fire Department.

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

Gary Smith, EMA Director and Lance Lowery, First TN Development District, Community Development Project Coordinator, spoke concerning a survey needed to apply for the grant. The required survey is of randomly selected residents to determine if the income threshold requirement is met by Carter County. Survey forms were distributed during the meeting.

A Resolution concerning the CDBG will be presented during the February Commission meeting. If approved by the state, the grant will be used to construct a Emergency Operations Center.

Acceptance of Minutes from Previous Meeting

**Motion** was made by Ray Lyons, seconded by Danny Ward, to accept the minutes of the last meeting, November 21, 2016, as presented. (Item # 1)

Roll Call Vote as follows (Item # 1):

1. Vote Results for: Item No. 1

Time of Vote: 6:53:32 PM

Type of Vote: MAJORITY NEEDED TO PASS

Leon Humphrey does not vote  
 Willie Campbell voted: Y  
 Buford Peters voted: Y  
 Robert Acuff voted: Y  
 Nancy Brown voted: Y  
 Mike Hill voted: Y  
 Al Meehan voted: Y  
 Bradley Johnson voted: Y  
 Ronnie Trivett voted: Y  
 Charles Von Cannon voted: Y  
 Isaiah Grindstaff voted: Y  
 L.C. Tester voted: Y  
 Danny Ward voted: Y  
 Ross Garland was Absent  
 Bobbie Gouge-Dietz voted: Y  
 Timothy Holdren voted: Y  
 Randall Jenkins voted: Y  
 John Lewis was Absent  
 Larry Miller voted: Y  
 Sonja Culler voted: Y  
 Ray Lyons voted: Y  
 Scott Simerly voted: Y  
 Robert Carroll voted: Y  
 Kelly Collins voted: Y  
 Cody McQueen voted: Y

**Passed** (22 Y - 0 N - 1 A - 2 Absent)

Number of Abstain Votes: 1

**Notaries/Bonds**

**Motion** was made by Sonja Culler, seconded by Robert Acuff, **to accept the following Notaries/Bonds as presented. (Item # 2)**

Pamela A. Yarberry	Rebecca M. Potter	T.J. Little, Jr.
Jennifer Barr	Richard Norris	Jonathan R. Wilson
Nancy M. Byrd	Rebecca C. Proffitt	Melissa D. Moreland
Amanda Little	Kristie C. Bowling	Samantha N. Shomaker
Heather H. Cole	Cynthia Tittle	Whitney Blevins
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Roll Call Vote as follows (Item # 2):

2. Vote Results for: Item No. 2

Time of Vote: 6:54:45 PM

Type of Vote: MAJORITY NEEDED TO PASS

Leon Humphrey does not vote  
 Willie Campbell voted: Y  
 Buford Peters voted: Y  
 Robert Acuff voted: Y  
 Nancy Brown voted: Y  
 Mike Hill voted: Y  
 Al Meehan voted: Y  
 Bradley Johnson voted: Y  
 Ronnie Trivett voted: Y  
 Charles Von Cannon voted: Y  
 Isaiah Grindstaff voted: Y

L.C. Tester voted: Y  
Danny Ward voted: Y  
Ross Garland was Absent  
Bobbie Gouge-Dietz voted: Y  
Timothy Holdren voted: Y  
Randall Jenkins voted: Y  
John Lewis was Absent  
Larry Miller voted: Y  
Sonja Culler voted: Y  
Ray Lyons voted: Y  
Scott Simerly voted: Y  
Robert Carroll voted: Y  
Kelly Collins voted: Y  
Cody McQueen voted: Y

**Passed** (22 Y - 0 N - 1 A - 2 Absent)  
Number of Abstain Votes: 1

**Election of 8<sup>th</sup> District Constable**

Chairman Humphrey noted proper advertisement had been made to fill the vacancy of the 8<sup>th</sup> Civil District Constable. Applicant received prior to published deadline date, was David M. Campbell II. Additional applicants received were Ernest C. Rosenbaum, and Brian L. Keener.

Applicants were allowed to approach the podium and present their qualifications. This was followed by a question/answer session by the Commissioners.

The floor was opened for nominations for 8<sup>th</sup> District Constable by Chairman Humphrey.

David M. Campbell, II, was nominated by Timothy Holdren, with Brian Keener being nominated by Cody McQueen.

No other nominations were received from the floor.

**Motion** was made by Randall Jenkins, seconded by Larry Miller, **to cease nominations for 8<sup>th</sup> District Constable. By majority voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.**

Chairman Humphrey called for a roll call vote with Commissioners voicing the name for whom they wished to vote for when called upon.

Voting for David Campbell: Robert Acuff, Al Meehan, Bradley Johnson, Danny Ward, Timothy Holdren, Bobbie Gouge-Dietz, Randall Jenkins, Ray Lyons, Sonja Culler, Scott Simerly, and Kelly Collins. (11 Votes for Campbell)

Voting for Brian Keener: Buford Peters, Willie Campbell, Nancy Brown, Mike Hill, Ronnie Trivett, Charles VonCannon, L.C. Tester, Isaiah Grindstaff, Larry Miller, Cody McQueen, and Robert Carroll. (11 Votes for Keener)

Absent: Ross Garland, and John Lewis. (2 Absent)

Being a tie vote, Chairman Humphrey called for a **second vote as follows.**

Voting for David Campbell: Buford Peters, Willie Campbell, Robert Acuff, Al Meehan, Bradley Johnson, Danny Ward, Timothy Holdren, Bobbie Gouge-Dietz, Randall Jenkins, Ray Lyons, Sonja Culler, Scott Simerly, and Kelly Collins. (13 Votes for Campbell)

Voting for Brian Keener: Nancy Brown, Mike Hill, Ronnie Trivett, Charles VonCannon, L.C. Tester, Isaiah Grindstaff, Larry Miller, Cody McQueen, and Robert Carroll. (9 Votes for Keener)

Absent: Ross Garland and John Lewis. (2 Absent)

**David Campbell, receiving a majority vote of thirteen (13) votes, was appointed Constable of the 8<sup>th</sup> Civil District.** Mr. Keener was instructed to submit a bond to the County Clerk, and following such will be sworn in as Constable.

\* Correctly  
Noted  
2-21-17

**Contract for the Promotion and Development of Tourism**

Elizabethton Carter County Chamber of Commerce Director, Tonya Stevens, and Kayla Carter, Tourism Coordinator, approached the podium.

Ms. Stevens spoke in regards to the audit for the Chamber. She stated the 2016 Financial Statements for Carter County Tomorrow had been completed and filed with the County Clerk's Office as soon as the audit was completed.

Chairman Humphrey opened the floor for question/answer session.

Commissioner, Danny Ward, questioned if extending the deadline for the audit to January would be helpful. Ms. Stevens replied that extending it to January would be best and more efficient.

Chairman Humphrey was questioned as to being listed as a board member. Chairman Humphrey replied that the "mayor will not be there."

Questions arose concerning if a formal letter of resignation should be submitted. County Attorney Joshua Hardin noted that the board would need to take action, if they so desire.

Commissioner, Danny Ward, who serves as Vice-Chairman of Carter County Tomorrow, stated that no resignation had been received from Leon Humphrey. However, Chairman Humphrey stated he had made a verbal resignation from the board during the litigation that had taken place.

Discussion continued. It was stated Carter County Chamber of Commerce is a part of the Carter County Tomorrow's "umbrella" and not separate.

**Motion** was made by Al Meehan, seconded by Robert Acuff, **to accept the 2016 Carter County Tomorrow Financial Statements Audit and to recognize the audit as fulfilling the requirements of the contract obligations. (Item # 3)**

Discussion followed concerning disbursement of the budget and the audit as submitted.

Chairman Humphrey called for a roll call vote (Item # 3) as follows:

3. Vote Results for: Item No. 3

Time of Vote: 7:33:46 PM

Type of Vote: MAJORITY NEEDED TO PASS

Leon Humphrey does not vote  
Willie Campbell voted: Y  
Buford Peters voted: Y  
Robert Acuff voted: Y  
Nancy Brown voted: Y  
Mike Hill voted: Y  
Al Meehan voted: Y  
Bradley Johnson voted: Y  
Ronnie Trivett voted: N  
Charles Von Cannon voted: N  
Isaiah Grindstaff voted: Y  
L.C. Tester voted: Y  
Danny Ward voted: Y  
Ross Garland was Absent  
Bobbie Gouge-Dietz voted: Y  
Timothy Holdren voted: Y  
Randall Jenkins voted: Y  
John Lewis was Absent  
Larry Miller voted: N  
Sonja Culler voted: Y  
Ray Lyons voted: Y  
Scott Simerly voted: Y  
Robert Carroll voted: N  
Kelly Collins voted: Y  
Cody McQueen voted: Y

**Passed** (18 Y - 4 N - 1 A - 2 Absent)  
Number of Abstain Votes: 1

**Motion** was made by Sonja Culler, seconded by Kelly Collins, to **admen item 5 in the Contract for the Promotion and Development of Tourism in Carter County, Tennessee (Ref. March 2016, Bk 29, Pg 456-459) changing the date of the required annual audit to be January instead of October. (Item # 4)**

Roll Call Vote as follows (Item # 4):  
4. Vote Results for: Item No. 4  
Time of Vote: 7:35:00 PM  
Type of Vote: MAJORITY NEEDED TO PASS

Leon Humphrey does not vote  
Willie Campbell voted: Y  
Buford Peters voted: Y  
Robert Acuff voted: Y  
Nancy Brown voted: Y  
Mike Hill voted: Y  
Al Meehan voted: Y  
Bradley Johnson voted: Y  
Ronnie Trivett voted: N  
Charles Von Cannon voted: A  
Isaiah Grindstaff voted: Y  
L.C. Tester voted: Y  
Danny Ward voted: Y  
Ross Garland was Absent  
Bobbie Gouge-Dietz voted: Y  
Timothy Holdren voted: Y  
Randall Jenkins voted: Y  
John Lewis was Absent  
Larry Miller voted: N  
Sonja Culler voted: Y  
Ray Lyons voted: Y  
Scott Simerly voted: Y  
Robert Carroll voted: N  
Kelly Collins voted: Y  
Cody McQueen voted: N

**Passed** (17 Y - 4 N - 2 A - 2 Absent)  
Number of Abstain Votes: 2

Chairman, Leon Humphrey, called for a ten(10) minute recess. Following the recess, Chairman Humphrey called the **meeting back to order.**

#### **County Road List Amendments**

**Motion** was made by Mike Hill, seconded by Nancy Brown, and upon recommendation by Roger Colbaugh, Highway Superintendent, to **accept the changes to the 2017 Carter County Road Report as follows: (Item # 5)**

**Fish Springs Church (Inactive)**  
**Gap Creek Rd. (ADDED) Ref: Resolution 624/July 20, 2016, Bk 29, Pg 13)**  
**Townview Estates Drive (ADDED) Ref: August 15, 2016, Bk 29, Pg 625)**  
**V.F. Christian Church (Inactive)**  
**Durward Julian Dr. (ADDED) Ref: March 21, 2016, Bk 29, Pg 365)**

**Complete copy of the 2017 Carter County Road Listing is on file with the Carter County Clerks office and available for viewing upon request.**

#### **Clerks Note:**

**Cody McQueen marked absent at: 7:50 PM**  
**Unable to make change on the RollCall-Pro system. Cody McQueen's vote reads as Abstain, however should read Absent.**

Roll Call Vote as follows (Item # 5):

5. Vote Results for: Item No. 5

Time of Vote: 7:52:42 PM

Type of Vote: MAJORITY NEEDED TO PASS

Leon Humphrey does not vote

Willie Campbell voted: Y

Buford Peters voted: Y

Robert Acuff voted: Y

Nancy Brown voted: Y

Mike Hill voted: Y

Al Meehan voted: Y

Bradley Johnson voted: Y

Ronnie Trivett voted: Y

Charles Von Cannon voted: Y

Isaiah Grindstaff voted: Y

L.C. Tester voted: Y

Danny Ward voted: Y

Ross Garland was Absent

Bobbie Gouge-Dietz voted: Y

Timothy Holdren voted: Y

Randall Jenkins voted: Y

John Lewis was Absent

Larry Miller voted: Y

Sonja Culler voted: Y

Ray Lyons voted: Y

Scott Simerly voted: Y

Robert Carroll voted: Y

Kelly Collins voted: Y

Cody McQueen voted: A (See note-Absent)

**Passed** (21 Y - 0 N - 2 A - 2 Absent)

Number of Abstain Votes: 2

**Consideration of Excess Properties for Sale**

**Motion** was made by Timothy Holdren, seconded by Danny Ward, **to declare the property surplus and authorize County Attorney, Joshua Hardin, to proceed with the sale of the excess property. (Item # 6)** List of properties recorded on page 52.

Roll Call Vote as follows (Item # 6):

6. Vote Results for: Item No. 6

Time of Vote: 7:57:59 PM

Type of Vote: MAJORITY NEEDED TO PASS

Leon Humphrey does not vote

Willie Campbell voted: Y

Buford Peters voted: Y

Robert Acuff voted: Y

Nancy Brown voted: Y

Mike Hill voted: Y

Al Meehan voted: Y

Bradley Johnson voted: Y

Ronnie Trivett voted: N

Charles Von Cannon voted: Y

Isaiah Grindstaff voted: Y

L.C. Tester voted: Y

Danny Ward voted: Y

Ross Garland was Absent

Bobbie Gouge-Dietz voted: Y

Timothy Holdren voted: Y

Randall Jenkins voted: Y

John Lewis was Absent

Larry Miller voted: Y

Sonja Culler voted: Y

Ray Lyons voted: Y  
Scott Simerly voted: Y  
Robert Carroll voted: Y  
Kelly Collins voted: Y  
Cody McQueen voted: A (See Note-Absent)

**Passed** (20 Y - 1 N - 2 A - 2 Absent)  
Number of Abstain Votes: 2

**Public Hearing - Rezoning Request: 231 Watauga Road, B-3 to A-1**

Chairman Humphrey **recessed the Commission and called the Public Hearing into session.**

Chris Schuettler, Planning & Zoning Director, approached the podium.

Chairman Humphrey invited anyone that desired to speak during the public hearing to be recognized at this time. No one requested to speak therefore, the **public hearing was closed.**

Director Schuettler stated the owners of the property requested the rezoning Highway 400, located at 231 Watauga Road, from B-2 to A-1 to allow for an agricultural loan. The request was approved unanimously by the Planning and Zoning Commission on January 17, 2017.

**Motion** was made by Randall Jenkins, seconded by Sonja Culler, **to authorize the rezoning request, therefore changing the property located at 231 Watauga Road from B-3 to A-1. (Item # 7)**

During a short discussion it was noted no complaints had been received from neighbors concerning the rezoning request.

Roll Call Vote as follows (Item # 7):

7. Vote Results for: Item No. 7

Time of Vote: 8:07:30 PM

Type of Vote: MAJORITY NEEDED TO PASS

Leon Humphrey does not vote  
Willie Campbell voted: Y  
Buford Peters voted: Y  
Robert Acuff voted: Y  
Nancy Brown voted: Y  
Mike Hill voted: Y  
Al Meehan voted: Y  
Bradley Johnson voted: Y  
Ronnie Trivett voted: Y  
Charles Von Cannon voted: Y  
Isaiah Grindstaff voted: Y  
L.C. Tester voted: Y  
Danny Ward voted: Y  
Ross Garland was Absent  
Bobbie Gouge-Dietz voted: Y  
Timothy Holdren voted: Y  
Randall Jenkins voted: Y  
John Lewis was Absent  
Larry Miller voted: N  
Sonja Culler voted: Y  
Ray Lyons voted: Y  
Scott Simerly voted: Y  
Robert Carroll voted: Y  
Kelly Collins voted: Y  
Cody McQueen voted: A (See Note-Absent)

**Passed** (20 Y - 1 N - 2 A - 2 Absent)  
Number of Abstain Votes: 2

Resolutions

- A. *Supporting Carter County's Work Toward Achieving ACT's Certified Work Ready Community Designation*
- B. *Honoring the Service of U.S. Army Private Phillip Tolley and Designating the Bridge Spanning Little Doe River on Rittertown Road in Hampton Community as the "Private Phillip Tolley Memorial Bridge"*
- C. *Honoring the life of John Paul Mathes and Designating the Bridge Spanning Laurel Fork on Dennis Cove Road in Hampton Community as the "John Paul Mathes Memorial Bridge"*

A video was shown in connection with creating an ACT Certified Work Ready Community.

County Attorney, Joshua Hardin, read and presented for consideration the resolution, "Supporting Carter County's Work Toward Achieving ACT's Certified Work Read Community Designation."

**Motion** was made by Sonja Culler, seconded by Nancy Brown, **to accept as presented Resolution A, (Item # 8)**

**RESOLUTION No. 659**

**"A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING CARTER COUNTY'S WORK TOWARD ACHIEVING ACT'S CERTIFIED WORK READY COMMUNITY DESIGNATION."**

(Item # 8) Recorded on pages 57-58 .

Discussion followed. This program will allow students and employees to be tested and upon completion of the program will receive a gold, silver, or bronze certificate.

Dr. Kevin Ward noted Carter County Schools would be involved with the program as well. Students that choose to complete this program, would receive a certificate with their diploma which would help make them better prepared to enter the work force.

Roll Call Vote as follows (Item # 8):

8. Vote Results for: Item No. 8

Time of Vote: 8:17:23 PM

Type of Vote: MAJORITY NEEDED TO PASS

Leon Humphrey does not vote  
Willie Campbell voted: Y  
Buford Peters voted: Y  
Robert Acuff voted: Y  
Nancy Brown voted: Y  
Mike Hill voted: Y  
Al Meehan voted: Y  
Bradley Johnson voted: Y  
Ronnie Trivett voted: Y  
Charles Von Cannon voted: Y  
Isaiah Grindstaff voted: Y  
L.C. Tester voted: Y  
Danny Ward voted: Y  
Ross Garland was Absent  
Bobbie Gouge-Dietz voted: Y  
Timothy Holdren voted: Y  
Randall Jenkins voted: Y  
John Lewis was Absent  
Larry Miller voted: Y  
Sonja Culler voted: Y  
Ray Lyons voted: Y  
Scott Simerly voted: Y  
Robert Carroll voted: Y  
Kelly Collins voted: Y  
Cody McQueen voted: A (See Note-Absent)

**Passed** (21 Y - 0 N - 2 A - 2 Absent)  
Number of Abstain Votes: 2

**Motion** was made by Bradley Johnson, seconded by Sonja Culler, **to suspend the reading of Resolution B. (Item # 9)**

During discussion any family members were requested to be acknowledged. There were no family present.

Roll Call Vote as follows (Item # 9):

9. Vote Results for: Item No. 9

Time of Vote: 8:17:57 PM

Type of Vote: MAJORITY NEEDED TO PASS

Leon Humphrey does not vote  
Willie Campbell voted: Y  
Buford Peters voted: Y  
Robert Acuff voted: Y  
Nancy Brown voted: Y  
Mike Hill voted: Y  
Al Meehan voted: Y  
Bradley Johnson voted: Y  
Ronnie Trivett voted: Y  
Charles Von Cannon voted: Y  
Isaiah Grindstaff voted: N  
L.C. Tester voted: Y  
Danny Ward voted: Y  
Ross Garland was Absent  
Bobbie Gouge-Dietz voted: Y  
Timothy Holdren voted: Y  
Randall Jenkins voted: Y  
John Lewis was Absent  
Larry Miller voted: Y  
Sonja Culler voted: Y  
Ray Lyons voted: Y  
Scott Simerly voted: Y  
Robert Carroll voted: Y  
Kelly Collins voted: Y  
Cody McQueen voted: A (See Note-Absent)

**Passed** (20 Y - 1 N - 2 A - 2 Absent)  
Number of Abstain Votes: 2

**Motion** was made by Ray Lyons, seconded by Sonja Culler, **to accept as presented Resolution B. (Item # 10)**

**RESOLUTION No. 660**

**“A RESOLUTION HONORING THE SERVICE OF UNITED STATES ARMY PRIVATE PHILLIP TOLLEY AND DESIGNATING THE BRIDGE SPANNING THE LITTLE DOE RIVER LOCATED ON RITTERTOWN ROAN IN THE HAMPTON COMMUNITY OF CARTER COUNTY AS THE “PRIVATE PHILLIP TOLLEY MEMORIAL BRIDGE”** Recorded on pages 59-60.

Roll Call Vote as follows (Item # 10):

10. Vote Results for: Item No. 10

Time of Vote: 8:19:31 PM

Type of Vote: MAJORITY NEEDED TO PASS

Leon Humphrey does not vote  
Willie Campbell voted: Y  
Buford Peters voted: Y  
Robert Acuff voted: Y  
Nancy Brown voted: Y

Mike Hill voted: Y  
Al Meehan voted: Y  
Bradley Johnson voted: Y  
Ronnie Trivett voted: Y  
Charles Von Cannon voted: Y  
Isaiah Grindstaff voted: Y  
L.C. Tester voted: Y  
Danny Ward voted: Y  
Ross Garland was Absent  
Bobbie Gouge-Dietz voted: Y  
Timothy Holdren voted: Y  
Randall Jenkins voted: Y  
John Lewis was Absent  
Larry Miller voted: Y  
Sonja Culler voted: Y  
Ray Lyons voted: Y  
Scott Simerly voted: Y  
Robert Carroll voted: Y  
Kelly Collins voted: Y  
Cody McQueen voted: A (See Note-Absent)

**Passed** (21 Y - 0 N - 2 A - 2 Absent)  
Number of Abstain Votes: 2

**Motion** was made by Bradley Johnson, seconded by Sonja Culler, to **suspend the reading of Resolution C. (Item # 11)**

During discussion it was requested if any friends or relatives of John Paul Mathis was present. Several people were present noting the friendship of Mr. Mathis.

Roll Call Vote as follows (Item # 11):  
11. Vote Results for: Item No. 11  
Time of Vote: 8:20:32 PM  
Type of Vote: MAJORITY NEEDED TO PASS

Leon Humphrey does not vote  
Willie Campbell voted: Y  
Buford Peters voted: Y  
Robert Acuff voted: Y  
Nancy Brown voted: N  
Mike Hill voted: N  
Al Meehan voted: N  
Bradley Johnson voted: Y  
Ronnie Trivett voted: Y  
Charles Von Cannon voted: Y  
Isaiah Grindstaff voted: N  
L.C. Tester voted: Y  
Danny Ward voted: N  
Ross Garland was Absent  
Bobbie Gouge-Dietz voted: N  
Timothy Holdren voted: N  
Randall Jenkins voted: N  
John Lewis was Absent  
Larry Miller voted: Y  
Sonja Culler voted: Y  
Ray Lyons voted: Y  
Scott Simerly voted: N  
Robert Carroll voted: Y  
Kelly Collins voted: Y  
Cody McQueen voted: A (See Note-Absent)

Passed (12 Y - 9 N - 2 A - 2 Absent)  
Number of Abstain Votes: 2

**Motion Failed**-- 13 votes were needed to pass.

County Attorney, Joshua Hardin, read Resolution C and presented the same for consideration.

**Motion** was made by Randall Jenkins, seconded by Nancy Brown, **to accept as presented Resolution C. (Item # 12)**

### **RESOLUTION No. 661**

**“A RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE OF JOHN PAUL MATHES AND DESIGNATING THE BRIDGE SPANNING LAUREL FORK CREEK ON DENNIS COVE ROAD IN THE HAMPTON COMMUNITY OF CARTER COUNTY AS THE “JOHN PAUL MATHES MEMORIAL BRIDGE”**

Recorded on pages 61-62.

Commissioner, Mike Hill, noted when this was addressed during the Highway Committee Meeting, the meeting had high attendance in support of this Resolution.

Commissioner, Ray Lyons, also requested that he go on record in support of the Resolution honoring Pvt. Tolley who gave his life for this country.

Commissioner, Charles VonCannon, stated the funeral of John Paul Mathes was the largest he had ever attended.

Roll Call Vote as follows (Item # 12):

12. Vote Results for: Item No. 12

Time of Vote: 8:28:15 PM

Type of Vote: MAJORITY NEEDED TO PASS

Leon Humphrey does not vote  
Willie Campbell voted: Y  
Buford Peters voted: Y  
Robert Acuff voted: Y  
Nancy Brown voted: Y  
Mike Hill voted: Y  
Al Meehan voted: Y  
Bradley Johnson voted: Y  
Ronnie Trivett voted: Y  
Charles Von Cannon voted: Y  
Isaiah Grindstaff voted: Y  
L.C. Tester voted: Y  
Danny Ward voted: Y  
Ross Garland was Absent  
Bobbie Gouge-Dietz voted: Y  
Timothy Holdren voted: Y  
Randall Jenkins voted: Y  
John Lewis was Absent  
Larry Miller voted: N  
Sonja Culler voted: Y  
Ray Lyons voted: Y  
Scott Simerly voted: Y  
Robert Carroll voted: Y  
Kelly Collins voted: Y  
Cody McQueen voted: A (See Note-Absent)

**Passed (20 Y - 1 N - 2 A - 2 Absent)**

Number of Abstain Votes: 2

### **Committee Reports/Recommendations**

Chairman Humphrey, urged all Committee Chairs to have committee minutes placed in the packets so those that do not attend the meetings can be reviewed by fellow Commissioners.

**Agricultural Committee** – No recommendations.

**Budget Committee** – Sonja Culler, Chairwoman, presented the following as recommendations.

**Motion** was made by Sonja Culler, seconded by Nancy Brown, to accept the donations totaling **\$2,919.55 for the Animal Shelter, and \$700.00 for the Sheriff's Department. (Item # 13)**  
Recorded on page 53.

Roll Call Vote as follows (Item # 13):

13. Vote Results for: Item No. 13

Time of Vote: 8:29:14 PM

Type of Vote: MAJORITY NEEDED TO PASS

Leon Humphrey does not vote

Willie Campbell voted: Y

Buford Peters voted: Y

Robert Acuff voted: Y

Nancy Brown voted: Y

Mike Hill voted: Y

Al Meehan voted: Y

Bradley Johnson voted: Y

Ronnie Trivett voted: Y

Charles Von Cannon voted: Y

Isaiah Grindstaff voted: Y

L.C. Tester voted: Y

Danny Ward voted: Y

Ross Garland was Absent

Bobbie Gouge-Dietz voted: Y

Timothy Holdren voted: Y

Randall Jenkins voted: Y

John Lewis was Absent

Larry Miller voted: Y

Sonja Culler voted: Y

Ray Lyons voted: Y

Scott Simerly voted: Y

Robert Carroll voted: Y

Kelly Collins voted: Y

Cody McQueen voted: A (See Note-Absent)

**Passed** (21 Y - 0 N - 2 A - 2 Absent)

Number of Abstain Votes: 2

**Motion** was made by Sonja Culler, seconded by Bobbie Gouge-Dietz, to approve **General Fund 101 Amendment # 5 for a total of \$977,917.64 with 15 items and \$40,000.00 coming from Fund Balance. (Item # 14)** Recorded on pages 54-55.

Roll Call Vote as follows (Item # 14):

14. Vote Results for: Item No. 14

Time of Vote: 8:29:41 PM

Type of Vote: MAJORITY NEEDED TO PASS

Leon Humphrey does not vote

Willie Campbell voted: Y

Buford Peters voted: Y

Robert Acuff voted: Y

Nancy Brown voted: Y

Mike Hill voted: Y

Al Meehan voted: Y

Bradley Johnson voted: Y

Ronnie Trivett voted: N

Charles Von Cannon voted: Y

Isaiah Grindstaff voted: Y

L.C. Tester voted: Y

Danny Ward voted: Y

Ross Garland was Absent

Bobbie Gouge-Dietz voted: Y

Timothy Holdren voted: Y

Randall Jenkins voted: Y  
John Lewis was Absent  
Larry Miller voted: Y  
Sonja Culler voted: Y  
Ray Lyons voted: Y  
Scott Simerly voted: Y  
Robert Carroll voted: Y  
Kelly Collins voted: Y  
Cody McQueen voted: A (See Note-Absent)

**Passed** (20 Y - 1 N - 2 A - 2 Absent)  
Number of Abstain Votes: 2

**Motion** was made by Sonja Culler, seconded by Nancy Brown, to approve Health Department Fund 122 Amendment # 3 for a total of \$868.74 with 1 item and nothing coming from Drug Fund Balance. (Item # 15) Recorded on page 56.

Roll Call Vote as follows (Item # 15):  
15. Vote Results for: Item No. 15  
Time of Vote: 8:30:34 PM  
Type of Vote: MAJORITY NEEDED TO PASS

Leon Humphrey does not vote  
Willie Campbell voted: Y  
Buford Peters voted: Y  
Robert Acuff voted: Y  
Nancy Brown voted: Y  
Mike Hill voted: Y  
Al Meehan voted: Y  
Bradley Johnson voted: Y  
Ronnie Trivett voted: Y  
Charles Von Cannon voted: Y  
Isaiah Grindstaff voted: Y  
L.C. Tester voted: Y  
Danny Ward voted: Y  
Ross Garland was Absent  
Bobbie Gouge-Dietz voted: Y  
Timothy Holdren voted: Y  
Randall Jenkins voted: Y  
John Lewis was Absent  
Larry Miller voted: Y  
Sonja Culler voted: Y  
Ray Lyons voted: Y  
Scott Simerly voted: Y  
Robert Carroll voted: Y  
Kelly Collins voted: Y  
Cody McQueen voted: A (See Note-Absent)

**Passed** (21 Y - 0 N - 2 A - 2 Absent)  
Number of Abstain Votes: 2

**Motion** was made by Sonja Culler, seconded by Bobbie Gouge-Dietz, to approve Drug Fund 122 amendment # 3 for a total of \$868.74 with 1 item and nothing coming from Drug Fund Balance. (Item # 16) Recorded on page 56.

Roll Call Vote as follows (Item # 16):  
16. Vote Results for: Item No. 16  
Time of Vote: 8:31:07 PM  
Type of Vote: MAJORITY NEEDED TO PASS

Leon Humphrey does not vote  
Willie Campbell voted: Y  
Buford Peters voted: Y  
Robert Acuff voted: Y

Nancy Brown voted: Y  
Mike Hill voted: Y  
Al Meehan voted: Y  
Bradley Johnson voted: Y  
Ronnie Trivett voted: Y  
Charles Von Cannon voted: Y  
Isaiah Grindstaff voted: Y  
L.C. Tester voted: Y  
Danny Ward voted: Y  
Ross Garland was Absent  
Bobbie Gouge-Dietz voted: Y  
Timothy Holdren voted: Y  
Randall Jenkins voted: Y  
John Lewis was Absent  
Larry Miller voted: Y  
Sonja Culler voted: Y  
Ray Lyons voted: Y  
Scott Simerly voted: Y  
Robert Carroll voted: Y  
Kelly Collins voted: Y  
Cody McQueen voted: A (See Note-Absent)

**Passed** (21 Y - 0 N - 2 A - 2 Absent)  
Number of Abstain Votes: 2

**Motion** was made by Sonja Culler, seconded by Mike Hill, to approve Highway Fund 131  
**Amendment # 1 for a total of \$166,960.65 with 2 items and nothing coming from Highway  
Fund Balance. (Item # 17) Recorded on page 56.**

Roll Call Vote as follows (Item # 17):  
17. Vote Results for: Item No. 17  
Time of Vote: 8:32:03 PM  
Type of Vote: MAJORITY NEEDED TO PASS

Leon Humphrey does not vote  
Willie Campbell voted: Y  
Buford Peters voted: Y  
Robert Acuff voted: Y  
Nancy Brown voted: Y  
Mike Hill voted: Y  
Al Meehan voted: Y  
Bradley Johnson voted: Y  
Ronnie Trivett voted: Y  
Charles Von Cannon voted: Y  
Isaiah Grindstaff voted: Y  
L.C. Tester voted: Y  
Danny Ward voted: Y  
Ross Garland was Absent  
Bobbie Gouge-Dietz voted: Y  
Timothy Holdren voted: Y  
Randall Jenkins voted: Y  
John Lewis was Absent  
Larry Miller voted: Y  
Sonja Culler voted: Y  
Ray Lyons voted: Y  
Scott Simerly voted: Y  
Robert Carroll voted: Y  
Kelly Collins voted: Y  
Cody McQueen voted: A (See Note-Absent)

**Passed** (21 Y - 0 N - 2 A - 2 Absent)  
Number of Abstain Votes: 2

**Motion** was made by Sonja Culler, seconded by Bobbie Gouge-Dietz, to approve **General Purpose School Fund 141 Amendment # 5 for \$309,473.75 with 2 items and all of this coming from the General Purpose School's Fund Balance. (Item # 18)** Recorded on page 52.

Roll Call Vote as follows (Item # 18):

18. Vote Results for: Item No. 18

Time of Vote: 8:32:49 PM

Type of Vote: MAJORITY NEEDED TO PASS

Leon Humphrey does not vote

Willie Campbell voted: Y

Buford Peters voted: Y

Robert Acuff voted: Y

Nancy Brown voted: Y

Mike Hill voted: Y

Al Meehan voted: Y

Bradley Johnson voted: Y

Ronnie Trivett voted: Y

Charles Von Cannon voted: Y

Isaiah Grindstaff voted: Y

L.C. Tester voted: Y

Danny Ward voted: Y

Ross Garland was Absent

Bobbie Gouge-Dietz voted: Y

Timothy Holdren voted: Y

Randall Jenkins voted: Y

John Lewis was Absent

Larry Miller voted: Y

Sonja Culler voted: Y

Ray Lyons voted: Y

Scott Simerly voted: Y

Robert Carroll voted: Y

Kelly Collins voted: Y

Cody McQueen voted: A (See Note-Absent)

**Passed** (21 Y - 0 N - 2 A - 2 Absent)

Number of Abstain Votes: 2

Carter County Expenditure Budget Report for the Month of December 2016 was provided to Carter County Commissioners by Michael Kennedy, Deputy Director of Finance. 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

**Building and Grounds Committee** – Isaiah Grindstaff, Chairman, presented a brief report. A meeting was held with the architects and engineers at the Health Department with work to begin possibly the first of March 2017.

Groundbreaking was held at the Elizabethton/Carter County Animal Shelter.

**Education Committee** – Chairman, Danny Ward, recognized Dr. Kevin Ward, Director of Carter County Schools, who spoke and presented project for 2017. Also presented was information concerning the property on Highway 91 noting that realtors had been selected for a sale. Dr. Ward also expressed a “thank you” to Roger Colbaugh, and the Carter County Highway Department staff for services well done near Happy Valley Elementary School.

**Financial management Committee** – Ray Lyons, Chairman, presented the following recommendation.

**Motion** was made by Ray Lyons, seconded by Danny Ward, to approve the copier lease agreement with Appalachia Business Communication for the Register of Deed office and the Clerk and Master's Office. (Item # 19)

Roll Call Vote as follows (Item # 19):  
19. Vote Results for: Item No. 19  
Time of Vote: 8:52:28 PM  
Type of Vote: MAJORITY NEEDED TO PASS

Leon Humphrey does not vote  
Willie Campbell voted: Y  
Buford Peters voted: Y  
Robert Acuff voted: Y  
Nancy Brown voted: Y  
Mike Hill voted: Y  
Al Meehan voted: Y  
Bradley Johnson voted: Y  
Ronnie Trivett voted: N  
Charles Von Cannon voted: A  
Isaiah Grindstaff voted: Y  
L.C. Tester voted: Y  
Danny Ward voted: Y  
Ross Garland was Absent  
Bobbie Gouge-Dietz voted: Y  
Timothy Holdren voted: Y  
Randall Jenkins voted: Y  
John Lewis was Absent  
Larry Miller voted: Y  
Sonja Culler voted: Y  
Ray Lyons voted: Y  
Scott Simerly voted: Y  
Robert Carroll voted: Y  
Kelly Collins voted: Y  
Cody McQueen voted: A (See Note-Absent)

**Passed** (19 Y - 1 N - 3 A - 2 Absent)  
Number of Abstain Votes: 3

**Health and Welfare Committee** – No report.

**Highway Committee** – Chairman, Mike Hill, presented no recommendations other than the acceptance of the 2017 Road Listing which was presented earlier in the meeting.

**Landfill Committee** – Bobbie Gouge-Dietz, Chairwoman, had no recommendations to present.

**Law Enforcement Committee** – Isaiah Grindstaff presented the following report on behalf of Chairman Cody McQueen. Commissioner Grindstaff stated the controversy concerning the residency of a Constable in the 4<sup>th</sup> Civil District had been resolved. No recommendations were presented.

**Nominating Committee** – Chairman, Al Meehan, noted the Agricultural Committee had two (2) vacancies and that advertisement would be made to fill these.

**Motion** was made by Al Meehan, seconded by L.C. Tester, **to confirm the re-appointment of Robert Carroll to the Carter County Planning Commission with term expiring April 2020.**  
**(Item # 20)**

Roll Call Vote as follows (Item #20):  
20. Vote Results for: Item No. 20  
Time of Vote: 8:53:30 PM  
Type of Vote: MAJORITY NEEDED TO PASS

Leon Humphrey does not vote  
Willie Campbell voted: Y  
Buford Peters voted: Y  
Robert Acuff voted: Y  
Nancy Brown voted: Y  
Mike Hill voted: Y  
Al Meehan voted: Y

Bradley Johnson voted: Y  
Ronnie Trivett voted: Y  
Charles Von Cannon voted: Y  
Isaiah Grindstaff voted: Y  
L.C. Tester voted: Y  
Danny Ward voted: Y  
Ross Garland was Absent  
Bobbie Gouge-Dietz voted: Y  
Timothy Holdren voted: Y  
Randall Jenkins voted: Y  
John Lewis was Absent  
Larry Miller voted: Y  
Sonja Culler voted: Y  
Ray Lyons voted: Y  
Scott Simerly voted: Y  
Robert Carroll voted: Y  
Kelly Collins voted: Y  
Cody McQueen voted: A (See Note-Absent)

**Passed** (21 Y - 0 N - 2 A - 2 Absent)  
Number of Abstain Votes: 2

**Motion** was made by Al Meehan, seconded by Scott Simerly, to confirm the re-appointment of **Randall Jenkins to the Carter County Planning Commission with term expiring April 2020. (Item # 21)**

Roll Call Vote as follows (Item # 21):  
21. Vote Results for: Item No. 21  
Time of Vote: 8:55:43 PM  
Type of Vote: MAJORITY NEEDED TO PASS

Leon Humphrey does not vote  
Willie Campbell voted: Y  
Buford Peters voted: Y  
Robert Acuff voted: Y  
Nancy Brown voted: Y  
Mike Hill voted: Y  
Al Meehan voted: Y  
Bradley Johnson voted: Y  
Ronnie Trivett voted: N  
Charles Von Cannon voted: Y  
Isaiah Grindstaff voted: Y  
L.C. Tester voted: Y  
Danny Ward voted: Y  
Ross Garland was Absent  
Bobbie Gouge-Dietz voted: Y  
Timothy Holdren voted: Y  
Randall Jenkins voted: Y  
John Lewis was Absent  
Larry Miller voted: Y  
Sonja Culler voted: Y  
Ray Lyons voted: Y  
Scott Simerly voted: Y  
Robert Carroll voted: Y  
Kelly Collins voted: Y  
Cody McQueen voted: A (See Note-Absent)

**Passed** (20 Y - 1 N - 2 A - 2 Absent)  
Number of Abstain Votes: 2

**Parks and Recreation** – Randall Jenkins, Commission Liaison, presented no recommendations.

**Rules and By-Laws Committee** – Chairman, Randall Jenkins, made the following recommendation.

**Motion** was made by Randall Jenkins, seconded by Robert Acuff, **to delay the change to the Carter County Employee Handbook in regards to vacation policy to allow vacation days in excess of twenty (20) days to roll over to sick days effective date. . (Item # 22)**

Committee Chairman went on to explain that a “glitch” had been discovered in the policy which had been approved during the February 2016 meeting. He stated it would be re-addressed during the February Rules and By-Laws Committee meeting.

Recommendations to be presented during next month's Commission meeting.

Roll Call Vote as follows (Item # 22):

22. Vote Results for: Item No. 22

Time of Vote: 9:34:06 PM

Type of Vote: MAJORITY NEEDED TO PASS

Leon Humphrey does not vote

Willie Campbell voted: Y

Buford Peters voted: Y

Robert Acuff voted: Y

Nancy Brown voted: Y

Mike Hill voted: Y

Al Meehan voted: Y

Bradley Johnson voted: Y

Ronnie Trivett voted: Y

Charles Von Cannon voted: Y

Isaiah Grindstaff voted: A

L.C. Tester voted: Y

Danny Ward voted: Y

Ross Garland was Absent

Bobbie Gouge-Dietz voted: Y

Timothy Holdren voted: Y

Randall Jenkins voted: Y

John Lewis was Absent

Larry Miller voted: Y

Sonja Culler voted: Y

Ray Lyons voted: Y

Scott Simerly voted: Y

Robert Carroll voted: Y

Kelly Collins voted: Y

Cody McQueen voted: A (See Note-Absent)

**Passed** (20 Y - 0 N - 3 A - 2 Absent)

Number of Abstain Votes: 3

Committee Chairman Jenkins, expressed his sincere thank-you to County Attorney, Joshua Hardin for the Reference Manual for the Carter County Tennessee Board of County Commissioners. A copy of the manual has been provided to each Commissioner.

**County Attorney Report** – Joshua Hardin, County Attorney, presented the report. See page 63.

**Commissioner Comments**

Commissioner, Ray Lyons, stated focus needed to be placed on the positives.

Commissioner, Al Meehan, expressed concern over discouraged volunteers and citizens in regards to the Elizabethton/Carter County Animal Shelter.

Chairman Humphrey, requested that Ms. Shannon Posada, Animal Shelter Director, come to the podium and present a report on the day-to-day activities at shelter. She stated Ms. Robinson was over the volunteers, along with policy and procedures .

Chairman Humphrey stated certain protocol had to be put in place that needed to be followed.

Commissioner, Buford Peters, stood directing Chairman Humphrey to Rule # 11-D in the Carter County, Tennessee Board of County Commissioners Reference Manual.

**At this time Chairman Humphrey vacated the Commission Chair. Ray Lyons, Co-Chairman of the Carter County Commission assumed the Commission Chair.**

Mayor Leon Humphrey, approached the podium along with Ms. Posada to answer questions.

Several Commissioners voiced concerns about the shelter.

**Leader marked L.C. Tester as absent at 9:21 PM**

**Leader marked Ronnie Trivet as absent at 9:26 PM**

During discussion, it was noted that an internal audit was currently being conducted by the Comptrollers office in regards to the Elizabethton/Carter County Animal Shelter.

**Ray Lyons, vacated the seat as Commission Chairman at this time turning the chair back over to Leon Humphrey as Chairman.**

**Adjourn**

**Motion to adjourn** was made by Sonja Culler, seconded by Mike Hill. By majority voice vote, **motion carried.**

**Meeting ended at 9:30 PM**

AGENDA  
CARTER COUNTY, TENNESSEE  
Board of County Commissioners  
REGULAR SESSION  
Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at 6:00 PM

1. Call to Order
2. Courthouse-Emergency Egress Plan
3. Roll Call-County Clerk
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Opening Prayer
6. Pledge of Allegiance
7. Recognition of Elected and Appointed Officials/Guests
8. Public Comments
9. Presentation of Plaques
10. Acceptance of Minutes from Previous Meeting
11. Notaries/Bonds
12. Election of 8<sup>th</sup> District Constable
13. Contract for the Promotion and Development of Tourism
14. County Road List Amendments
15. Consideration of Excess Properties for Sale
16. Public Hearing-Rezoning Request: 231 Watauga Road, B-3 to A-1
17. Resolutions
  - A. Supporting Carter County's Work Toward Achieving ACT's Certified Work Ready Community Designation
  - B. Honoring the Service of U.S. Army Private Phillip Tolley and Designating the Bridge Spanning Little Doe River on Rittertown Road in Hampton Community as the "Private Phillip Tolley Memorial Bridge"
  - C. Honoring the life of John Paul Mathes and Designating the Bridge Spanning Laurel Fork on Dennis Cove Road in Hampton Community as the "John Paul Mathes Memorial Bridge"
18. Committee Reports/Recommendations
19. County Attorney Report
20. Commission Comments
21. Adjourn

	NAME	MAP	PARCEL	DATE	PURCHASE AMOUNT	Acres
1	244 BIG SPRINGS RD	48	42.04	8/29/2002	7,500.00	0.99
2	HILLSIDE DR	64P	23	6/28/1985	1,980.00	
3	HILLSIDE DR	64P	24	6/28/1985	2,020.00	
4	HILLSIDE DR	64P	25	6/28/1985	1,730.00	
5	HILLSIDE DR	73A	22	6/28/1985	2,800.00	
6	OFF JENKINS HOLLOW RD	57	217.02	6/28/1985	2,010.00	
7	MORGAN BRANCH RD	100	94.01	3/14/1947	1,080.00	
8	FAIRVIEW CT	41J	41	6/28/1985	1,790.00	
9	PEARL ST	41L	12	6/28/1985	5,030.00	
10	N OF JACKSON AVE	41O	36	6/28/1985	160.00	
11	W OF LYNN AVE	41O	28	8/29/2002	2,000.00	
12	E of 19 E/RAY CATES LANE	66J	15.01	4/15/2015	990.19	
13	2616 ELIZABETHTON HIGHWAY	48	111	4/15/2015	4,315.55	
14	NANNY GOAT HILL	58B	17	4/15/2015	1,495.49	

**Carter County**  
**General Purpose School Fund 141**  
 Budget Amendment #5  
 17-Jan-17

<b>Item #1</b>	39000 Unassigned Fund Balance		\$ 15,370.00	Increase
	76100-707 Building Improvements	\$ 9,770.00		Increase
	76100-304 Architects	\$ 5,600.00		Increase

**Happy Valley Elementary Driveway Project**

<b>Item #2</b>	39000 Unassigned Fund Balance		\$ 294,103.75	Increase
	76100-707 Building Improvements	\$ 273,667.00		Increase
	76100-304 Architects	\$ 20,436.75		Increase

**Stateline/Bus Garage Portables Project**

Total	\$ 309,473.75	\$ 309,473.75
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**November and December 2016 Donations**

November Sheriff Dept Drug Fund Donation- Jan Williams	700.00
November Animal Shelter Donation- Kelly Collins	500.00
November Animal Shelter Donation- Petsense	25.00
December Animal Shelter Donation- Philip Young	200.00
December Animal Shelter Donation- Melody and Joe	20.00
December Animal Shelter Donation- Susan Robinson	15.00
December Animal Shelter Donation- Lori Willis	10.00
December Animal Shelter Donation- Doug Wilson	100.00
December Animal Shelter Donation- Glenn Ross	100.00
December Animal Shelter Donation- Karen Sams	100.00
December Animal Shelter Donation- Unaka Elem School	264.55
December Animal Shelter Donation- Susan Robinson	140.00
December Animal Shelter Donation- Brenda Persinger	70.00
December Animal Shelter Donation- Sherry & Wayne Clemons	20.00
December Animal Shelter Donation- Pam Oaks	20.00
December Animal Shelter Donation- Casey Gentry	20.00
December Animal Shelter Donation- Missy Matheson	20.00
December Animal Shelter Donation- Russ Swanay Real Estate	400.00
December Animal Shelter Donation- Charles Baker	50.00
December Animal Shelter Donation- Roby Martin	20.00
December Animal Shelter Donation- Maria Talley	23.60
December Animal Shelter Donation- Lisa Morrell	50.00
December Animal Shelter Donation- Christa Dison	50.00
December Animal Shelter Donation- Peggy Newberry	100.00
December Animal Shelter Donation- Pooners Garage	40.40
December Animal Shelter Donation- Lynn Wassom	150.00
December Animal Shelter Donation- Susan Robinson	285.00
December Animal Shelter Donation- Elizabeth Conover	25.00
December Animal Shelter Donation- Susie Manning	101.00
<b>November and December Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,619.55</b>
<b>Total Animal Shelter Donations</b>	<b>\$ 2,919.55</b>
<b>Total Sheriff's Department Donations</b>	<b>\$ 700.00</b>

**Carter County**  
**General Fund 101**  
 Budget Amendment #5  
 17-Jan-17

<b>Item #1</b>	34530 Restricted for Tobacco Settlement		\$ 25,809.62	Decrease
	55900-189-053 Other Salaries & Wages	\$ 14,040.00		Increase
	55900-201-053 Social Security	\$ 870.48		Increase
	55900-210-053 Unemployment Compensation	\$ 10.14		Increase
	55900-212-053 Employer Medicare	\$ 203.58		Increase
	55900-355-053 Travel	\$ 1,000.00		Increase
	55900-499-053 Other Supplies & Materials	\$ 8,685.42		Increase
	55900-599-053 Other Charges	\$ 1,000.00		Increase

**Recognize Tobacco Settlement Grant.**

<b>Item #2</b>	34166 Reserved for Automation-Chancery		\$ 1,065.00	Decrease
	53400-355 Travel		\$ 39.00	Decrease
	53400-435 Office Supplies	\$ 1,065.00		Increase
	53400-508 Premiums on Corporate Bonds	\$ 39.00		Increase

**Reallocate within Chancery Court budget.**

<b>Item #3</b>	41590 Other Permits		\$ 28,590.00	Increase
	58900-361 Permits	\$ 28,590.00		Increase

**Recognize permit fees paid to the State of Tennessee.**

<b>Item #4</b>	47660 Federal Home Grant		\$ 259,913.33	Increase
	58130-499 Other Supplies & Materials	\$ 259,913.33		Increase

**Recognize Home Grant Funds.**

<b>Item #5</b>	39000 Unassigned Fund Balance		\$ 40,000.00	Decrease
	34520 Reserved for Juries		\$ 10,749.73	Decrease
	53900-194 Jury & Witness Expense	\$ 31,451.26		Increase
	53900-599 Other Charges	\$ 19,298.47		Increase

**Allocate additional funds to Jury budget for death penalty case.**

<b>Item #6</b>	49700 Insurance Recovery		\$ 18,142.90	Increase
	54110-338 Maintenance & Repair-Vehicles	\$ 18,142.90		Increase

**Recognize Insurance Recovery for damage to Sheriff's vehicle.**

<b>Item #7</b>	44170 Misc. Refunds		\$ 3,592.16	Increase
	54210-422 Food Supplies	\$ 2,300.76		Increase
	54210-340 Medical & Dental Services	\$ 1,049.40		Increase

54210-336	Maintenance & Repair Services - Equipment	\$	242.00	Increase
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**Recognize refund from Unicoi County for housing inmates.**

<b>Item #8</b>	44170 Misc. Refunds		\$ 40.00	Increase
	54110-435 Office Supplies	\$	40.00	Increase

**Recognize State of TN payment for medical records.**

<b>Item #9</b>	48610 Donations		\$ 529,972.28	Increase
	55120-718 Motor Vehicles	\$	29,972.28	Increase
	55120-304 Architects	\$	25,000.00	Increase
	55120-707 Building Improvements	\$	475,000.00	Increase

**Recognize Donation for Cat Room Expansion and Transit Van**

<b>Item #10</b>	55120-707 Building Improvement		\$ 20,000.00	Decrease
	55120-790 Other Equipment	\$	20,000.00	Increase

**Reallocate within Animal Shelter budget for conversion of transit van**

<b>Item #11</b>	64000-499 Other Supplies and Materials		\$ 1,325.62	Decrease
	64000-355 Travel	\$	1,325.62	Increase

**Reallocate within the Litter Grant to cover Benny Lyons travel/lodging**

<b>Item #12</b>	34990-34 Securis Reserve		\$ 22,283.00	Decrease
	54110-716 Law Enforcement Equipment	\$	22,283.00	Increase

**Allocate from reserve for law enforcement equipment.**

<b>Item #13</b>	34157 Sex Offenders Reg		\$ 3,600.00	Decrease
	54110-399 Other Contracted Service	\$	3,600.00	Increase

**Allocate from reserve to pay 50% of Carter County Raptor Visitor Program Maintenance**

<b>Item #14</b>	34168 Reserve for Automation-Sheriff		\$ 10,795.00	Decrease
	54110-716 Law Enforcement Equipment	\$	10,795.00	Increase

**Allocate from reserve for law enforcement equipment**

<b>Item #15</b>	47990 Other Direct Federal Revenue		\$ 2,000.00	Increase
	54110-716 Law Enforcement Equipment	\$	2,000.00	Increase

**Allocate Social Security funds received for additional law enforcement equipment.**

	Total	\$ 977,917.64	\$ 977,917.64	
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**Carter County**  
**Health Department Fund 117**  
**Budget Amendment #1**  
**17-Jan-17**

<b>Item #1</b>	55110-309 Contract with Government Agencies		\$ 1,300.00	Decrease
	55110-499 Other Supplies & Materials	\$ 1,300.00		Increase

**Reallocate within the Health Department budget.**

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\$ 1,300.00    \$ 1,300.00

**Carter County**  
**Drug Fund 122**  
**Budget Amendment #3**  
**17-Jan-17**

<b>Item #1</b>	44170 Misc. Refunds		\$ 868.74	Increase
	54110-401 Animal Food & Supplies	\$ 868.74		Increase

**Recognize donation from Cherry Point for K-9.**

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Total            \$ 868.74    \$ 868.74

**Carter County**  
**Highway Fund 131**  
**Budget Amendment #1**  
**17-Jan-17**

<b>Item #1</b>	39000 Unassigned Fund Balance	\$ 40,000.00		Increase
	40120 Trustee's Collections - Prior		\$ 18,000.00	Increase
	40130 Circuit Clerk/Clerk and Master		\$ 12,000.00	Increase
	40140 Interest and Penalty		\$ 10,000.00	Increase

**Allocate to budget additional revenue in the Highway Fund.**

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<b>Item #2</b>	46420 State Aid Revenue		\$ 126,960.65	Increase
	62000-404 Asphalt	\$ 126,960.65		Increase

**Allocate to budget additional revenue in the Highway Fund.**

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Total            \$ 166,960.65    \$ 166,960.65

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR CARTER COUNTY, TENNESSEE

REGULAR MEETING, MONDAY, JANUARY 17, 2017

RESOLUTION NO. 659

"A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING CARTER COUNTY'S WORK TOWARD ACHIEVING ACT'S CERTIFIED WORK READY COMMUNITY DESIGNATION."

WHEREAS, The First Tennessee Development District (FTDD) has made application to ACT on behalf of Carter County to participate in the Work Ready Community process and this application has been accepted; and

WHEREAS, the FTDD has formed a leadership team to oversee this effort to become a Certified Work Ready Community, and that leadership team is comprised of government, business, education, workforce, economic development and chamber of commerce leaders from around the region and has a mission to give Carter County's workforce a competitive advantage to support and grow existing businesses and attract new businesses by becoming a Certified Work Ready Community (CWRC); and

WHEREAS, ACT, Inc. has developed a Certified Work Ready Community program for Carter County and the surrounding region to participate in; and

WHEREAS, by participating in the Work Ready Community program Carter County can both identify the skills gaps and quantify the skill level of its workforce that can help educators build career pathways aligned to the needs of the businesses and industry in our community; and

WHEREAS, the engagement in the Work Ready Community program will allow the county to be able to provide and implement programs to improve its workforce, support and enhance existing area business, and recruit new business to Carter County; and

WHEREAS, said program will provide many benefits to the residents and businesses within Carter County.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners for Carter County, Tennessee, meeting in regular session on this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2017, with a lawful quorum of said Board being present and with a majority voting in the affirmative that the Board of Commissioners does hereby fully support the First Tennessee Development District and the Work Ready Community Leadership Team's work to achieve Certified Work Ready Community performance goals that lead to the designation and listing of Carter County on the ACT website as a Certified Work Ready Community.

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

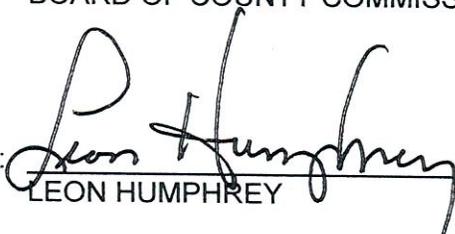
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all Resolutions of the Board of County Commissioners of Carter County, Tennessee which are in conflict with this Resolution are hereby repealed.

**Adopted this 17<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2017.**

CARTER COUNTY, TENNESSEE  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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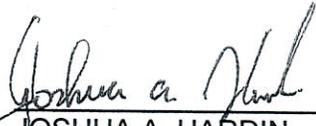
  
LEON HUMPHREY

CARTER COUNTY MAYOR &  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

  
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MARY GOUGE  
CARTER COUNTY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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JOSHUA A. HARDIN  
CARTER COUNTY ATTORNEY

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR CARTER COUNTY, TENNESSEE

REGULAR MEETING, TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2017

RESOLUTION NO. 660

"A RESOLUTION HONORING THE SERVICE OF UNITED STATES ARMY PRIVATE PHILLIP TOLLEY AND DESIGNATING THE BRIDGE SPANNING THE LITTLE DOE RIVER LOCATED ON RITTERTOWN ROAD IN THE HAMPTON COMMUNITY OF CARTER COUNTY AS THE "PRIVATE PHILLIP TOLLEY MEMORIAL BRIDGE"

WHEREAS, Phillip Tolley was the second of five children born to Dave Tolley and wife, Julie Hilmon Tolley, on December 4, 1921; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Tolley was a lifelong resident of Carter County residing in the Browns Branch area with his family where he attended Tiger Valley Elementary School and Hampton High School, and was a member of Little Doe Freewill Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Tolley was drafted into the United States Army in April of 1943 and served with distinction during World War II; and

WHEREAS, Private Tolley was killed in action on March 5, 1944 in the Battle of Cape Gloucester fought in the Pacific theater of World War II between Japanese and Allied forces on the island of New Britain, Territory of New Guinea; and

WHEREAS, following his death Private Tolley's body remained in New Guinea for over four years before being returned to his family by rail, accompanied by a military escort, on June 25, 1948, and he was subsequently interred in the Mack Tolley family cemetery on June 27, 1948; and

WHEREAS, Private Phillip Tolley gave the ultimate sacrifice in service to our country, and he served with honor while defending our freedom and our way of life so that we could continue to live in peace here at home; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners for Carter County would like to formally recognize and honor the sacrifice made by Private Tolley by adopting this Resolution in his honor and officially designating the bridge spanning the Little Doe River on Rittertown Road located in the Hampton community of Carter County as the "Private Phillip Tolley Memorial Bridge".

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners for Carter County, Tennessee, meeting in regular session on this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2017, with a lawful quorum of said Board being present and with a majority voting in the affirmative as follows:

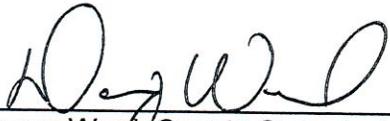
1. That the Board of County Commissioners for Carter County, Tennessee hereby adopts this Resolution honoring Private Phillip Tolley so that we may always remember the sacrifice he made and the price he paid for the freedom we enjoy today not only as residents of this county, but also as citizens of this great nation.

2. That the Board of County Commissioners for Carter County, Tennessee hereby officially designates the bridge spanning the Little Doe River on Rittertown Road located in the Hampton community of Carter County as the "Private Phillip Tolley Memorial Bridge", and directs that said bridge shall always bear the name of Private Tolley regardless of the future necessity for replacement of said bridge.

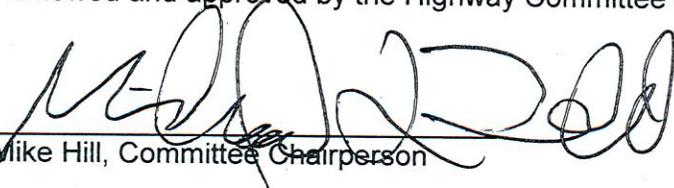
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect from and after the date of its approval the welfare of the county demanding.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all Resolutions of the Board of County Commissioners of Carter County, Tennessee which are in conflict with this Resolution are hereby repealed.

Sponsored by:

  
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Danny Ward, County Commissioner

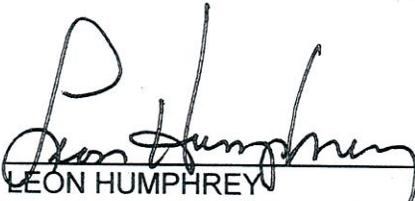
Reviewed and approved by the Highway Committee on 1/9/17.

  
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Mike Hill, Committee Chairperson

Adopted this 17<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2017.

CARTER COUNTY, TENNESSEE  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

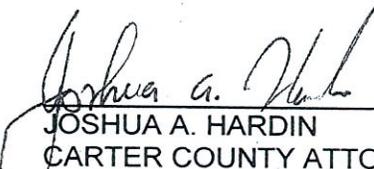
APPROVED:

By:   
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LEON HUMPHREY  
CARTER COUNTY MAYOR &  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

  
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MARY GOUGE  
CARTER COUNTY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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JOSHUA A. HARDIN  
CARTER COUNTY ATTORNEY

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR CARTER COUNTY, TENNESSEE

REGULAR MEETING, TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2017

RESOLUTION NO. 661

"A RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE OF JOHN PAUL MATHES AND DESIGNATING THE BRIDGE SPANNING LAUREL FORK CREEK ON DENNIS COVE ROAD IN THE HAMPTON COMMUNITY OF CARTER COUNTY AS THE "JOHN PAUL MATHES MEMORIAL BRIDGE"

WHEREAS, John Paul Mathes was a native of Carter County who was raised in the Valley Forge community and lived most of his life in the communities of Valley Forge and Hampton; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mathes spent the majority of his adult life in service to the citizens of Carter County in various capacities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mathes served two terms on the Carter County Board of County Commissioners, being elected by the citizens of the sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) district of Carter County for one term and by the citizens of the fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) district of Carter County for another term; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as a County Commissioner Mr. Mathes served on various committees and sought to protect the interests of all county residents, not just the citizens of the districts from which he was elected; and

WHEREAS, following his years as a County Commissioner Mr. Mathes was elected to the office of Carter County Circuit Court Clerk in 1998. He served in that capacity for a total of sixteen years, being elected by the citizens of Carter County for four terms before deciding not to seek re-election for a fifth term in 2014; and

WHEREAS, as Circuit Court Clerk, just as in his personal life, Mr. Mathes treated all the people he came in contact with equally, that being with respect, empathy and courtesy regardless of their station in life; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mathes was always quick to lend a helping hand to a neighbor and he often generously gave of his time, money and possessions to offer help to those in need; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mathes was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed the natural beauty of Carter County and lived life to the fullest each day; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mathes passed away tragically during a severe thunderstorm on July 8, 2016 while camping with his wife Robin at Watauga Lake; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mathes was beloved throughout Carter County and he equally loved the people of Carter County; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners for Carter County has the authority to dedicate bridges within the county in honor of individuals who have made significant contributions to the rich culture and history of Carter County; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners for Carter County would like to formally recognize and honor the life of John Paul Mathes by adopting this Resolution in his honor officially designating the bridge spanning Laurel Fork Creek on Dennis Cove Road in the Hampton community of Carter County as the "John Paul Mathes Memorial Bridge".

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners for Carter County, Tennessee, meeting in regular session on this the 17th day of January, 2017, with a lawful quorum of said Board being present and with a majority voting in the affirmative as follows:

1. That the Board of County Commissioners for Carter County, Tennessee hereby adopts this Resolution honoring the life of John Paul Mathes and his service to the citizens of Carter County.

2. That the Board of County Commissioners for Carter County, Tennessee hereby officially designates the bridge spanning Laurel Fork Creek on Dennis Cove Road in the

Hampton community of Carter County as the "John Paul Mathes Memorial Bridge", and directs that said bridge shall always bear the name of Mr. Mathes regardless of the future necessity for replacement of said bridge.

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all Resolutions of the Board of County Commissioners of Carter County, Tennessee which are in conflict with this Resolution are hereby repealed.

Sponsored by:

  
Randal Jenkins, County Commissioner

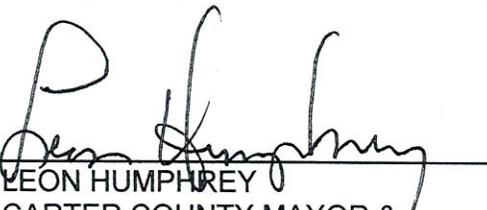
Reviewed and approved by the Highway Committee on 1/9/17.

  
Mike Hill, Committee Chairperson

Adopted this 17<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2017.

CARTER COUNTY, TENNESSEE  
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ATTEST:

  
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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
JOSHUA A. HARDIN  
CARTER COUNTY ATTORNEY

COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORT  
January 2017

General Litigation update:

1. No new litigation filed.

Other Work performed/ongoing:

1. Research completed and opinions rendered for various county office holders and commissioners as requested.
2. Finance Department- Review of all pending litigation files and preparation of annual letter to state auditors; Update County Employee Handbook and disburse sick leave donation policy and forms.
3. Research regarding video arraignment procedures for Judge Bowers.
4. Review of lease with State of Tennessee for probation/parole building.
5. Court Clerks- Additional research and meetings regarding litigation tax issue.
6. Law Enforcement Committee- Research correspondence and attend meeting regarding constable issues.
7. Rules & Bylaws Committee- Update Commission rules and procedures; Completion and distribution of 2017 Board of County Commissioners Reference manuals. Attended committee meeting.
8. Highway Committee- Additional research/investigation regarding Railroad Grade Road Barricade Issue and research/investigate Haynes Street (unopened) issue. Attended committee meeting to report findings.
9. Sheriff's Department- Additional Research and draft of Court Order regarding disposal of unclaimed remains held; Review of lease agreement with TCAT.
10. Animal Shelter- Research regarding various issues/questions received. Review of shelter expansion contract.
11. Drafted Three (3) Resolutions considered by the Board of Commissioners at this month's meeting.