

**Board of County Commissioners  
Carter County, Tennessee  
SPECIAL CALLED SESSION  
Monday, November 23, 2020 at 6:00 PM**

**PURPOSE: Filling the Unexpired Term of Former Mayor Russell Barnett**

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting was held electronically with live public access for the protection of the health, safety, and welfare of the public.

Call to Order – Acting Chairperson, Travis Hill called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Roll Call – County Clerk

Voice Roll Call as follows:

Willie Campbell, Mark Blevins, Robert Acuff, Nancy Brown, Mike Hill, Patty Woodby, Bradley Johnson, Mark Tester, Charles VonCannon, Isaiah Grindstaff, Jerry Proffitt, Austin Jaynes, Ross Garland, Layla Ward, Ginger Holdren, Randall Jenkins, Gary Bailey, Tavis Hill, Sonja Culler, Daniel McInturff, Aaron Frazier, Robin McKamey, Kelly Collins, and Thomas Proffitt.  
(24 Present)

Absent: None (0 Absent)

Quorum Present

Approval of Agenda

**Motion** was made by Mark Blevins, seconded by Aaron Frazier, to accept tonight's agenda as presented. Recorded on page 42

Opening Prayer – Commissioner Willie Campbell

Interim Mayor Patty Woodby requested a moment of silence in memory of former Mayor Rusty Barnett.

Consideration of Pre-Submitted Public Materials/Comments

Live Public Comments

Washington County Mayor, Joe Grandy was recognized by Acting Chairperson Travis Hill and spoke in recommendation of Interim Mayor Patty Woodby.

Acceptance of Nominations for Carter County Mayor

Acting Chairperson Hill stated the names of the applicants as received prior to the published deadline of November 18, 2020 and presented in the Commissioner packets. The applicants were noted as having met the requirements for the office.

Applicants are as follows: Devon L. Buck, Michael W. Ensor, Christopher L. Hitechew, David Miller, John C. Papantoniou, Danny R. Ward, and Patty Woodby.

The floor was then opened for nominations.

Michael W. Ensor was nominated by Isaiah Grindstaff.

Christopher L. Hitechew was nominated by Ross Garland.

David Miller was nominated by Kelly Collins.

Danny R. Ward was nominated by Mike Hill.

Patty Woodby was nominated by Nancy Brown.

Clerks Note: Devon L. Buck or John C. Papantoniou did not receive a nomination.



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**Motion to cease nominations** was made by Willie Campbell, seconded by Mark Blevins.

Voice Roll Call as follows:

Yes: Willie Campbell, Mark Blevins, Robert Acuff, Nancy Brown, Mike Hill, Bradley Johnson, Mark Tester, Charles VonCannon, Isaiah Grindstaff, Jerry Proffitt, Austin Jaynes, Ross Garland, Layla Ward, Ginger Holdren, Randall Jenkins, Gary Bailey, Tavis Hill, Sonja Culler, Daniel McInturff, Aaron Frazier, Robin McKamey, Kelly Collins, and Thomas Proffitt. (23 Yes)

No: None (0 No)

Absent: None (0 Absent)

Abstain: Patty Woodby (1 Abstaining)

Receiving twenty-three (23) Yes, zero (0) no, zero (0) Absent, and one (1) abstaining,  
**motion carried.**

**Nominated Candidates**

**Statements/Questions/Interviews**

County Attorney Joshua Hardin presented five (5) question for each nominee. It was noted that these questions were composed by the Republican party and Democratic party representatives of Carter County.

Each candidate presented their viewpoint to the questions on various subjects.

**RECESS** --The meeting recessed until 7:37 PM. Following the recess, the meeting was called back to order.

**Commissioners Comments/Discussion**

Each Commissioner was given the opportunity to interview and present questions to the candidates if they so desired. Questions on various items and subjects were presented and discussed.

**RECESS** -The meeting recessed until 9:50 PM. Following the recess, the meeting was called back to order.

**Appointment of County Mayor**

Acting Chairperson Hill called for a voice roll call vote with each Commissioner voicing the name of the candidate for which they are voting for.

Voice Roll Call Vote as follows:

Voting for Michael W. Ensor as follows:

Isaiah Grindstaff, and Sonja Culler. (2 votes for Michael W. Ensor)

Voting for Christopher L. Hitechew as follows:

Ross Garland. (1 vote for Christopher L. Hitechew)

Voting for David Miller as follows:

Kelly Collins. (1 vote for David Miller)

Voting for Danny R. Ward as follows:

Robert Acuff, Mike Hill, and Robin McKamey. (3 votes for Danny R. Ward)

Voting for Patty Woodby as follows:

Willie Campbell, Mark Blevins, Nancy Brown, Bradley Johnson, Mark Tester, Charles VonCannon, Jerry Proffitt, Austin Jaynes, Lala Ward, Ginger Holdren,

Randall Jenkins, Gary Bailey, Travis Hill, Daniel McInturff, Aaron Frazier, and Thomas Proffitt. (16 votes for Patty Woodby)

The following votes were received:

Michael W. Ensor, receiving two (2) votes,  
Christopher L. Hitchew, receiving one (1) vote,  
David Miller, receiving one (1) vote,  
Danny R. Ward, receiving three (3) votes,  
Patty Woodby, receiving sixteen (16) votes,

**Patty Woodby was duly appointed Mayor of Carter County, Tennessee filling the unexpired of former Mayor Russell "Rusty" Barnett.**

**Motion to adjourn was made by Willie Campbell, second by Mark Blevins. By majority voice vote, all yes, motion carried. Meeting ended at 9:55 PM.**

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1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call- **County Clerk**
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Opening Prayer- **Commissioner Willie Campbell**
5. Consideration of Pre-Submitted Public Materials/Comments and Pre-Arranged Live Public Comments
6. Acceptance of Nominations for Carter County Mayor
7. Nominated Candidate Statements/Questions/Interviews
8. Commissioner Comments/Discussion
9. Appointment of County Mayor
10. Adjourn