

**Board of Commissioners
Carter County, Tennessee
REGULAR SESSION
Monday October 18, 2021**

Call to Order – Chairperson Ginger Holdren called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Courthouse Emergency Egress Plan – EMA Director – Billy Harrell
Report recorded on page: 571

Roll Call

Electronic Roll Call as Follows:

Present:

Willie Campbell	Austin Jaynes	Sonja Culler
Mark Blevins	Jerry Proffitt	Daniel McInturff
Nancy Brown	Ross Garland	Aaron Frazier
Julie Guinn	Layla Ward	Robin McKamey
Bradley Johnson	Ginger Holdren	Kelly Collins
Mark Tester	Randall Jenkins	Thomas Proffitt
Charles VonCannon	Travis Hill	
Isaiah Grindstaff	Gary Bailey	

Absent:

Robert Acuff
Mike Miller

Present: Twenty-two (22)

Absent: Two (2)

Approval of Agenda

Chairperson Ginger Holdren asked to amend the agenda to add item 16 A – Opioid Settlement.

Motion was made by Mark Blevins, seconded by Jerry Proffitt, to accept the agenda with amendments. Recorded on page: 572.

Electronic Vote as Follows:

Yes:

Willie Campbell	Bradley Johnson	Austin Jaynes
Mark Blevins	Mark Tester	Jerry Proffitt
Nancy Brown	Charles VonCannon	Ross Garland
Julie Guinn	Isaiah Grindstaff	Layla Ward
Ginger Holdren	Sonja Culler	Kelly Collins
Randall Jenkins	Daniel McInturff	Thomas Proffitt
Travis Hill	Aaron Frazier	
Gary Bailey	Robin McKamey	

Absent:

Robert Acuff
Mike Miller

Yes: Twenty-two (22)

No: Two (2)

Receiving twenty-two (22) yes, two (2) no, **motion carried.**

Opening Prayer – Commissioner Willie Campbell

Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Kelly Collins

Recognition of the Elected Officials in Attendance

Acceptance of Meeting Minutes from September

Motion by Aaron Frazier, second by Isaiah Grindstaff to accept the minutes from the September meeting.

Electronic Vote as Follows:

Yes:

Willie Campbell	Isaiah Grindstaff	Gary Bailey
Mark Blevins	Austin Jaynes	Sonja Culler
Nancy Brown	Jerry Proffitt	Daniel McInturff
Julie Guinn	Ross Garland	Aaron Frazier
Bradley Johnson	Ginger Holdren	Robin McKamey
Mark Tester	Randall Jenkins	Kelly Collins
Charles Von Cannon	Travis Hill	Thomas Proffitt

Abstain:

Layla Ward

Absent:

Robert Acuff
Mike Miller

Yes: Twenty-one (21)

No: Zero (0)

Abstain: One (1)

With twenty-one (21) yes, zero (0) no, one (1) abstain, **motion carried.**

Approval of Notaries & Bonds

Motion was made by Mark Blevins, seconded by Willie Campbell, to approve as presented, the Notaries/Bonds for October 2021. Recorded on page: 573

Notaries/Bonds October 2021

CHAD ODOM	JUDY ANN VINES-CRISP	MICHELLE LEIGH SMITH
STEVEN CARL MCLEMORE JR	JANIE LEWIS	WILLIAM D PRENDERGAST JR
TERESA L KESKA	DENNIS MCKESSON	CHRISTINA RENEE CROWE
BRENDA ADAMS	LISA S MCGOVERN	TAMMY BUCHANAN
GREGORY H BOWERS	JOHN L BOWERS III	LISA LYONS
MARK LAWRENCE TESTER		

Electronic Vote as Follows:

Yes:

Willie Campbell	Austin Jaynes	Travis Hill
Mark Blevins	Jerry Proffitt	Sonja Culler
Nancy Brown	Ross Garland	Daniel McInturff
Julie Guinn	Layla Ward	Aaron Frazier
Brad Johnson	Ginger Holdren	Robin McKamey
Charles Von Cannon	Randall Jenkins	Kelly Collins
Isaiah Grindstaff	Gary Bailey	Thomas Proffitt

Abstain:

Mark Tester

Absent:

Robert Acuff
Mike Miller

Yes: Twenty-one (21)

Abstain: One (1)

With a vote of twenty-one (21) yes, one (1) abstain, **motion carried.**

Public Comments

Roger Nave appeared before the commission to speak about the conduct of Sheriff Lunceford. He stated that for the last three years part time bailiffs do not get raises when approved by the commission. He stated that he was assured that the jail was safe from COVID when he later found out it was full of COVID positive. He contracted the virus and was in the hospital three times and never heard from a superior during his illness. Mr. Nave told the commission about an incident that happened at the security station at the courthouse and when the person complained about the officer, sheriff Lunceford didn't defend the officer instead he reprimands him. He also discussed issues with the lack of protocol and procedures.

Sheriff Lunceford asked the commission to speak after Mr. Nave. He stated that there is policy for everything and there is a chain of command. The Sheriff stated that the part time deputies make \$13.00 per hour, which is more than the full-time officers make. He doesn't understand where the complaint is. He also stated that while Mr. Nave did have COVID, he does not work at the jail and doesn't come to the jail. That is not where he contracted it. Sheriff Lunceford stands by his decisions and does not see a reason for the complaint. He stated that if there is a problem, his deputies know that they can come to him anytime.

Benjamin Hall spoke about the salary of the deputies in the county. How it is cheaper to retain a deputy than it is to hire and train new deputies. This is a problem everywhere. The county has a responsibility to protect the citizens. If they are spending more money recruiting and training deputies that are going to move on for more money instead of paying them enough to make them stay, they are not being good stewards of the county's money.

John Stoles who live on the corner of Sims Hill Road and Bob Little Road, came before the commission again to state his frustration about nothing being done to help him keep vehicles from his property when making the turn. There have been several accidents in that turn because there are cars, trucks, motorcycles all speeding through that turn and there are police reports to show the accidents. He stated that he came to a meeting in August and was given a number to call to see what could be done. He called for several days in a row and each time got an answering machine. Each time he left a message and has yet to get a return call. When he came to the next meeting, he was told that they tried to call him, and he didn't return their call. He produced his phone records that shows his line did not receive an incoming call from the county.

Danny Deal asked about the donations made to the Animal Shelter made by the public and how those funds are given to the shelter. Carolyn Watson, Finance Director answered him, explaining that donations are deposited through the Trustees office and placed into the Animal Shelter accounts for animal care, and assuring him that all funds given to the Animal Shelter stay with the Animal Shelter.

Recognition of Spina Bifida Awareness Month – Commissioner Daniel McInturff

Commissioner Daniel McInturff, wife Lauren and son Brody attended the meeting to explain what Spina Bifida is and how it affects the body. Daniel and Laurens son was born with Spina Bifida in January 2014. Brody was diagnosed early in the pregnancy and oftentimes when parents are given the news that their child has Spina Bifida, they are encouraged to terminate the pregnancy. Some doctors don't know how to handle the diagnosis or the condition. Lauren

and Daniel lived the trauma of the diagnosis and the options that were presented. But they made the decision to continue with the pregnancy and have a beautiful son Brody. Lauren explained some of the medical issues that Brody has and the daily routines that they have, to keep him healthy. The McInturff's want to bring attention to Spina Bifida by coming to the commission to speak about the condition. Brody spoke and explained how he plays sports; he just plays a little different. When he plays basketball, he uses a basketball wheelchair instead of his chair. He also plays hockey. Daniel stated that there are several handicap accessible playgrounds in the area but none in Carter County. He stated that everyone would be surprised by how many families in Carter County have special needs children. He would like to see an accessible playground in the county for these children.

Recess Regular Session – Public Hearing concerning rezoning request for 176 Wade Bula Road, Watauga, Tennessee.

Chris Schuettler came before the commission to request that the property in the 3rd District at 176 Wade Bulla Road Watauga Tn be rezoned back to the A-1 zone from the M-2 zone that it was given earlier this year. The owners of the property were going to open a slaughterhouse but have since changed plans and wish for the land be returned to the A-1 zoning.

Resume Regular Session - Consideration of rezoning request to change from M-2 to A-1 for 176 Wade Bulla Road, Watauga, Tennessee.

Motion was made by Bradley Johnson, second by Isaiah Grindstaff to accept the rezoning from M-2 to A-1.

Electronic Vote as Follows:

Yes:

Willie Campbell
Mark Blevins
Nancy Brown
Julie Guinn
Brad Johnson
Charles Von Cannon
Isaiah Grindstaff

Austin Jaynes
Jerry Proffitt
Ross Garland
Layla Ward
Ginger Holdren
Randall Jenkins
Gary Bailey

Travis Hill
Sonja Culler
Daniel McInturff
Aaron Frazier
Robin McKamey
Kelly Collins
Thomas Proffitt

Absent:

Robert Acuff
Mike Miller

Yes: Twenty-two (22)

No: Zero (0)

With twenty-two (22) yes, zero (0) no, **motion carried.**

Resolution Approving Program Policies and Procedures for the Carter County 2021 HOME Program.

County Attorney Josh Hardin stated that this was the policies and procedures for the home rehab grants. Mr. Johnson asked if this is the program that helps the elderly to winterize their home. Mayor Woodby stated that it is, but it can also help those in need to purchase homes as well. Attorney Hardin stated that it can be used to help purchase a new home, depending on the financial situation and if the current home is so bad it cannot be rehabbed.

Motion by Nancy Brown, second by Randall Jenkins to approve the Resolution as written.

Charles Von Cannon stated that the two programs overlap one it through the First Tennessee Development Agency and one is through the agency in Kingsport. Someone should look at getting these grants consolidated and there would be more funds. Mr. Von Cannon stated that he would be happy to investigate this to see if it could be consolidated.

Electronic Vote as Follows:

Yes:

Willie Campbell
Mark Blevins
Nancy Brown
Julie Guinn
Brad Johnson
Charles Von Cannon
Isaiah Grindstaff

Austin Jaynes
Jerry Proffitt
Ross Garland
Layla Ward
Ginger Holdren
Randall Jenkins
Gary Bailey

Travis Hill
Sonja Culler
Daniel McInturff
Aaron Frazier
Robin McKamey
Kelly Collins
Thomas Proffitt

Absent:

Robert Acuff
Mike Miller

Yes: Twenty-two (22)

No: Zero (0)

With twenty-two (22) yes votes, zero (0) no votes, **motion carried.**

Mayoral Report – Mayor Patty Woodby0

Mayor Woodby stated that they will be submitting the application for TVA Connected Communities Pilot Grant worth 1 million dollars, several letters have been submitted on behalf of the county to receive the grant. One letter was from the Tennessee Higher Education Commission Executive Director Emily House. This letter praised the work that Carter County is doing to help the students of Carter County excel in their education. The partnerships that have developed with local corporations is promising for the future of the workforce. Mayor Woodby stated that other counties are coming to Carter County to see what is being done. This program will serve as a model all over the state.

She stated that she, Ken Gough and Wesley Bradley went to the Johnson City Commission to present the Tweetsie Trail Expansion, they are on board with financial support. The goal is to take the trail all the way to the North Carolina line.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget - Austin Jaynes, Chairperson presented the following recommendations:

Motion by Austin Jaynes, second by Mark Blevins to declare two Bad Boy (2012 54-inch and 2012 61-inch) mowers as surplus property to be sold at public auction on Courthouse steps.

Electronic Vote as Follows:

Yes:

Willie Campbell
Mark Blevins
Nancy Brown
Julie Guinn
Bradley Johnson
Mark Tester
Isaiah Grindstaff

Austin Jaynes
Jerry Proffitt
Ross Garland
Ginger Holdren
Layla Ward
Randall Jenkins
Travis Hill

Gary Bailey
Sonja Culler
Daniel McInturff
Aaron Frazier
Robin McKamey
Kelly Collins
Thomas Proffitt

Abstain:

Charles Von Cannon

Absent:

Robert Acuff
Mike Miller

Yes: Twenty-one (21)

No: Zero (0)

Abstain: One (1)

With twenty-one (21) yes, zero (0) no, one (1) abstain, **motion carried.**

2. Motion by Austin Jaynes, second by Aaron Frazier to approve revised operating agreement between Carter County and the city of Elizabethton for the Animal Shelter.

Kelly Collins asked if this had been approved by the city yet. Austin Jaynes stated that it will go to them for approval after it is approved here. Mr. Jaynes stated that the board resets in January 2022. Attorney Hardin stated that that was in the bylaws, there will be two county commissioners, two city commissioners and one at large as of January 1. They will have to be appointed in December. Ms. Collins asked Attorney Hardin, if the Animal Shelter becomes a 501(c)3, how will it affect this? Attorney Hardin stated that if it reforms into a new entity, it will replace this. Chairwoman Holdren stated that if the two from the city and two from the county were appointed in December then the fifth person would not be appointed till February, is this correct. Attorney Hardin stated that is correct, the at large member would not be appointed till all four members are appointed. Ms. Holdren stated that if we could appoint the two members and suggest the at large member then they would be able to possibly move that up. Attorney Hardin stated that changes could be made.

Electronic Vote as Follows:

Yes:

Willie Campbell
Mark Blevins
Nancy Brown
Julie Guinn
Bradley Johnson
Mark Tester

Isaiah Grindstaff
Austin Jaynes
Jerry Proffitt
Ross Garland
Ginger Holdren
Layla Ward

Randall Jenkins
Gary Bailey
Daniel McInturff
Aaron Frazier
Robin McKamey

No:

Travis Hill
Sonja Culler

Kelly Collins
Thomas Proffitt

Abstain:

Charles Von Cannon

Yes: Seventeen (17)

No: Four (4)

Abstain: One (1)

With seventeen (17) yes votes, four (4) no, one (1) abstain, **motion carried.**

Motion by Austin Jaynes, second by Nancy Brown to reallocate \$50,000.00 between Highway major categories of Asphalt – Hot Mix (131 62000 404) and Crushed Stone (131 62000 409).

Electronic Vote as Follows:

Yes:

Willie Campbell
Mark Blevins
Nancy Brown
Julie Guinn
Bradley Johnson
Mark Tester
Charles Von Cannon

Isaiah Grindstaff
Austin Jaynes
Jerry Proffitt
Ross Garland
Ginger Holdren
Layla Ward
Randall Jenkins

Travis Hill
Gary Bailey
Daniel McInturff
Aaron Frazier
Robin McKamey
Kelly Collins
Thomas Proffitt

Abstain:

Sonja Culler

Absent:

Robert Acuff
Mike Miller

Yes: Twenty-one (21)

No: Zero (0)

Abstain: One (1)

With twenty-one (21) yes, zero (0) no, one (1) abstain, **motion carried.**

Motion by Austin Jaynes, second by Randall Jenkins to approve revised bylaws between Carter County and the City of Elizabethton for the Animal Shelter.

Electronic Vote as Follows:

Yes:

Willie Campbell
Mark Blevins
Nancy Brown
Julie Guinn
Bradley Johnson
Mark Tester

Charles Von Cannon
Isaiah Grindstaff
Austin Jaynes
Jerry Proffitt
Ross Garland
Ginger Holdren

Layla Ward
Randall Jenkins
Gary Bailey
Daniel McInturff
Aaron Frazier
Robin McKamey

No:

Travis Hill
Sonja Culler

Kelly Collins
Thomas Proffitt

Absent:

Robert Acuff
Mike Miller

Yes: Eighteen (18)

No: Four (4)

With eighteen (18) yes, four (4) no, **motion carried.**

Motion by Austin Jaynes, second by Mark Tester to appropriate \$17,000.00 (131 65000 402 505) for paving, surfacing, and striping at new planning office. Funding to come from Governor’s Grant (131 46980 021).

Electronic Vote as Follows:

Yes:

Willie Campbell
Mark Blevins
Nancy Brown
Julie Guinn
Bradley Johnson
Mark Tester
Charles Von Cannon

Isaiah Grindstaff
Austin Jaynes
Jerry Proffitt
Ross Garland
Layla Ward
Randall Jenkins
Travis Hill

Gary Bailey
Sonja Culler
Daniel McInturff
Aaron Frazier
Robin McKamey
Kelly Collins
Thomas Proffitt

No:

Ginger Holdren

Yes: Twenty-one (21)

No: One (1)

With twenty-one (21) yes vote, one (1) no, **motion carried.**

5.Motion by Austin Jaynes, second by Mark Blevins to appropriate \$137,000.00 (131 68000 714 000) for the purchase of a new dump truck. Funding to come from Governor’s Grant (131 46980 021).

Electronic Vote as Follows:

Yes:

Willie Campbell
Mark Blevins
Nancy Brown
Julie Guinn
Bradley Johnson
Mark Tester
Charles Von Cannon
Isaiah Grindstaff

Austin Jaynes
Jerry Proffitt
Ross Garland
Ginger Holdren
Layla Ward
Randall Jenkins
Travis Hill
Gary Bailey

Sonja Culler
Daniel McInturff
Aaron Frazier
Robin McKamey
Kelly Collins
Thomas Proffitt

Absent:

Robert Acuff
Mike Miller

Yes: Twenty-two (22)

No: Zero (0)

With twenty-two (22) yes votes, zero (0) no, **motion carried.**

Motion by Austin Jaynes, second by Mark Blevins to appropriate \$250,000.00 (131 65000 402 020) for various Carter County and \$50,000 for Carter County School paving projects (131 65000 402 500). Funding to come from Governor’s Grant (131 46980 021).

Electronic Vote as Follows:

Yes:

Willie Campbell
Mark Blevins
Nancy Brown
Julie Guinn
Bradley Johnson
Mark Tester
Charles Von Cannon

Austin Jaynes
Jerry Proffitt
Ross Garland
Ginger Holdren
Layla Ward
Randall Jenkins
Travis Hill

Gary Bailey
Sonja Culler
Daniel McInturff
Aaron Frazier
Robin McKamey
Kelly Collins
Thomas Proffitt

No:

Isaiah Grindstaff

Absent:

Robert Acuff
Mike Miller

Yes: Twenty-one (21)

No: One (1)

With twenty-one (21) yes votes, one (1) no, **motion carried.**

Motion by Austin Jaynes, second by Willie Campbell to approve General Fund #101 budget amendment #4 (items #1-3) for a total of \$43,400 with \$3,400.00 coming from the Unassigned Fund Balance (131 39000).

Electronic Vote as Follows:

Yes:

Willie Campbell

Mark Blevins

Nancy Brown

Julie Guinn
Bradley Johnson
Mark Tester
Charles Von Cannon
Isaiah Grindstaff
Austin Jaynes
Jerry Proffitt

Ross Garland
Ginger Holdren
Layla Ward
Randall Jenkins
Travis Hill
Gary Bailey
Sonja Culler

Daniel McInturff
Aaron Frazier
Robin McKamey
Kelly Collins
Thomas Proffitt

Yes: Twenty-two (22)

No: Zero (0)

With twenty-two (22) yes votes, zero (0) no, **motion carried.**

Motion by Austin Jaynes, second by Nancy Brown to approve Highway Fund #131 budget amendment #2 (item #1) for a total of \$368,145.19, with \$368,145.19 coming from this fund's Unassigned Fund Balance (131 39000).

Electronic Vote as Follows:

Yes:

Willie Campbell
Mark Blevins
Nancy Brown
Julie Guinn
Bradley Johnson
Mark Tester
Charles Von Cannon
Isaiah Grindstaff

Austin Jaynes
Jerry Proffitt
Ross Garland
Ginger Holdren
Layla Ward
Randall Jenkins
Travis Hill
Gary Bailey

Sonja Culler
Daniel McInturff
Aaron Frazier
Robin McKamey
Kelly Collins
Thomas Proffitt

Absent:

Robert Acuff
Mike Miller

Yes: Twenty-two (22)

No: Zero (0)

With twenty-two (22) yes votes, zero (0) no, **motion carried.**

Motion by Austin Jaynes, second by Willie Campbell to approve General Purpose School Fund #141 budget amendment #4 (items #1-3) in the amount of \$155,136.63. with nothing coming from this funds Unassigned Fund Balance.

Electronic Vote as Follows:

Yes:

Willie Campbell
Mark Blevins
Nancy Brown
Julie Guinn
Bradley Johnson
Mark Tester
Charles Von Cannon
Isaiah Grindstaff

Austin Jaynes
Jerry Proffitt
Ross Garland
Ginger Holdren
Layla Ward
Randall Jenkins
Travis Hill
Gary Bailey

Sonja Culler
Daniel McInturff
Aaron Frazier
Robin McKamey
Kelly Collins
Thomas Proffitt

Absent:

Robert Acuff
Mike Miller

Yes: Twenty-two (22)

No: Zero (0)

With twenty-two (22) yes votes, zero (0) no, **motion carried.**

Motion by Austin Jaynes, second by Jerry Proffitt to approve School Federal Projects Fund #142 budget amendment #4 (items #1-3) to recognize initial program budgets and to amend the budget of the Title IX McKinney Vento Grant for a total of \$155,936.64, with nothing coming from this funds Unassigned Fund Balance.

Electronic Vote as Follows:

Yes:

Willie Campbell	Austin Jaynes	Sonja Culler
Mark Blevins	Jerry Proffitt	Daniel McInturff
Nancy Brown	Ross Garland	Aaron Frazier
Julie Guinn	Ginger Holdren	Robin McKamey
Bradley Johnson	Layla Ward	Kelly Collins
Mark Tester	Randall Jenkins	Thomas Proffitt
Charles Von Cannon	Travis Hill	
Isaiah Grindstaff	Gary Bailey	

Absent:

Robert Acuff
Mike Miller

Yes: Twenty-two (22)

No: Zero (0)

With twenty-two (22) yes votes, zero (0) no, **motion carried.**

Motion by Austin Jaynes, second by Ross Garland to approve head Start Fund #145 budget amendment #1 (item #1) to relocate funds between major categories, with nothing coming from this funds Unassigned Fund Balance.

Charles Von Cannon stated that every year the number served is 153 students. It has been the same number for the last 10 years. Someone needs to investigate this. If this same number is showing something is wrong.

Electronic Vote as Follows:

Yes:

Willie Campbell	Isaiah Grindstaff	Daniel McInturff
Mark Blevins	Ginger Holdren	Aaron Frazier
Nancy Brown	Layla Ward	Robin McKamey
Julie Guinn	Randall Jenkins	Kelly Collins
Bradley Johnson	Travis Hill	Thomas Proffitt
Mark Tester	Gary Bailey	
Charles Von Cannon	Sonja Culler	

No:

Robert Acuff
Mike Miller

Yes: Twenty-two (22)

No: Zero (0)

With twenty-two (22) yes vote, zero (0) no, **motion carried.**

13.Motion by Austin Jaynes, second by Layla Ward to approve Education Capital Projects Fund #177 budget amendment #2 (item #1) to reallocate between Fiscal Services and Regular Capital Outlay major categories to the correct account (177 91300 510 and 177 91300 707) per the Department of Education.

Electronic Vote as Follows:

Yes:

Willie Campbell
Nancy Brown
Bradley Johnson
Mark Tester
Charles Von Cannon
Isaiah Grindstaff
Austin Jaynes

Jerry Proffitt
Ross Garland
Ginger Holdren
Layla Ward
Randall Jenkins
Travis Hill
Gary Bailey

Sonja Culler
Daniel McInturff
Aaron Frazier
Robin McKamey
Kelly Collins
Thomas Proffitt

No:

Mark Blevins
Julie Guinn

Absent:

Robert Acuff
Mike Miller

Yes: Twenty (20)

No: Two (2)

With twenty (20) yes votes, two (2) no, **motion carried.**

Motion by Austin Jaynes, second by Aaron Frazier to approve the following monetary donations: Animal Shelter (\$2,088.00).

Electronic Vote as Follows:

Yes:

Willie Campbell
Mark Blevins
Nancy Brown
Julie Guinn
Bradley Johnson
Mark Tester
Charles Von Cannon
Isaiah Grindstaff

Austin Jaynes
Jerry Proffitt
Ross Garland
Ginger Holdren
Layla Ward
Randall Jenkins
Travis Hill
Gary Bailey

Sonja Culler
Daniel McInturff
Aaron Frazier
Robin McKamey
Kelly Collins
Thomas Proffitt

Absent:

Robert Acuff
Mike Miller

Yes: Twenty-two (22)

No: Zero (0)

With twenty-two (22) yes votes, zero (0) no, **motion carried.**

Motion by Austin Jaynes, second by Jerry Proffitt to approve the following non-monetary donation: Animal Shelter (\$81.79 in September from Walmart).

Electronic Vote as Follows:

Yes:

Willie Campbell
Mark Blevins
Nancy Brown
Julie Guinn
Bradley Johnson
Mark Tester
Charles Von Cannon
Isaiah Grindstaff

Austin Jaynes
Jerry Proffitt
Ross Garland
Ginger Holdren
Layla Ward
Randall Jenkins
Travis Hill
Gary Bailey

Sonja Culler
Daniel McInturff
Aaron Frazier
Robin McKamey
Kelly Collins
Thomas Proffitt

Absent:

Robert Acuff
Mike Miller

Yes: Twenty-two (22)

No: Zero (0)

With twenty-two (22) yes votes, zero (0) no, **motion carried.**

Austin Jaynes stated that he would like to have a motion suspend the rules, Broadband came through from Health & Welfare and it didn't get onto the agenda. They have called attention that the \$600,000.00 that was approved to be rolled over from last year was not rolled over. They are asking that that money be rolled over now.

Motion was made by Mark Blevins, second by Aaron Frazier to suspend the rules.

Electronic Vote as Follows:

Yes:

Willie Campbell
Mark Blevins
Nancy Brown
Julie Guinn
Bradley Johnson
Mark Tester
Charles Von Cannon
Isaiah Grindstaff

Austin Jaynes
Jerry Proffitt
Ross Garland
Ginger Holdren
Layla Ward
Randall Jenkins
Travis Hill
Gary Bailey

Sonja Culler
Daniel McInturff
Aaron Frazier
Robin McKamey
Kelly Collins
Thomas Proffitt

Absent:

Robert Acuff
Mike Miller

Yes: Twenty-two (22)

No: Zero (0)

With twenty-two (22) yes votes, zero (0) no, **motion carried.**

Motion was made by Austin Jaynes, second by Aaron Frazier to reallocate \$600,000.00 for Broadband Internet.

Chairman Jaynes asked what account the money should come from. Aaron Frazier stated that it should come from the Unassigned Fund Balance. Bradley Johnson stated that it was approved last year to come from the Unassigned Fund Balance. It should be left the same.

Chairwoman Holdren stated that the motion should specify where the money comes from before it is voted on.

Austin Jaynes amended the motion to reallocate \$600,000.00 for Broadband Internet to come from the Unassigned Fund Balance. Mr. Frazier second the amended motion.

Electronic Vote as Follows:

Yes:

Willie Campbell
Mark Blevins
Nancy Brown
Julie Guinn
Bradley Johnson
Mark Tester
Charles Von Cannon
Isaiah Grindstaff

Austin Jaynes
Jerry Proffitt
Ross Garland
Ginger Holdren
Layla Ward
Randall Jenkins
Travis Hill
Gary Bailey

Sonja Culler
Daniel McInturff
Aaron Frazier
Robin McKamey
Kelly Collins
Thomas Proffitt

Absent:

Robert Acuff
Mike Miller

Yes: Twenty-two (22)

No: Zero (0)

With twenty-two (22) yes votes, zero (0) no, **motion carried.**

Motion was made by Austin Jaynes, second by Isaiah Grindstaff to approve the EMA directors request to enter a 3-year contract with Everbridge for \$15,030 per year.

Director Harrell came forward and explained that the services that Everbridge offers. They have offered a 3-year contract with no increase. The information is being sent out to all the schools, on the twitter account and on the EMA web page. He stated that they went to the library and helped people sign up for it. The money for this comes from the EMA budget.

Electronic Vote as Follows:

Yes:

Willie Campbell

Mark Blevins

Nancy Brown

Julie Guinn

Bradley Johnson

Mark Tester

Charles Von Cannon

Isaiah Grindstaff

Austin Jaynes

Jerry Proffitt

Ross Garland

Ginger Holdren

Layla Ward

Randall Jenkins

Travis Hill

Gary Bailey

Sonja Culler

Daniel McInturff

Aaron Frazier

Robin McKamey

Kelly Collins

Thomas Proffitt

Absent:

Robert Acuff

Mike Miller

Yes: Twenty-two (22)

No: Zero (0)

With a vote of twenty-two (22) yes votes, zero (0) no, **motion carried.**

Building & Grounds

Chairman Daniel McInturff asked to let the minutes stand.

Financial Management

Chairman Bradley Johnson asked to let the minutes stand.

Health & Welfare

Chairman Robert Acuff and Vice Chair Mike Miller are both absent, no update.

Homeless Task Force

No update

Nominating

Chairman Aaron Frazier asked to let the minutes stand.

Joint Economic Community

Aaron Frazier stated that they finished up the survey, he sent it out to everyone, if you could get that back to him it would be appreciated.

Main Street

Aaron Frazier stated that they have applied for a lot of grants, they still have not gotten any word on.

Park & Rec

Chris Schuettler stated that he Randall Jenkins and Mr. McKay were working on an accessible playground at the Gap Creek Park before COVID hit. The area is laid out already. There is grant money out there for it and it is being worked on it now.

Rules & Bylaws

Chairman Randall Jenkins stated that the next redistricting workshop dates are October 19, and 25th with the final review and vote on November 2. The Special Called Meeting for the Full Commission to accept the redistricting plan is November 9.

Agriculture

Mark Tester stated that the Agriculture Committee will meet on November 2 at the Agriculture Extension Office at 4:00 PM.

Animal Shelter

Sonja Culler stated that Director Posada had a death in the family so the meeting this month was postponed.

Beer Board

Layla Ward reported that the board met on September 23 and approved a permit for A N J's Creekside Pub and Grille in Stoney Creek. The next meeting will be November 22 at 5:30 PM. There will be two permits up for approval.

Chamber of Commerce

Ross Garland reported that everything is going well. Ticket sales will open for Skate by the Doe Ice Rink around November 20. They plan on bring back the Carter County Omnium back. This is the bike race that they gave money to last year.

Keep Carter County Beautiful

Mr. Garland reported that they are still trying to work some things out with the contract with the Chamber, but it is still in the works. The clean up on Ripshin keeps getting pushed back but it may happen on November 13.

Education

Chairwoman Kelly Collins asked to let the minutes stand.

Health Board

Robin McKamey stated that they only meet once a year.

Highway

Chairman Mark Blevins stated that he would like to move the next scheduled meeting from Thursday November 4 to Monday November 1 with the Education / Landfill Committees. Ms. Collins asked if this change could be made online. Several people called last month asking where it was going to be, and the meeting had already taken place.

Landfill

Chairman Gary Bailey stated that they finally finished the roof on the building that they have been working on since February. Cardboard is bringing over \$200 per ton right now. Someone stated that they saw where Bristol was having a hard time getting rid of theirs right now so someone might want to get in contact with them.

Law Enforcement

Chairman Thomas Proffitt asked to let the minutes stand.

Planning

Chris Schuettler stated that they are in the process right now of getting the IT and com systems into the new office space. The next meeting is October 26 at 3:00 PM.

Records

Ginger Holdren stated that the Records Committee is meeting on October 26 at 5:30 PM. Hopefully there will be something to present next month.

County Attorney Report:

Attorney Josh Hardin stated that there is an update on the Opioid Settlement that they will go over during the Executive Session. There are several new litter cases, there are two different contempt cases that may result in jail sentences. Report recorded on page: 574

Attorney Hardin stated that the Executive Session should begin now. Chairwoman Holdren asked to clear the room of everyone but Commissioners and Attorney Hardin.

Executive Session ended.

Motion was made by Robin McKamey, second by Kelly Collins to opt into the Opioid litigation with Mayor Patty Woodby acting as point person.

Electronic Vote as Follows:

Yes:

Willie Campbell
Mark Blevins
Nancy Brown
Julie Guinn
Bradley Johnson
Mark Tester
Charles Von Cannon
Isaiah Grindstaff

Austin Jaynes
Jerry Proffitt
Ross Garland
Ginger Holdren
Layla Ward
Randall Jenkins
Travis Hill
Gary bailey

Sonja Culler
Daniel McInturff
Aaron Frazier
Robin McKamey
Kelly Collins
Thomas Proffitt

Absent:

Robert Acuff
Mike Miller

Yes: Twenty-two (22)

No: Zero (0)

With twenty-two (22) yes votes, zero (0) no, **motion carried.**

Commissioner Comments

Gary Bailey asked what happened to the money that was approved for the pay raises that the part time employees at the Sheriff’s Department didn’t get? Austin Jaynes stated that it was still in their line items.

Bradley Johnson stated that the prior pay raises needed to be looked at to see if part time employees were included. Who has the authority to pick and choose who gets the pay raises? The commission passed a resolution to cover all employee’s not just full time.

Charles Von Cannon stated that he visited the old Range School that is now a women’s home for the Recovery Soldiers Ministries.

Mark Tester asked Finance Director Watson to clarify if the wages were for part time employees. Ms. Watson stated that the 4% raise was for full and part time employees.

Robin McKamey asked if when that money was not spent, do we get the money back. Austin Jaynes answered that it will go back into the general fund.

Mark Blevins stated that if they didn’t give it to the part time can they be made to give that money back. Attorney Hardin stated that he is looking at it but will not be able to give that answer now.

Robin McKamey asked what the commission can do to approach this. Attorney Hardin stated that there would have to be proven criminal activity to oust an office holder. He is not aware of any kind of criminal activity.

Mark Blevins stated that at the redistricting meeting a lady attended the meeting and he wanted to commend Randall Jenkins for handling a hard situation so well.

Nancy Brown asked if the sheriff will not give the raises will he be able to spend the money? Attorney Hardin stated that he can only spend the money in the line item. The Sheriff may have valid reasons, but it needs to start in Financial Management.

Charles Von Cannon reminded the commission that another elected official years ago did the same thing and it didn't turn out well. We need to know what his thinking is, did he spend the money. Attorney Hardin stated that an invitation should be extended to Sheriff Lunceford to come to the Financial Management Committee.

Mark Tester asked if they can take the money out of his budget if he is not going to spend it for what it has been allocated for? Attorney Hardin asked to wait to see what the situation is first.

Isaiah Grindstaff stated that the Sheriff was under the impression that the raise was not for part time employees, the money given as a commission should be a cost-of-living raise.

Nancy Brown asked if any other departments gave part time employees the raise. Finance Director Watson answered that all but the Sheriffs Department.

Willie Campbell reminded the commission that some part time employees are retired and can't get more money because it will hurt retirement so they would not be making more money.


Gary Bailey said we keep hearing employees leaving the Sheriffs Department, but we don't pay them enough to stay.

Bradley Johnson stated that 2.3 million from the ARP fund has been allotted for the health and welfare of the community. We need to take care of the first responders, this is where we need to start.

Adjournment

Motion by Sonja Culler, second by Daniel McInturff to adjourn. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

EMA Activity Sheet for September

- 9/1 EMA Director was dispatched to a bad accident in Roan Mountain that involved a Subaru car and a tractor trailer. Two people with several injuries were transported to SSH.
- 9/2 Issued out a radio to the new Roan Mountain Constable Chris Grindstaff.
- 9/2 Attended a meeting in Hawkins County with their Mayor and EMA Director.
- 9/3 Loaned out radios to Elizabethton Police Department from our office to help with the Greenville Football Game.
- 9/3 Purchased \$415.00 worth of safety cones for the highway department from our safety grant.
- 9/3 Worked 3 hours on the FEMA COVID Grant.
- 9/9 Worked with finance office 2 hours on COVID Grant.
- 9/10 Worked with Alpha Energy 3 hours on our county morgue trailer. JCMC has requested for this to be on standby for body storage.
- 9/10 Attended a search and rescue drone webinar with TEMA.
- 9/13 Director attended the county budget meeting.
- 9/15 Worked most of the morning with Alpha Energy on our morgue trailer cleaning the fans and putting coolant into the system. We got the trailer to cool down to 32 degrees.
- 9/16 Worked on FEMA grant paperwork for COVID with the finance department.
- 9/20 EMA Director attended the commission meeting.
- 9/21 Worked 2 hours on COVID grant with the finance office.
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AGENDA
Board of County Commissioners
Carter County, Tennessee
REGULAR SESSION
Monday, October 18, 2021 at 6:00 PM

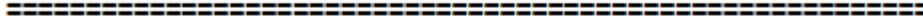
1. Call to Order
2. Courthouse Emergency Egress Plan- EMA Office
3. Roll Call- County Clerk
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Opening Prayer- Commissioner Willie Campbell
6. Pledge of Allegiance
7. Recognition of Elected & Appointed Officials/Guests
8. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes from September meeting
9. Approval of Notaries & Bonds
10. Public Comments- 5 minutes per person
11. Recognition of Spina Bifida Awareness Month- Commissioner Daniel McInturff
12. A. **Recess Regular Session** Public Hearing concerning rezoning request for 176 Wade Bulla Road, Watauga, Tennessee. **Resume Regular Session**

B. Consideration of rezoning request to change from M-1 to A-1 for 176 Wade Bulla Road, Watauga, Tennessee.
13. Resolution Approving Program Policies and Procedures for the Carter County 2021 HOME Program.
14. Mayoral Report – Mayor Patty Woodby
15. Committee Reports (specific action items may be considered in each committee)
16. County Attorney Report
17. Commissioner Comments
18. Adjourn

NOTARES / BONDS

TO BE APPROVED

OCTOBER 18, 2021



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JUDY ANN VINES-CRISP

MICHELLE LEIGH SMITH

STEVEN CARL MCLEMORE JR

JANIE LEWIS

WILLIAM D PRENDERGAST JR

TERESA L KESKA

DENNS MCKESSON

CHRISTINA RENEE CROWE

BRENDA ADAMS

LISA S MCGOVERN

TAMMY BUCHANAN

GREGORY H BOWERS

JOHN L BOWERS III

LISA LYONS

MARK LAWRENCE TESTER



COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORT
OCTOBER 2021

General Litigation update:

1. Nationwide opioid settlement proposal received from Tennessee Attorney General
2. Litter regulation violation cases (Carter County Chancery Court)- continued work in prosecution of active litter cases; Draft and file of five new Complaints; Contempt Hearings on two active cases resulting in jail sentences for violators.

Other Work performed/ongoing:

1. Research completed and opinions rendered for various county office holders and commissioners as requested.
2. Rules and Bylaws Committee - Attended Committee meeting; review and revision of current county employee sick leave policy.
3. County Commission – Draft Agenda, review public notices and attend regular monthly meeting; Meetings with interested parties and revision of Animal Shelter Operating Agreement and Bylaws.
4. Highway Committee/Department – Title research and draft of ROW Deed for Steel Bridge Road; Assist with county easement issue re: Stateline Rd.; Assist with tree issue on Horseshoe Drive; Title research re: "cure street" in Roan Mountain –potential closure; Assist with claim re: damaged public utility markings in county ROW; Review of Contract with TDOT for maintenance projects on several highways.
5. County Clerk – Research and assist with Constable bond issue; Assist with public records request.
6. Planning Department – Continued meetings and assistance provided re: zoning violations and court prosecution of litter cases; Review of contract and proposal from Planning Office with Dude solutions for permit/inspection tracking.
7. Financial Management Committee- Attended committee meeting; Begin review of employee handbook; Review of policies and procedures and draft of Home Grant Resolution to approve.
8. Finance Department – Assistance with property management contract payment issues for Gap Creek Park; Assist with open records request.
9. Sheriff's Office –Review contract and proposal from Sheriff's Office with propertyroom.com for disposal of unclaimed property/evidence
10. EMA Office – Assistance regarding ADA plan issues.
11. Buildings and Grounds Committee – Attended Committee meeting; Revision of sick leave policy.
12. Health and Welfare Committee – Attended Committee meeting.
13. Redistricting Committee – Research for Chairman re: commissioner terms
14. Budget Committee – Attended Committee meeting; Research and assist with various budget procedural questions.
15. Nominating Committee - Attended Committee meeting; Assistance with committee officer questions.

