

**Board of Commisioners**  
**Carter County, TN**  
**REGULAR SESSION**  
**December 13, 2021, 6:00 PM**

**I. Call to Order**

Chairperson Ginger Holdren called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

**II. Courthouse Emergency Egress Plan – EMA Office – Billy Harrell**

EMA monthly report recorded on page: 625

**III. Roll Call**

Electronic Roll Call as Follows:

**Present:**

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

**Absent:**

Nancy Brown	Layla Ward	Daniel McInturff
Jerry Proffitt		

Quorum Present, with twenty (20) present, four (4) absent.

**IV. Approval of Agenda**

**Randall Jenkins made the motion, second by Travis Hill to approve the agenda.**

December Agenda recorded on page: 626-628

Electronic Vote as Follows:

**Yes:**

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

**Absent:**

Nancy Brown		
Jerry Proffitt	Layla Ward	Daniel McInturff

With twenty (20) yes, zero (0) no votes, **motion carried.**

**V. Opening Prayer – Commissioner Willie Campbell**

**VI. Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Sonja Culler**

**VII. Recognition of Elected & Appointed Officials / Guests**

**VIII. Acceptance of Minutes from the Regular Session Meeting held on October 18, 2021**

Charles Von Cannon, Travis Hill, and Ginger Holdren pointed out several typos and misspellings in November's minutes draft.

**Aaron Frazier made the motion, second by Isaiah Grindstaff to approve the minutes with corrections, from the November Regular Session Meeting held November 15, 2021.**

Electronic Vote as Follows:

**Yes:**

Willie Campbell	Mark Tester	Randall Jenkins
Mark Blevins	Charles Von Cannon	Travis Hill
Robert Acuff	Isaiah Grindstaff	Gary Bailey
Michael Miller	Austin Jaynes	Sonja Culler
Julie Guinn	Ross Garland	Aaron Frazier
Bradley Johnson	Ginger Holdren	Robin McKamey

Kelly Collins

Thomas Proffitt

**Absent:**

Nancy Brown

Jerry Proffitt

Layla Ward

Daniel McInturff

With twenty (20) yes, zero (0) no votes, **motion carried.**

IX. **Approval of Notaries and Bonds**

KRISTI J. COLE	ELIZABETH A. GLOVER	MEL MCKAY
LANNY R. NORRIS	REGINA HARRIS	SKYE RODEBACK
WILLIAM L. SCHAFF	PEGGY J. LEWIS	DOUGLAS D. BRADLEY
RYANN MUSICK JEFFERS	KRISTIN ORELLANA	TRACY LYNN TRIVETTE
CAMERON L. HYDER	JOHN FARRELL	AMY WEST
K. NANNETTE CARVER		

**Austin Jaynes made motion, second by Randall Jenkins to approve the Notaries and Bonds.**

Notaries and Bonds for December recorded on page: 629

Electronic Vote as Follows:

**Yes:**

Willie Campbell

Mark Blevins

Robert Acuff

Michael Miller

Julie Guinn

Bradley Johnson

Mark Tester

Charles Von Cannon

Isaiah Grindstaff

Austin Jaynes

Ross Garland

Ginger Holdren

Randall Jenkins

Travis Hill

Gary Bailey

Sonja Culler

Aaron Frazier

Robin McKamey

Kelly Collins

Thomas Proffitt

**Absent:**

Nancy Brown

Jerry Proffitt

Layla Ward

Daniel McInturff

With twenty (20) yes, zero (0) no votes, **motion carried.**

X. **Public Comments**

Marie Hodge of Roan Mountain, spoke regarding the need for emergency medical transport in Roan Mountain.

James McGee, Ridgecrest Drive, spoke concerning road issues on Ridgecrest Drive.

XI. **Resolutions**

**Resolution 812 Honoring the Life of Roscoe “Charlie” Bayless and Designating the Bridge Spanning Buffalo Creek on Gov. Alf Taylor Road in the Milligan Community of Carter County as the “Roscoe ‘Charlie’ Bayless Bridge”. Recorded on page: 630-631**

Attorney Hardin read the resolution to the commission.

**Motion was made by Mark Blevins, second by Ross Garland to approve the resolution as written.**

**Electronic Vote as Follows:**

**Yes:**

Willie Campbell

Mark Blevins

Robert Acuff

Michael Miller

Julie Guinn

Bradley Johnson

Mark Tester

Charles Von Cannon

Isaiah Grindstaff

Austin Jaynes

Ross Garland

Ginger Holdren

Randall Jenkins

Travis Hill

Gary Bailey

Sonja Culler

Aaron Frazier

Robin McKamey

Kelly Collins

Thomas Proffitt

**Absent:**

Nancy Brown

Jerry Proffitt

Layla Ward

Daniel McInturff

With twenty (20) yes votes, zero (0) no, **motion carried.**

Ross Garland, grandson of Roscoe "Charlie" Bayless thanked the highway committee, commission and those who worked so hard on getting this done to honor his grandfather.

Also attached to this, the December 13, 2021, minutes is a Resolution approved in the November 15, 2021, meeting.

**A RESOLUTION 811 IN SUPPORT OF ESTABLISHING A RESIDENTIAL RECOVERY COURT AT THE FORMER NORTHEAST CORRECTIONAL COMPLEX, CARTER COUNTY ANNEX LOCATED IN ROAN MOUNTAIN, TENNESSEE. Recorded on page: 632-633**

**XII. Mayoral Report**

Mayor Patty Woodby informed the commission that she had a meeting with the utilities about infrastructure grants that are available or already going to be awarded to them. The county will be receiving \$8.7 million. These grants are 80/20 matching grants. Many have submitted a spend plans. They will get guidance from TDEC after the first of the year. All utilities will be submitting a plan.

Mayor Woodby also updated the commission that the State has agreed to lease the Roan Mountain Work Camp for \$1 so that it can be utilized for the in-patient drug rehab facility. There will be more information coming in the next few months.

She stated that she would be going to Nashville to meet and discuss the Tweetsie Trail expansion. They are going to look at some funding for some of the projects such as putting a bridge over the Doe River.

Mayor Woodby stated that she and Dr. Tracy McAbee were asked to sit on a panel at Walter State to represent Carter County. They were the only school superintendent and mayor in the eight counties to speak about workforce initiatives. People are very curious about what is going on in Carter County.

She stated that the visit with Governor Lee was extremely productive. He was very impressed with the work being done in Carter County. He stated that it was a one-of-a-kind facility, and he will return upon completion.

**XIII. Committee Reports**

**Budget**

**Motion by Austin Jaynes, second by Ross Garland to appropriate an additional \$26,357.13 to fund the final expense for the employee Full-time and Part-time Christmas bonuses with funding to come from Unassigned Fund Balance (101 39000).**

Electronic Vote as Follows:

**Yes:**

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

**Absent:**

Nancy Brown	Layla Ward
Jerry Proffitt	Daniel McInturff

With twenty (20) yes, zero (0) no votes, **motion carried.**

**Motion by Mark Blevins, second by Julie Guinn to suspend the rules to vote on a motion not brought through the Budget Committee.**

Electronic Vote as Follows:

**Yes:**

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

**Absent:**

Nancy Brown  
Jerry Proffitt

Layla Ward  
Daniel McInturff

With twenty (20) yes, zero (0) no votes, **motion carried.**

**Motion by Aaron Frazier, second by Gary Bailey to approve an additional \$1,964.58 to fund the final bonus expense for two Full-time and three Part-time employees that have been absent due to military leave or sick leave, with funding coming from Unassigned Fund Balance (101 39000).**

Electronic Vote as Follows:

**Yes:**

Willie Campbell  
Mark Blevins  
Robert Acuff  
Michael Miller  
Julie Guinn  
Bradley Johnson  
Mark Tester

Charles Von Cannon  
Isaiah Grindstaff  
Austin Jaynes  
Ross Garland  
Ginger Holdren  
Randall Jenkins  
Travis Hill

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

**Absent:**

Nancy Brown  
Jerry Proffitt

Layla Ward  
Daniel McInturff

With twenty (20) yes, zero (0) no votes, **motion carried.**

**Motion by Austin Jaynes, second by Isaiah Grindstaff to appropriate \$150,000 for the construction of a new fire department building by the Hampton / Valley Forge Volunteer Fire Department, to be set aside into a reserve account (101 34625 012). Funding to come from ARP Funds if permitted by the final interim rule (127 39000), or from the Unassigned Fund Balance, if not.**

Mark Blevins stated that they just asked for \$25,000 and now \$150,000 more. Chair Jaynes stated that this was for a separate building.

Randall Jenkins stated that he would like to see the money for this station secured.

Electronic Vote as Follows:

**Yes:**

Willie Campbell  
Mark Blevins  
Mike Miller  
Julie Guinn  
Bradley Johnson  
Mark Tester

Isaiah Grindstaff  
Austin Jaynes  
Ross Garland  
Ginger Holdren  
Randall Jenkins  
Travis Hill

Gary Bailey  
Aaron Frazier  
Robin McKamey  
Kelly Collin  
Thomas Proffitt

**No:**

Robert Acuff

Sonja Culler

**Abstain:**

Charles Von Cannon

**Absent:**

Nancy Brown  
Jerry Proffitt

Layla Ward  
Daniel McInturff

With seventeen (17) yes votes, two (2) no votes, one (1) abstain, **motion carried.**

**Motion by Austin Jaynes, second by Mark Blevins to authorize payments of 2.5% of the amount awarded for independently secured grant funds and 1.25% of the amount awarded for support of grant applications if completed in cooperation with (outside) agencies with a retroactive date of January 1, 2021, not to exceed \$5,000 per grant with funds allocated to Mayor's Office bonus line (1040 51300 188 110).**

Electronic Vote as Follows:

**Yes:**

Willie Campbell  
Mark Blevins  
Robert Acuff

Mike Miller  
Julie Guinn  
Bradley Johnson

Mark Tester  
Charles Von Cannon  
Isaiah Grindstaff

Austin Jaynes  
Ross Garland  
Ginger Holdren  
Randall Jenkins

Travis Hill  
Gary Bailey  
Sonja Culler  
Aaron Frazier

Robin McKamey  
Kelly Collins  
Thomas Proffitt

**Absent:**

Nancy Brown  
Jerry Proffitt

Layla Ward  
Daniel McInturff

With twenty (20) yes votes, zero (0) no votes, **motion carried.**

**Motion made by Austin Jaynes, second by Aaron Frazier to appropriate \$2,050 for bonus payment (101 51300 188 110) related to grant funds secured by the mayor's office, with funding coming from the Unassigned Fund Balance (101 39000).**

Electronic Vote as Follows:

**Yes:**

Willie Campbell  
Mark Blevins  
Robert Acuff  
Michael Miller  
Julie Guinn  
Bradley Johnson  
Mark Tester

Isaiah Grindstaff  
Austin Jaynes  
Ross Garland  
Ginger Holdren  
Randall Jenkins  
Travis Hill  
Gary Bailey

Sonja Culler  
Aaron Frazier  
Robin McKamey  
Kelly Collins  
Thomas Proffitt

**Absent:**

Nancy Brown  
Jerry Proffitt

Layla Ward  
Daniel McInturff

**Abstain:**

Charles Von Cannon

With nineteen (19) yes, zero (0) no votes, one (1) abstain, **motion carried.**

**Motion by Austin Jaynes, second by Aaron Frazier to approve General Fund #101 budget amendment #6 (items #1-8) for a total of \$140,704.40, with \$85,000 coming from Fund Balance (101 Q 34625), with nothing coming from the Unassigned Fund Balance.**

Electronic Vote as Follows:

**Yes:**

Willie Campbell  
Mark Blevins  
Robert Acuff  
Michael Miller  
Julie Guinn  
Bradley Johnson  
Mark Tester

Charles Von Cannon  
Isaiah Grindstaff  
Austin Jaynes  
Ross Garland  
Ginger Holdren  
Randall Jenkins  
Travis Hill

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

**Absent:**

Nancy Brown  
Jerry Proffitt

Layla Ward  
Daniel McInturff

With twenty (20) yes, zero (0) no votes, **motion carried.**

**Motion by Austin Jaynes, second by Gary Bailey to approve Solid Waste Fund #116 budget amendment #2 (item #1) for a total of \$12,000, with nothing coming from this fund's Unassigned Fund Balance.**

Electronic Vote as Follows:

**Yes:**

Willie Campbell  
Mark Blevins  
Robert Acuff  
Michael Miller  
Julie Guinn  
Bradley Johnson  
Mark Tester

Charles Von Cannon  
Isaiah Grindstaff  
Austin Jaynes  
Ross Garland  
Ginger Holdren  
Randall Jenkins  
Travis Hill

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

**Absent:**

Nancy Brown  
Jerry Proffitt

Layla Ward  
Daniel McInturff

With twenty (20) yes, zero (0) no votes, **motion carried.**

**Motion by Austin Jaynes, second by Charles Von Cannon to approve General Purpose School Fund #141 budget amendment #6 (items #1-5) in the amount of \$389,041.48 with noting coming from this funds Unassigned Fund Balance.**

Electronic Vote as Follows:

**Yes:**

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

**Absent:**

Nancy Brown  
Jerry Proffitt

Layla Ward  
Daniel McInturff

With twenty (20) yes, zero (0) no votes, **motion carried.**

**Motion by Austin Jaynes, second by Robin McKamey to approve School Federal Projects Fund #142 budget amendment #6 (items #1-7) for a total of \$15,879,163.76, with nothing coming from this funds Unassigned Fund Balance.**

Electronic Vote as Follows:

**Yes:**

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

**Absent:**

Nancy Brown  
Jerry Proffitt

Layla Ward  
Daniel McInturff

With twenty (20) yes, zero (0) no votes, **motion carried.**

**Motion by Austin Jaynes, second by Robin McKamey to approve Head Start Fund #145 budget amendment #3 (item #1) to reallocate funds between major categories in the amount of \$19,000 with nothing coming from this funds Unassigned Fund Balance.**

Electronic Vote as Follows:

**Yes:**

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

**Absent:**

Nancy Brown  
Jerry Proffitt

Layla Ward  
Daniel McInturff

With twenty (20) yes, zero (0) no votes, **motion carried.**

**Motion by Austin Jaynes, second by Aaron Frazier to approve the following monetary donations to the Animal Shelter in the amount of \$1,030.**

Electronic Vote as Follows:

**Yes:**

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

**Absent:**

Nancy Brown	Layla Ward
Jerry Proffitt	Daniel McInturff

With twenty (20) yes, zero (0) no votes, **motion carried.**

**Financial Management**

**Motion by Bradley Johnson, second by Mark Tester to approve the 2022 county Holiday list.**

**Recorded on page: 634**

Electronic Vote as Follows:

**Yes:**

Willie Campbell	Austin Jaynes	Sonja Culler
Mark Blevins	Ross Garland	Aaron Frazier
Robert Acuff	Ginger Holdren	Robin McKamey
Mike Miller	Randall Jenkins	Kelly Collins
Julie Guinn	Travis Hill	Thomas Proffitt
Isaiah Grindstaff	Gary Bailey	

**Absent:**

Nancy Brown	Layla Ward
Jerry Proffitt	Daniel McInturff

With twenty (20) yes votes, zero (0) no votes, **motion carried.**

Chair Johnson updated the commission on the timeline for the communication project. He stated that Commissioner Aaron Frazier took the old RFP and made some corrections and additions. There will be more information in the January Packet. The RFP will go out on December 15, 2021; there will be a site visit on January 15, 2022; Question and Answer session on February 15, 2022; the closing date is March 15, 2022; the bids will be opened at the Financial Management meeting in April; the winning bids will be brought to the commission meeting in April to give presentations. Chair Johnson also stated that there will be a sheet with options to finance the project.

Randall Jenkins asked about the survey for the departments and employees. Mr. Johnson stated that because of COVID the survey was stopped but it is scheduled to resume in January and should take about 3 to 4 months to complete if no more COVID regulations allow. A presentation will be given at completion.

**Park & Rec**

Aaron Frazier reported that TDEC has permanently closed the pools at Roan Mountain, Warriors Path and David Crockett State Parks. There will be a meeting on Tuesday December 14, 2021, at 5:00 PM. for the community to give their feedback on the closing. They would like to try to get it turned over to the county. Chair Holdren asked if the closing was due to COVID, Mr. Frazier stated that it was because of lack of use as reported by TDEC. He stated that if it could be turned over to the county, they could make arrangements with the TN Promise for community service opportunities.

**Landfill**

Chair Gary Bailey told the commission that there was a problem at the landfill with the concrete breaking up. It was built 30 or so years ago. An engineering firm will need to come in and look at it. The problem is that they will have a problem closing half of the center to fix it then closing the other half. He also wanted to bring to the attention of the committee that the landfill is running out of space. They have estimated that there is about another five (5) years left before

they will have to expand or close. There are several pieces of land that are boarder properties, and the committee is checking to see if they are available for purchase.

#### **Health & Welfare**

Chair Robert Acuff stated that a representative with Skybest will be meeting with the school Board. He would like to see if they will put some money into the project. He also informed the commission that he has gotten an RFP from Watauga County NC and after speaking with Attorney Hardin they will be able to use that RFP as a template for the Carter County project. The specs would have to be changed but it can be used.

#### **Planning**

Chris Schuettler stated that there would not be a Planning meeting in December.

#### **Building & Grounds**

Mayor Woodby and Isaiah Grindstaff updated the commission on the live stream system. The project should begin in January 2022.

#### **Chamber of Commerce**

Ross Garland stated that he spoke with Joy, and she informed him that the ice rink has been a great success.

#### **Animal Shelter**

Kelly Collins asked to let the minutes reflect

#### **Highway**

Chair Blevins stated that the Highway Committee meeting in January 2022 will be on the first Monday with the Education/Landfill Committees.

#### **XIV. County Attorney Report – Attorney Josh Hardin**

Attorney Hardin reported that he is continuing to work on prosecution of active liter cases. He is still assisting in completing the “opt in” requirements for the Tennessee Attorney General Nationwide Opioid Settlement. Attorney Hardin’s report is recorded on page: 635

#### **Park & Rec**

Aaron Frazier stated that the Park & Rec would like to transfer funds from line item 599 to line item 321 and will need to suspend the rules because it did not go to Budget.

**Motion was made by Aaron Frazier, second by Randall Jenkins to suspend the rules to transfer funds within the Park & Rec budget.**

Electronic Vote as Follows:

#### **Yes:**

Willie Campbell	Charles Von Cannon	Sonja Culler
Mark Blevins	Isaiah Grindstaff	Aaron Frazier
Robert Acuff	Ross Garland	Robin McKamey
Mike Miller	Ginger Holdren	Kelly Collins
Julie Guinn	Randall Jenkins	Thomas Proffitt
Bradley Johnson	Travis Hill	
Mark Tester	Gary Bailey	

#### **Absent:**

Nancy Brown	Layla Ward
Jerry Proffitt	Daniel McInturff

With twenty (20) yes votes, zero (0) no votes, **motion carried.**

**Motion was made by Aaron Frazier, second by Gary Bailey to transfer \$19,795 from Park & Rec line item 599 to 321 for the bridge project on the Tweetsie Trail.**

Electronic Vote as Follows:

#### **Yes:**

Willie Campbell	Julie Guinn	Isaiah Grindstaff
Mark Blevins	Bradley Johnson	Ross Garland
Robert Acuff	Mark Tester	Ginger Holdren
Mike Miller	Charles Von Cannon	Randall Jenkins



Travis Hill  
Gary Bailey  
Sonja Culler

Aaron Frazier  
Robin McKamey  
Kelly Collins

Thomas Proffitt

**Abstain:**  
Austin Jaynes

**Absent:**  
Nancy Brown  
Jerry Proffitt

Layla Ward  
Daniel McInturff

With nineteen (19) yes votes, zero (0) no votes, one (1) abstain, motion carried.

**XV. Commissioner Comments**

Commissioner Gary Bailey asked Attorney Hardin if there was an update from the City about the Animal Shelter Contract. Attorney Hardin stated that he attended two meetings. There was an agreement that the county approved but the city did not. He is waiting to hear feedback from them and what their intentions are.

Motion by Gary Bailey, second by Aaron Frazier for the county attorney Josh Hardin to contact the city mayor or city attorney to bring information back to the commission in January.

Electronic Vote as Follows:

Yes:

Willie Campbell  
Mark Blevins  
Robert Acuff  
Julie Guinn  
Mike Miller  
Bradley Johnson  
Mark Tester

Charles Von Cannon  
Isaiah Grindstaff  
Austin Jaynes  
Ross Garland  
Ginger Holdren  
Randall Jenkins  
Travis Hill

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

**Absent:**  
Nancy Brown  
Jerry Proffitt

Layla Ward  
Daniel McInturff

With twenty (20) yes votes, **motion carried.**

Commissioner Charles Von Cannon stood and spoke to the commission about wearing a mask to protect those around you. He named other countries who wear masks and their COVID numbers are lower.

**XVI. Adjournment**

Motion by Kelly Collins, second by Aaron Frazier to adjourn.

Voice Vote:

All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

## EMA ACTIVITY REPORT FOR NOVEMBER

- 11/1 EMA Deputy attended a Point of Dispensing meeting with the Carter County Health Department
- 11/1 EMA Director worked on a portable antenna with 911 employees at the Elizabethton Airport for dispatching in a communications failure exercise.
- 11/2 Met with Signature Health Care about helping them perform a tornado drill for their training for the State of Tennessee.
- 11/2 EMA Director met with the highway department about setting up an emergency generator in case of power failure so that all county vehicles can still get fuel.
- 11/3 EMA Director attended a meeting in Sullivan County about a team of search and rescue personnel that is available to come upon request from the State of Kentucky.
- 11/4 County agencies conducted an exercise at the Elizabethton Airport that dealt with having a communications failure. News Center 5 also responded with an interview team and the interview was on the news.
- 11/5 EMA employees attended tanker crash training in Greenville, TN. This was hands on training that lasted 4 hours.
- 11/8 EMA Deputy attended the budget meeting at the Carter County Courthouse.
- 11/8 EMA Director attended the Amateur Radio meeting at the Carter County EOC.
- 11/9 EMA employees attended regional TEMA training in Knoxville.
- 11/11 EMA Director was called out by 911 to a dead calf in Powder Branch. I contacted the highway department to remove the calf on the following day.
- 11/15 – 11/19 EMA Director attended the TEMA Directors Academy in Franklin, TN.
- 11/23 EMA Director met with a person from the community that wants to be a member of our Amateur Radio group.
- 11/26 Worked on FEMA paperwork for three hours for a grant we are trying to get.
- 11/29 Worked on FEMA paperwork again for four hours.
- 11/29 Conducted a fire drill at Carter County Courthouse for the employees.

**AGENDA**  
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**Carter County, Tennessee**  
**REGULAR SESSION**  
**Monday, December 13, 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 regular November meeting.
9. Approval of Notaries & Bonds
10. Public Comments- 5 minutes per person
11. Resolutions:
  - A. *Resolution Honoring the Life of Roscoe "Charlie" Bayless and Designating the Bridge Spanning Buffalo Creek on Gov. Alf Taylor Road in the Milligan Community of Carter County as the "Roscoe 'Charlie' Bayless Bridge".*
12. Mayoral Report – **Mayor Patty Woodby**
13. Committee Reports (specific action items listed for each committee)
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9. Motion to approve Head Start Fund #145 budget amendment #3 (item #1) to reallocate funds between major categories in the amount of \$19,000.00. with nothing coming from this funds Unassigned Fund Balance.
10. Motion to approve the following monetary donation to the Animal Shelter in the amount of \$1,030.00.

B. Financial Management Committee

1. Approval of the 2022 County Holidays

14. County Attorney Report

15. Commissioner Comments

16. Adjourn

NOTARES / BONDS  
TO BE APPROVED  
DECEMBER 13, 2021

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KRISTI J. COLE  
ELIZABETH A. GLOVER  
MEL MCKAY  
LANNY R. NORRIS  
REGINA HARRIS  
SKYE RODEBACK  
WILLIAM L. SCHAFF  
PEGGY J. LEWIS  
DOUGLAS D. BRADLEY  
RYANN MUSICK JEFFERS  
KRISTIN ORELLANA  
TRACY LYNN TRIVETTE  
CAMERON L. HYDER  
JOHN FARRELL  
AMY WEST  
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BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR CARTER COUNTY, TENNESSEE

REGULAR MEETING, MONDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2021

RESOLUTION NO. 812

"A RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE OF ROSCOE "CHARLIE" BAYLESS AND DESIGNATING THE BRIDGE SPANNING BUFFALO CREEK LOCATED ON GOVERNOR ALF TAYLOR ROAD IN THE MILLIGAN COMMUNITY OF CARTER COUNTY AS THE "ROSCOE 'CHARLIE' BAYLESS BRIDGE"

WHEREAS, Roscoe "Charlie" Bayless was born on October 1, 1923 and was raised in Carter County and graduated from Happy Valley High School where he lettered in basketball, football and baseball; and

WHEREAS, shortly after high school Mr. Bayless served his country during World War II as an MP in the 621<sup>st</sup> Division that followed General Patton's third army and assisted in rounding up and guarding German prisoners of war; and

WHEREAS, after serving in World War II, Mr. Bayless returned home to the Milligan Community and married Jane Sisk Bayless, a marriage that lasted 74 years until her recent passing and resulted in four children, six grandchildren and eight great grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bayless attended Milligan College before transferring to East Tennessee State University (ETSU) where he played basketball and graduated in 1950. After graduating from ETSU he served as the head basketball coach at Jonesboro High School for one year before returning to his alma mater, Happy Valley High School, where he was the head basketball coach for 59 years until his retirement in 2012 at the age of 88 after amassing more than 800 career wins; and

WHEREAS, Coach Bayless' basketball teams won numerous conference, district and regional championships over the years in addition to winning a state championship in 1974. During Coach Bayless' tenure at Happy Valley High School he also coached baseball, football, track and golf. At one point he was the head coach of four different sports teams that each won conference titles in the same year; and

WHEREAS, due to his tremendous success as a player and coach Mr. Bayless has been inducted into the TSSAA Hall of Fame, ETSU Hall of Fame, and the Carter County Sports Hall of Fame, and has also had the Happy Valley High School gymnasium named in his honor; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bayless also found the time to serve the citizens of his community and Carter County as a whole as a member of the Carter County Commission for an incredible total of fifty four years; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Carter County would like to formally recognize and honor the life of Roscoe "Charlie" Bayless by adopting this Resolution in his honor and officially designating the bridge on Governor Alf Taylor Road spanning Buffalo Creek located just below Milligan College in the Milligan Community of Carter County as the "Roscoe 'Charlie' Bayless Bridge".

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Carter County, Tennessee, meeting in regular session on this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2021, with a lawful quorum of said Board being present and with a majority voting in the affirmative as follows:

1. That the Board hereby adopts this Resolution honoring Roscoe "Charlie" Bayless for his lifetime of service to his country, his county and his community.
2. That the Board hereby officially designates the bridge spanning Buffalo Creek on Governor Alf Taylor Road in the Milligan Community of Carter County as the "Roscoe 'Charlie' Bayless Bridge", and directs that said bridge shall always bear the name of Mr. Bayless 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

Adopted this 13<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2021

CARTER COUNTY, TENNESSEE  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

APPROVED:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
GINGER HOLDREN CHAIR  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

APPROVED:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
PATTY WOODBEY  
CARTER COUNTY MAYOR

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, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2021

RESOLUTION NO. 811

"A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ESTABLISHING A RESIDENTIAL RECOVERY COURT AT THE FORMER NORTHEAST CORRECTIONAL COMPLEX, CARTER COUNTY ANNEX LOCATED IN ROAN MOUNTAIN, TENNESSEE"

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners for Carter County, Tennessee recognizes the toll that drug abuse, and particularly the abuse of opioids, has taken on Carter County and the surrounding area; and

WHEREAS, addicts often struggle to find help in our community to beat their addiction and left untreated the addiction often leads to criminal activity and a strain on local resources to prosecute or treat, house inmates, and provide medical treatment for those affected; and

WHEREAS, in many cases drug addiction leads to loss of life, and according to data from the Tennessee Department of Health there were more than 3,000 drug overdose deaths in Tennessee in 2020, with a significant portion of those deaths occurring in the Northeast Tennessee region; and

WHEREAS, the true effects of drug addiction can often play out over multiple generations and decimate families and communities; and

WHEREAS, there are currently no residential recovery courts in this region of the type that could make a sustained impact to allow an addict to successfully beat his or her addiction and become a productive member of society once again; and

WHEREAS, having a residential recovery court in Carter County would make a dramatic difference in the lives of those addicted to drugs and their families, and could also have a long-lasting positive impact on our entire region for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, local Judges and Prosecutors are currently formulating a plan to establish a regional residential recovery court and have proposed locating said program in the Northeast Correctional Complex, Carter County Annex which was formerly operated by the Tennessee Department of Corrections; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners for Carter County is in full support of said proposal and would request that the Northeast Correctional Complex, Carter County Annex be made available for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, in further support of this endeavor the Board has agreed to reserve the settlement funds Carter County recently received from the "Baby Doe" litigation, which was filed by the District Attorneys General in the First, Second and Third Judicial Districts as a result of the opioid epidemic in this region, for future use toward the proposed residential recovery court.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners for Carter County, Tennessee, meeting in regular session on this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2021 with a lawful quorum of said Board being present and with a majority voting in the affirmative as follows:

1. That the Board fully supports establishing the proposed residential recovery court at the Northeast Correctional Complex, Carter County Annex in Roan Mountain, Tennessee which was formerly operated by the Tennessee Department of Corrections.
2. That the Board requests that the State Legislators representing Carter County in the Tennessee General Assembly and Tennessee Governor Bill Lee actively support this endeavor through legislation or otherwise on behalf of their constituents in Carter County so that the property in question owned by the State of Tennessee is made available for said purpose.
3. That if necessary to facilitate the actual transfer or lease of the property for this purpose the Board supports the transfer of the property from the State of Tennessee Department of General Services to the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services.

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

Adopted this 15<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2021

CARTER COUNTY, TENNESSEE  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

APPROVED:

By \_\_\_\_\_  
GINGER HOLDREN, CHAIR  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

APPROVED:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
PATLY WOODBY  
CARTER COUNTY MAYOR

ATTEST:

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MARY GOUGE  
CARTER COUNTY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM.

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JOSHUA A. HARKIN  
CARTER COUNTY ATTORNEY

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## **CARTER COUNTY HOLIDAYS 2022**

Martin Luther King Jr. Day	Monday, January 17
President's Day	Monday, February 21
Good Friday	Friday, April 15
Election Day (County Primary)	Tuesday, May 3
Memorial Day	Monday, May 30
Independence Day	Monday, July 4
Election Day (County General and State & Federal Primary)	Thursday, August 4
Labor Day	Monday, September 5
Election (State & Federal General)	Tuesday, November 8
Veterans Day	Friday, November 11
Thanksgiving	Thursday, November 24 Friday, November 25
Christmas	Thursday, December 22 Friday, December 23 Monday, December 26
New Years Day	Monday, January 2, 2023

COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORT  
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General Litigation update:

1. Litter regulation violation cases (Carter County Chancery Court)- continued work in prosecution of active litter cases; Court appearances in matters of Carter County v. Romeisa Ward, and Carter Co. v. Frye. Draft and obtain approval of orders after compliance achieved in four cases.
2. Tennessee Attorney General Nationwide Opioid Settlement- Continued assistance in completing "opt in" requirements.

Other Work performed/ongoing:

1. Research completed and opinions rendered for various county office holders and commissioners as requested.
  2. Mayor's Office – Continued research of issues related to vaccine mandate, face covering concerns, new laws adopted in General Assembly and subsequent litigation.
  3. Planning Department – Continued meetings and assistance provided re: court prosecution of litter cases; Research and assist with storm water violation procedures.
  4. County Commission – Draft meeting agenda; Research and draft of Resolution in support of former prison annex in Roan Mountain as drug treatment facility; Assistance with submittal of redistricting Resolutions.
  5. Highway Committee/Department – Attended Committee meeting; continued assistance re: C. Grindstaff Road drainage issue including site visit to meet with property owner; Review of TDOT contract for signal at 19E/Gap Creek Rd.; Draft of Bridge Dedication Resolution for Roscoe "Charlie" Bayless Bridge.
  6. Parks and Rec Board – Assistance provided with Fish Springs Park project.
  7. Financial Management Committee- Assistance with Evergreen salary study issue.
  8. Education Committee – Attended Committee meeting.
  9. Landfill Committee - Attended Committee meeting; Title research and send letters to owners re: potential landfill expansion.
  10. Juvenile Court - Research changes in law related to detention of juvenile status offenders.
  11. Finance Department – Research and assist with questions re: ethics policy/conflict of interest; Review of materials, research and draft/edit Resolution re: interfund loan
  12. Health & Welfare Committee – Review of RFP re: Broadband project.
  13. Sheriff's Office – Research re: disposal of confiscated property and evidence.
  14. Budget Committee – Review architect contract for Finance Dept. renovations.
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