

Board of Commissioners

Carter County, TN

REGULAR SESSION

February 22, 2022, 6:00 PM

I. **Call to Order**

Chairperson Ginger Holdren called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

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

III. **Roll Call**

Electronic Roll Call as Follows:

Present:

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

Absent:

Robert Acuff	Jerry Proffitt	Ross Garland
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Twenty-one (21) present, three (3) absent, Quorum Present

IV. **Approval of Agenda**

Chairwoman Ginger Holdren asked to make the following changes to the agenda.

Add Health & Welfare workshop dates announcement after #7. Recognition of Elected & Appointed Officials/Guests.

Change 14 A Resolution In Support of a Broadband Infrastructure Expansion Project for Carter County, Tennessee to 14 B

Add Juvenile Detention Center as 14 A.

Motion by Aaron Frazier, second by Mark Blevins to approve the agenda with the amendments.

Electronic Vote as Follows:

Yes:

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

With twenty-one (21) yes votes, **motion carried.**

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

VI. **Pledge of Allegiance – Mark Tester**

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

Announcement for Health & Welfare – Dates for Townhall meetings

Chairwoman Holdren announced the dates for the Townhall meetings for discussion of the ARP Funds are as follows and will be held in the Main Courtroom.

Monday February 28, 2022 @ 6:00 PM

Tuesday March 01, 2022 @ 6:00 PM (Regular Scheduled Meeting)

Monday March 28, 2022 @ 6:00 PM

VIII. **Acceptance of Minutes from the Regular Session Meeting held on January 18, 2022**

Motion was made by Mark Blevins, second by Randall Jenkins to accept the minutes from the January Commission Meeting.

Electronic Vote as Follows:

Yes:

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

With twenty-one (21) yes votes, **motion carried.**

IX. Approval of Notaries and Bonds

JAMES C MILLER	CHERYL PHILLIPS	JOYCE POPE BIRCHFIELD
JUDY CARVER DELOACH	MARIANNA E CARR	NIKKI A GARLAND
PAULA MCEWEN	KATHLEEN LAROCK	CHRISTIAN TANNER DYER
REBECCA MARR	TYLER B ARNOLD	JODI L SHIPLEY
ELLEN CORVIN	JONATHAN TODD FIELDS	BRETT A COLE
RHENDA KELLY	REGINA CHAMBERS	AMY HUSKINS
TRACI ENGLISH	DANIEL J WILSON	NANCY EDDINS
SHARON D MILLER	JOHNNY R JULIAN	DEBORAH R LEDFORD
DRISTI DEMOSS	ZOE KAROLINE WILLIFORD	LAUREN BELCHER

Motion by Travis Hill, second by Kelly Collins to approve the Notaries and Bonds.

Electronic Vote as Follows:

Yes:

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

With twenty-one (21) yes votes, **motion carried.**

X. Public Comments

Mary Harvey spoke to the commission asking for them to consider inviting an independent mediator to the meetings between the Carter County Commission/Elizabethton City Council members regarding the Animal Shelter.

Roy Livingston asked the commission to please pay attention to the money coming into the county and where it goes. People are coming in and asking for money, please pay attention to where it goes. Once the taxes are raised it is forever. Budget is not needed till June, why hurry?

Samantha Morland, contacted about a veteran on Dry Creek Road who has sixty (60) cats and cannot afford to care for them. She stated that when the commission gives money to the animal shelter or a rescue, you are helping people that help rescue these animals. This helps the community. The gentleman is 85 years old, a veteran and is trying his best to take care of them but is not able to continue.

XI. Elizabethton/Carter County Chamber of Commerce Presentation – Joy McCray

Joy McCray from the Chamber of Commerce to thank the commission for supporting the chamber. She thanked the commission for the support of the Omnium bike race. This race has brought people from all over the world to Carter County. We have three families that have moved here because they came to Carter County for this race.

Ms. McCray spoke about the candidate forum for those running for office in the May elections. She stated that it was free to attend and free to participate.

She continued, giving an update on the Ice Rink. She informed the commission that they met the goal set for this year and are now going to purchase a rink for next year. The rink this year was 16' x 34' and the one that they are purchasing is 43' x 92'. She thanked the commission for the support and the Park & Recreation Board for being so easy to work with. It helped make it a success.

XII. Keep Carter County Beautiful Presentation – Ed Jordan and Don Hlavaty

Ed Jordan, founder introduced Don Hlavaty as the new Director of KCCB. Mr. Hlavaty spoke to the commission thanking them for the support. He reminded the commissioners that there are still things to do and asked for the continued support of the commission. He stated that 100% of the money that is donated to the KCCB goes directly back to the community. They are taking a presentation to the local schools to increase awareness of the importance of recycling and beautification. He hopes that law enforcement will continue to move in the right direction to enforce ordinances. Most trash is due to uncovered loads and expressed the need to figure out how to get people to cover their loads and to get work crews to help with clean up. He challenged everyone there to look beside the roads, the medians and notice where the trash is once you see it you will always see it.

XIII. **Carter County Parks and Rec. Board Presentation – Ken Gouge**

Ken Gouge attended the meeting to update and discuss the projects that are in progress, ones that have been finished and to talk about future projects. He explained how they do not build parks but work with community groups and volunteers to build parks. Some of the projects are Gap Creek Park, Fish Springs Park, the tunnel trail proposed on the Tweetsie Trail Expansion. He stated that there is money in the budget to build another park, they are just waiting on a community group to make a move.

He stated that he believes they have demonstrated that they put the money given to them to good use. He thanked Roger Colbaugh, Highway Superintendent and Chris Schuettler for their help. He asked the question of the commission, is it time to establish a Carter County Park & Rec Department?

XIV. **Resolutions**

A. Juvenile Detention Center

Attorney Hardin brought to the commission a letter that Mayor Woodby received from the Juvenile Detention Center and the rate increase that they are implementing on March 1, 2021. Attorney Hardin stated that this was the only one between Carter County and Knoxville and if we did not agree to the new rate, service would be denied after March 1. He stated that the contract is up in September.

Motion by Mark Blevins, second by Willie Campbell to table this till the meeting in March.

Electronic Vote as Follows:

Yes:

Willie Campbell	Mark Tester	Daniel McInturff
Mark Blevins	Ginger Holdren	Aaron Frazier
Nancy Brown	Layla Ward	Kelly Collins
Mike Miller	Randall Jenkins	Thomas Proffitt
Julie Guinn	Travis Hill	
Bradley Johnson	Gary Bailey	

No:

Isaiah Grindstaff	Sonja Culler
Austin Jaynes	Robin McKamey

Abstain:

Charles Von Cannon

With sixteen (16) yes votes, four (4) no votes, one (1) abstain, **motion carried.**

B. Resolution In Support of a Broadband Infrastructure Expansion Project for Carter County, Tennessee.

Attorney Hardin explained the resolution

Motion was made by Isaiah Grindstaff, second by Sonja Culler to accept the Resolution as written.

Electronic Vote as Follows:

Yes:

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

With twenty-one (21) yes votes, **motion carried.**

XV. Mayoral Report

Mayor Woodby was in Greene County at their county commission meeting speaking to them about the drug rehab facility in Roan Mountain.

XVI. Committee Reports

Budget

Motion by Aaron Frazier, second by Julie Guinn to authorize the Director of Finance to amend the appropriate budget lines in the Jail's budget to fund the bonus and related expenses necessary to pay all Sheriff and Jail personnel members a bonus of \$3,000 for full-time employees and a bonus of \$1,500 for part-time employees working 20 or more hours regularly per pay period, retroactively to October 1, 2021, with Chief Parrish to be included but not including Sheriff Dexter Lunceford because he is an elected official, payable quarterly and ending on June 30, 2022. Funding to come from expense lines already budgeted Nothing coming from Fund Balance.

Electronic Vote as Follows:

Yes:

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

Charles Von Cannon
Austin Jaynes
Ginger Holdren
Layla Ward
Randall Jenkins
Travis Hill
Gary Bailey

Daniel McInturff
Aaron Frazier
Robin McKamey
Kelly Collins
Thomas Proffitt

No:

Sonja Culler

Abstain:

Isaiah Grindstaff

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

Motion by Aaron Frazier, second by Mark Blevins to provide an immediate pay raise of \$1,000.00 annually for full-time Corrections officers (Jailers only), stipulating that the raise is to be certified by the department head for every applicable employee, with funding to come from already budgeted personnel lines.

Electronic Vote as Follows:

Yes:

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

Charles Von Cannon
Austin Jaynes
Ginger Holdren
Layla Ward
Randall Jenkins
Travis Hill
Gary Bailey

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

Abstain:

Isaiah Grindstaff

With twenty (20) yes votes, one (1) abstain, **motion carried.**

Motion by Aaron Frazier, second by Julie Guinn to appropriate \$80,000 previously reserved in June 2021 but unexpended, for the salary and benefits for the Communications officer position to be placed in applicable line items as noted. Salary of \$60,000 in 101-54900-143 and benefits of \$20,000 in 101-54900-201/204/206/207/208/210/212.

Note: Money has already been set aside.

Abby Frye and Aaron Frazier read the job description to the commission and discussion began regarding the hiring and pay for this position.

Motion by Mark Blevins, second by Mike Miller to stop discussion.

Electronic Vote as Follows:

Yes:

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

Charles Von Cannon
Isaiah Grindstaff
Austin Jaynes
Ginger Holdren
Layla Ward
Randall Jenkins
Travis Hill

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

With twenty-one (21) yes votes, **motion carried.**

Electronic Vote as Follows:

Yes:

Willie Campbell
Mark Blevins
Nancy Brown
Mike Miller
Julie Guinn
Bradley Johnson

Mark Tester
Isaiah Grindstaff
Austin Jaynes
Layla Ward
Randall Jenkins
Travis Hill

Gary Bailey
Daniel McInturff
Aaron Frazier
Robin McKamey
Thomas Proffitt

No:

Ginger Holdren

Sonja Culler

Kelly Collins

Abstain:

Charles Von Cannon

With seventeen (17) yes votes, three (3) no votes, one (1) abstain, **motion carried.**

Motion by Aaron Frazier, second by Nancy Brown to appropriate up to \$70,000 to account 101-54110-716 Law Enforcement Equipment for Wi-Fi hotspots, related communications equipment, and night vision equipment for the Sheriff Department from Committed for Public Safety reserve account number 34625-034.

Note: This came about because of the shooting in Roan Mountain.

Electronic Vote as Follows:

Yes:

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

Charles Von Cannon
Isaiah Grindstaff
Austin Jaynes
Ginger Holdren
Layla Ward
Randall Jenkins
Travis Hill

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

With twenty-one (21) yes votes, **motion carried**

Motion by Aaron Frazier, second by Mark Blevins to approve County Fund #101 budget amendment #8 (items #1-8) for a total of \$19,980.47, with \$1,825.47 coming from Fund Balance, nothing coming from Unassigned Fund Balance.

Electronic Vote as Follows:

Yes:

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

Charles Von Cannon
Isaiah Grindstaff
Austin Jaynes
Ginger Holdren
Layla Ward
Randall Jenkins
Travis Hill

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

With twenty-one (21) yes votes, **motion carried**

Motion by Aaron Frazier, second by Nancy Brown to approve General Fund #141 budget amendment #8 (items #1-3) for a total of \$122,902.56, with nothing coming from the Unassigned Fund Balance.

Electronic Vote as Follows:

Yes:

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

Charles Von Cannon
Isaiah Grindstaff
Austin Jaynes
Ginger Holdren
Layla Ward
Randall Jenkins
Travis Hill

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

With twenty-one (21) yes votes, **motion carried.**

Motion Aaron Frazier, second by Mark Blevins to approve School Federal Projects Fund #142 budget amendment #8 (items #1-3) for a total of \$150,100.00, with nothing coming from this funds Unassigned Fund Balance.

Electronic Vote as Follows:

Yes:

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

Charles Von Cannon
Isaiah Grindstaff
Austin Jaynes
Ginger Holdren
Layla Ward
Randall Jenkins
Travis Hill

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

With twenty-one (21) yes votes, **motion carried.**

Motion by Aaron Frazier, second by Gary Bailey to approve Head Start Fund #145 budget amendment #4 (item #1) for a total of \$12,184.35, with nothing coming from this funds Unassigned Fund Balance.

Electronic Vote as Follows:

Yes:

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

Charles Von Cannon
Isaiah Grindstaff
Austin Jaynes
Ginger Holdren
Layla Ward
Randall Jenkins
Travis Hill

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

With twenty-one (21) yes votes, **motion carried.**

Motion by Aaron Frazier, second by Nancy Brown to approve monetary donations to the Animal Shelter in the amount of \$8,102.00

Electronic Vote as Follows:

Yes:

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

Charles Von Cannon
Isaiah Grindstaff
Austin Jaynes
Ginger Holdren
Layla Ward
Randall Jenkins
Travis Hill

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

With twenty-one (21) yes votes, **motion carried.**

Motion by Aaron Frazier, second by Nancy Brown to approve non-monetary donations to the Animal Shelter in the amount of \$216.31.

Electronic Vote as Follows:

Yes:

Willie Campbell
Mark Blevins
Nancy Brown
Mike Miller

Julie Guinn
Bradley Johnson
Mark Tester
Charles Von Cannon

Isaiah Grindstaff
Austin Jaynes
Ginger Holdren
Layla Ward

Randall Jenkins
Travis Hill
Gary Bailey

Sonja Culler
Daniel McInturff
Aaron Frazier

Robin McKamey
Kelly Collins
Thomas Proffitt

With twenty-one (21) yes votes, **motion carried.**

Review of debt report from the landfill interfund loan Capital Outlay Note issuance.
Documents attached

Agriculture

Mark Tester introduced Emily Simerly.

Ms. Simerly attended the meeting to thank the commission for the support they have shown the 4-H program. She reported that there have been two new hires and they will be interviewing for Vickie Clarks position soon.

Landfill

Gary Bailey reported that the recycle center was broken into and about \$5000.00 worth of damage. Security cameras are being installed.

No other committee reports at this time

XVII. County Attorney Report – Attorney Josh Hardin

Attorney Hardin summarized his report recorded on page:

XVIII. Commissioner Comments

Chairwoman Holdren asked if anyone had any changes to be made to the March schedule to please make sure the clerk's office knows before leaving tonight. She apologized for allowing such a lengthy presentation tonight.

XIX. Adjournment

Motion was made by Sonja Culler, second by Mark Blevins to adjourn. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.

EMA Activity Sheet for January

1/3 Worked on the Emergency Performance Grant most of the day.

1/4 Dispatched to Shell Creek Rd in reference to a vehicle that had overturned in the creek. The vehicle had a fuel leak and we had to place dry socks in the creek to soak up the fuel release.

1/4 Deputy Director worked most of the day on OSHA related paperwork for the employees of Carter County that have been injured throughout the year.

1/4 Deputy Director attended the Carter County Budget Meeting.

1/10 Director attended a 4 day class on Management of Search Operations at the Kingsport Life Saving Crew.

1/13 Deputy Director completed online training on EOC structure.

1/14 Deputy Director met with Richard VanHuss in reference to getting out information to all students about our Emergency Alert System. He was given a pamphlet with information on how to sign up and he was going to send it to every student in the Elizabethton School System.

1/18 Director attended the Carter County Commission Meeting

1/19 Director attended a TDOT meeting with Mayor Woodby and Abby Frye at the Carter County Courthouse. This meeting was about completing rural road surveys.

1/20 Director attended the Regional Healthcare Coalition Meeting by Zoom.

1/24 EMA Director went to several day care centers in Carter County to give out FEMA coloring books that teach children about preparing for emergencies.

1/25 EMA office conducted the Local Emergency Planning Committee at the office at 525 South Sycamore Street. We had 8 to attend.

1/25 EMA office made 2 Id's for Hampton VFD

1/27 EMA office completed the OSHA paperwork for the year of 2021.

AGENDA
Board of County Commissioners
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REGULAR SESSION
Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at 6:00 PM

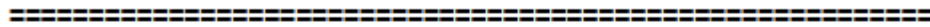
1. Call to Order
2. Courthouse Emergency Egress Plan- **EMA Office**
3. Roll Call- **County Clerk**
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Opening Prayer- **Commissioner Willie Campbell**
6. Pledge of Allegiance
7. Recognition of Elected & Appointed Officials/Guests
8. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes from regular January meeting
9. Approval of Notaries & Bonds
10. Public Comments- 5 minutes per person
11. Elizabethton/Carter County Chamber of Commerce Presentation - **Joy McCray**
12. Keep Carter County Beautiful Presentation - **Ed Jordan and Don Hlavaty**
13. Carter County Parks and Rec. Board Presentation - **Kan Gough**
14. Resolutions:
 - A. *Resolution in Support of a Broadband Infrastructure Expansion Project for Carter County, Tennessee.*
15. Mayoral Report – **Mayor Patty Woodby**
16. Committee Reports (specific action items listed for each committee)
 - A. Budget Committee:
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 10. Motion to approve non-monetary donations to the Animal Shelter in the amount of \$216.31.
 11. Review of debt report from the landfill interfund loan Capital Outlay Note issuance.
17. County Attorney Report
 18. Commissioner Comments
 19. Adjourn

NOTARES / BONDS

TO BE APPROVED

FEBRUARY 22, 2022



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BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR CARTER COUNTY, TENNESSEE

REGULAR MEETING, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2022

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**"A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE EXPANSION
PROJECT FOR CARTER COUNTY, TENNESSEE"**

WHEREAS broadband internet availability is of critical importance to all people living, visiting, attending school and doing business in Carter County; and

WHEREAS, the lack of available broadband in underserved and rural communities has had a negative impact on the educational, employment and economic development opportunities in Carter County for many years, a problem which has been exacerbated by the coronavirus pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the substantial cost of securing access to reliable broadband has historically limited the opportunities of Carter County to help provide access to many of its residents; and

WHEREAS, as part of the State of Tennessee's American Rescue Plan Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds there will be grant opportunity available via the Tennessee Emergency Broadband Fund for providers to obtain grant funding to complete broadband infrastructure projects in unserved areas throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, approved providers receiving grant funds through the state program can receive funds to cover up to seventy percent (70%) of the eligible project expense with a required thirty percent (30%) match, and these matching funds can be obtained through local governments such as Carter County utilizing their own American Rescue Plan Funds; and

WHEREAS, the application for grant funding is a competitive process open to all broadband providers that requires substantial time and effort by providers, including the development of budgets, proposal service areas and required engineering reviews, and the grant funding will be awarded on a first come first serve basis with applications being accepted in March 2022; and

WHEREAS SkyLine/SkyBest is developing an application for grant funding for a broadband project in Carter County and there are no other known providers who are applying for, or who have expressed any interest in applying for, grant funding to complete a broadband project in Carter County; and

WHEREAS, if SkyLine/SkyBest becomes an approved provider and recipient of state grant funding for the project in Carter County, an otherwise unobtainable goal of providing reliable broadband access to unserved areas of Carter County could be obtained since Carter County would only be required to pay the thirty percent (30%) match portion of the total project cost; and

WHEREAS, it would be impractical, if not impossible, for any other provider who was not an approved state grant recipient to complete a similar project in Carter County for such a reduced cost to Carter County and its citizens, and to date no other providers have expressed an interest in doing so; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners for Carter County, Tennessee fully supports the expansion of available broadband in Carter County and has already set aside approximately three million dollars from the ARP funding it has received to be utilized for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, under this unique set of circumstances, if in fact the proposed broadband project by SkyLine/SkyBest is approved and it receives the state grant funding discussed herein, it would essentially be the sole source provider of this opportunity to expand critical broadband infrastructure in Carter County and justify the forbearance of further competitive bidding requirements to supply the thirty percent (30%) match required for the project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners for Carter County, Tennessee, meeting in regular session on this the 22nd day of February, 2022 with a lawful quorum of said Board being present and with a 2/3 majority voting in the affirmative as follows:

1. The Board fully supports the expansion of broadband infrastructure in Carter County to meet the critical need for reliable broadband internet access in the unserved portions of the county.

2. If the proposed broadband project application by SkyLine/SkyBest is approved and it receives grant funding via the Tennessee Emergency Broadband Fund becoming the only approved provider for such a project in Carter County, the Board approves the waiver of the normal competitive bid process otherwise required to appropriate the matching funds comprising thirty percent (30%) of the total project cost.

3. The Board fully reserves the right to evaluate and review the proposed project and matching funds requirements before formally approving/awarding the required matching funding.

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 22nd day of February, 2022

CARTER COUNTY, TENNESSEE
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

APPROVED:

By: _____
GINGER HOLDREN, CHAIR
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

APPROVED:

By: _____
PATTY WOODBY
CARTER COUNTY MAYOR

ATTEST:

MARY GOUGE
CARTER COUNTY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

JOSHUA A. HARDIN
CARTER COUNTY ATTORNEY

REPORT ON DEBT OBLIGATION

(This report is required for all debt obligations under Section 9-21-134)

1. Public Entity:	
Name:	Carter County
Address:	801 E Elk Avenue Elizabethton, TN 37643
Debt Issue No.:	Capital Outlay Note No. 1 - Landfill Interfund Loan
<small>(Indicate the date of the program, other than the date of the report, for updates, including the frequency required)</small>	
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2. Face Amount:	\$ 502,000.00
From Fund Account:	5
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3. Interest Cost:	0.0000 % <input type="checkbox"/> Tax exempt <input type="checkbox"/> Variable
<input type="checkbox"/> TIC <input type="checkbox"/> NIC	
<input type="checkbox"/> Variable:	Index _____ plus _____ basis points or
<input type="checkbox"/> Variable, Remarketing Agent:	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Other:	_____
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4. Debt Obligation:	
<input type="checkbox"/> TKN <input type="checkbox"/> TAN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COA	
<input type="checkbox"/> DAN <input type="checkbox"/> DAN <input type="checkbox"/> DAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> Bond <input type="checkbox"/> Loan Agreement <input type="checkbox"/> Financing Lease	
<small>Provide the related account source per Article 10, Chapter 20, and use a copy of the account, and attach it to the Division of Local Government Finance (DLGF)</small>	
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5. Ratings:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrated	
Moody's _____ Standard & Poor's _____ Fitch _____	
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6. Purpose:	
	PERCENT OF FUND
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General Government:	100.00 %
<input type="checkbox"/> Education:	_____ %
<input type="checkbox"/> Utilities:	_____ %
<input type="checkbox"/> Other:	_____ %
<input type="checkbox"/> Refunding/Renewal:	_____ %
	DEBT USE OF FUND
	Landfill equipment purchase

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7. Security:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General Obligation	<input type="checkbox"/> General Obligation (Revenue/Tax)
<input type="checkbox"/> Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> Tax Increment Financing (TIF)
<input type="checkbox"/> Annual Appropriation (Financing costs only)	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Describe): _____
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8. Type of Sale:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Competitive Public Sale	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interfund Loan
<input type="checkbox"/> Registered Sale	<input type="checkbox"/> Loan Program
<input type="checkbox"/> Informal Bid	_____
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9. Date:	
Dated Date: 01/18/2022	Issue/Closing Date: 01/18/2026

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[Pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 9-21-134]

10. Maturity Dates, Amounts and Interest Rates *:

Year	Amount	Interest Rate	Yield	Interest	Interest Rate
2028	\$187,303.33	0.0000 %	\$		%
2024	\$187,303.33	0.0000 %	\$		%
2025	\$187,303.34	0.0000 %	\$		%
\$			\$		%
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\$			\$		%

If more space is needed, attach an additional sheet.
 If (1) the debt has a final maturity of 31 or more years from the date of issuance, (2) principal repayment is delayed for two or more years, or (3) debt service payments are not level throughout the retirement period, then a cumulative repayment schedule grouped in 5 year increments out to 30 years (including 10 and all other maturity debt secured by the same source) **MUST BE PREPARED AND ATTACHED**. For purposes of this form, debt secured by an additional pledge and debt secured by a dual or selective dual revenue pledge are secured by the same source. All debt secured by the same revenue stream, no matter what interest rate, is considered secured by the same source.
 * This section is not applicable to the Final Report for a Borrowing Program.

11. Cost of Issuance and Professionals:

Municipal professionals

	APPLICABLE (Round to nearest \$)	AMOUNT
Financial Advisor Fees	\$	0
Legal Fees	\$	0
Bond Counsel	\$	0
Issuer's Counsel	\$	0
Trustee's Counsel	\$	0
Bank Counsel	\$	0
Disclosure Counsel	\$	0
Paying Agent Fees	\$	0
Registrar Fees	\$	0
Trustee Fees	\$	0
Marketing Agent Fees	\$	0
Liquidity Fees	\$	0
Rating Agency Fees	\$	0
Credit Enhancement Fees	\$	0
Bank Lending Costs	\$	0
Underwriter's Discount _____%	\$	0
Take Down	\$	0
Management Fee	\$	0
Kick Payment	\$	0
Underwriter's Advice	\$	0
Other expenses	\$	0
Printing and Advertising Fees	\$	0
Lease/Administrator/Program Fees	\$	0
Real Estate Fees	\$	0
Sponsorship/Referral Fee	\$	0
Other Costs _____	\$	0
TOTAL COSTS	\$	0

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(Pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. Code Annotated Sections 19-21, 19-21a)

12. Recurring Costs:

No Recurring Costs

	AMOUNT in dollars	START DATE MM/DD/YYYY
Rating/Listing Agent		
Filing Agent / Registrar		
Trustee		
Liquidity / Credit Enhancement		
Escrow Agent		
Sponsorship / Program / Admin		
Other:		

13. Disclosure Document / Official Statement:

None Prepared

FMMR Link _____

Connected _____

14. Continuing Disclosure Obligations:

Is there an existing continuing disclosure obligation related to the security for this debt? Yes No

Is there a continuing disclosure obligation agreement related to this debt? Yes No

If yes to either question, date that disclosure is due _____

Name and title of person responsible for compliance: _____

15. Written Debt Management Policy:

Governing Body's approval date of the current version of the written debt management policy 09/18/2019

Is the debt obligation in compliance with and clearly authorized under the policy? Yes No

16. Written Derivative Management Policy:

No derivative

Governing Body's approval date of the current version of the written derivative management policy _____

Date of Letter of Compliance for derivative _____

Is the derivative in compliance with and clearly authorized under the policy? Yes No

17. Submission of Reports:

To the Governing Body, on _____ and presented at public meeting held on _____

Copy to Director, Division of Local Fiscal Affairs: on _____ either by _____

Mail to: _____ OR Email to: LSF@ct.gov

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18. Signatures:

	FOR THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT	PREPARED
Name	_____	_____
Title	_____	_____
Firm	_____	_____
Email	_____	_____
Date	_____	_____



COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORT
FEBRUARY 2022

General Litigation update:

1. Litter regulation violation cases (Carter County Chancery Court)- continued work in prosecution of active litter cases. 1 case resolved by Agreed Order, 6 Motions for Default Judgment and 1 Motion for Contempt set for hearings in March, 2 new complaints filed.

Other Work performed/ongoing:

1. Research completed and opinions rendered for various county office holders and commissioners as requested.
2. Election Office – Research and assist with multiple election law issues and candidate qualification issues.
3. Finance Department- Research and assist with sheriff's office contractual issues; Review all pending litigation files and provide detailed summary report to auditors; Assist with public records request
4. Planning Department – Continued meetings and assistance provided re: court prosecution of litter cases; Assist with zoning violation notice.
5. Financial Management Committee- Research and submittal of Attorney General Opinion request through Senator Crowe's office; Attend committee meeting.
6. Highway Committee/Department – Continued assistance re: adoption of Shalom Drive as a county road; Research and prepare two Bridge Dedication Resolutions in honor of Vietnam veterans killed in action. forward to Representatives Campbell and Holdlaw; Meeting with Road Superintendent and review of TDOT project contracts; Title research and assistance re: Estep Road/Dennis Cove property access issue; Tilt research and draft of ROW deed for Blevins Hollow Road bridge project.
7. Sheriff's Office- Meet with evidence officer and review proposed new forms.
8. Health Department- Assist Director with review of bid materials and current contract for health department cleaning service, update of bid specifications and forward request for bids to Finance Director.
9. Budget Committee – Continued assistance re: personnel and salary issues as requested by committee; Attend special called committee meeting and regular monthly committee meeting.
10. Nominating Committee – Attend committee meeting; Assist with planning commission appointment questions.
11. Mayor's Office – Continued assistance regarding county official/employee political campaign activity; Assist with Dennis Cove property access concerns.
12. Circuit Court Clerk – Continued assistance with employment law issues.
13. Health & Welfare Committee – Research and draft of Broadband project Resolution; Attended committee meeting; Meetings with Chairman and calls/emails with others re: broadband project bidding requirements.
14. Buildings & Grounds Committee – Attended committee meeting.
15. Landfill Committee – Research regarding potential landfill expansion legal issues.