

Health & Welfare Committee
November 5, 2012

APPROVED

Members Present: L.C. Tester, Richard Winters, JoAnn Blankenship, Ronnie Trivett, Robert L. Gobble, Ken Arney, Buford Peters, and Scott Sams.

Others in attendance included: Chief Deputy Ron Street, Jail Administrator Tom Smith, Sheriff Chris Mathes, Terry Arnold Rescue Squad Director, Anthony Roberts CCRS, Attorney Richard Norris (CCRS), John Lewis Commissioner, Tom Bowers, County Commission Chairman, Leon Humphrey County Mayor, Keith Bowers, Jr. County Attorney, and new media.

Meeting was called to order by Chairwoman, JoAnn Blankenship at 6:50 PM, quorum present.

Motion was made by Ken Arney, seconded by L.C. Tester to approve the minutes of the last meeting, October 1, 2012 as printed. By majority voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Unfinished Business

Discussion followed concerning the proposed Resolution Granting an Exclusive Franchise for Ambulance and Rescue Services to Carter County Emergency & Rescue Squad, Inc. for all Unincorporated Areas of Carter County, TN.

County Attorney, Keith Bowers, Jr. noted that this is a *purposed* Resolution and stressed that this was not yet approved and changes could be made if so needed. Once agreement is made from the committee, a resolution could be forwarded to the full Commission for approval.

Richard Norris Attorney for the Rescue Squad stressed that a four (4) year contract was needed due to loans and financing needs.

Much discussion followed concerning fees and services.

Motion was made by L.C. Tester to accept the Resolution as presented as a four (4) year contract. Motion failed to receive a second.

Discussion. Many felt that a four (4) year contract was too long as stated in Section 1 (under terms) also in Section 4, many stated that thirty (30) days termination was too little notice and ask that it be one hundred twenty (120) days. Attorney Bowers stated that this was only a draft and changes could be made.

Motion was made by L.C. Tester to forward the Resolution as presented to the full commission for approval without a recommendation from the Health & Welfare Committee. Motion failed to receive a second.

Motion was made by Scott Sams to accept the Resolution as presented as a one (1) year contract. Motion failed to receive a second.

Discussion followed stating that many committee members were unhappy with the terms as stated in the proposed Resolution.

Motion was made by Scott Sams, seconded by JoAnn Blankenship to present the Resolution as drafted with a One-Year Exclusive Franchise with the Carter County Rescue Squad.

Roll Call Vote as follows:

Ayes: L.C. Tester, Richard Winters, JoAnn Blankenship, Buford Peters and Scott Sams. (5 Ayes)

Nays: Ronnie Trivett, Robert Gobble, and Ken Arney. (3 Nays)

By majority roll call vote, motion carried.

Emergency Management Service was noted that the Narrow Band Radio have been operating in the county for over one year and was purchased with a grant and the old radios have been replaced.

Motion to adjourn was made by Ken Arney seconded by L.C. Tester. By majority voice vote, all ayes, meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Secretary, Patsy H. Lewis

JoAnn Blankenship, Chairwoman

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