

Carter County Commission

Minutes of:

Health & Welfare Committee

March 6, 2020 6:00 PM



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Members:

Chairman Dr. Robert Acuff
Mike Hill
Brad Johnson
Austin Jaynes
Ginger Holdren

Travis Hill in for Randall Jenkins
Randall Jenkins - Absent
Ray Lyons
Robin McKamey

I. Call to Order

The Health & Welfare Committee was called to order by Dr. Robert Acuff at 5:58 pm.

II. Approval of Agenda

Chairman Acuff asked to change the agenda and move #8. New Business a. Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID – 19) to the position directly after the approval of the February minutes. A motion to approve the agenda with the amendment was made by Austin Jaynes, second by Robin McKamey. Motion unanimously approved.

III. Public Comments

None

IV. Approval of the Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes from the February 2020 meeting was made by Mike Hill, second by Austin Jaynes. The motion passed 7 yes, 0 no, with Travis Hill abstaining.

V. New Business

- a. **Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)** – <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/index.html>
www.tn.gov/health/cedep/ncov.html

Dr. David Kirschke MD, Regional Medical Director, County Health Officer and Caroline Hurt, Director of the Carter County Health Department joined the meeting to explain some of the facts about the disease. The situation has been monitored since mid-January. The first case has been confirmed in the state. There have been request for test kits from providers. Only persons who have traveled or been in contact with someone who has traveled outside the county will receive the test. The state is working on the pandemic flu guidelines.

Mayor Barnett expressed his concern for the first responders for the inability to get the equipment they needed to handle cases of persons that were sick. Things such as masks, gloves and eye protection. Travis Hill asked what the life span of the virus is outside of the body. Data hasn't shown a definite timeline for the virus outside of the body.

Brad Johnson asked if there were special equipment for collecting samples for the virus. The regular sterile swab is used to collect samples just like all other types of collections.

Mayor Barnett stated that Johnson City Medical Center is the primary facility that will be taking the lead in care.

Chairman Acuff stated that raising awareness of good health practices, good hygiene is most important. The CDC does not suggest wearing face mask. They are designed to be worn by someone who is sick. Ray Lyons asked if preparations were being made for a widespread infection. Dr. Kerschke answered that they are doing what they do every day with TB patients and other patients with diseases that are easily spread.

Chairman Acuff told the committee that he would like to see the information from the state site put on the county site as well as the county and city school systems site.

Brad Johnson asked if there was something that could be done to combat possible price gouging if this does become a situation. Chairman Acuff said the Attorney Generals office may have guidelines on the possibility of this happening.

Chairman Acuff asked for a motion to place the information from the state site on the county web site. Mike Hill made the motion, second by Robin McKamey. All in favor, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Ray Lyons, second by Mike Hill, to pass "A Resolution Raising Awareness of How the Coronavirus (COVID-19) is Spread and Preventive Measures Recommended by The Center for Disease Control (CDC) to Avoid Infection." All in favor, the resolution passed unanimously.

VI. Resolution Honoring the Life of Clifford Loyal Peters

A motion was made by Mike Hill, second by Austin Jaynes, to pass "A Resolution Honoring the Life of Clifford Loyal Peters in Recognition of His Service to the Citizens of Carter County and the Stoney Creek Volunteer Fire Department". All in favor, the resolution passed unanimously.

Mike Hill asked Attorney Hardin to draft "A Resolution in Support of the Protection of Individual Rights of the Citizens of Carter County, Tennessee to Hunt and Fish and Recognizing the Economic Importance of these Activities in Tennessee." Mr. Hill stated that federal and state laws support hunting and this resolution reflects those laws on a county level. Ginger Holdren made a motion, second by Austin Jaynes to accept the resolution.

Roll Call:

Ray Lyons – Yes

Mike Hill – Yes

Bradley Johnson – No

Travis Hill – Yes

Ginger Holdren – Yes

Robert Acuff – Yes

Robin McKamey – No

Austin Jaynes – Yes

Resolution passed 6 – Yes, 2 – No.

VII. Health and Welfare Issues Facing our County - Updates

a. Health Insurance Incentives for County Employees

Chairman Acuff spoke to Tim Helton, he promises to get back to him by the May meeting with ideas.

b. Opioid Epidemic

Chairman Acuff wanted to praise the action taken by Jillian Reece in the last weeks to teach children how to administer Narcan when needed.

Mayor Barnett informed the committee that he wants to ask Attorney Hardin to write a resolution to recognize National Drug and Alcohol Facts Week, March 30 – April 5, 2020.

A motion by Austin Jaynes, second by Travis Hill, to have Attorney Hardin write a resolution recognizing the week of March 30 – April 5, 2020 as National Drug and Alcohol Facts Week. All in favor, the motion unanimously passed.

- c. **Food Accessibility for Kids and Families – update on the potential partnership between B&G Club of Elizabethton Carter County with Harmony Church, Hampton**
Applications for Grants are being done to pay for a commercial kitchen.

- b. **Knoxville Area Rescue Ministries discussion on homelessness**

Chairman Acuff shared with the committee an email from Kathy Wise showing the dates that Burt Rosen would be able to visit for a town meeting / open forum on homelessness. Mr. Lyons suggested that local churches be invited to attend. The members decided to ask Mr. Rosen to come either May 27 or May 30 from 3-7. Chairman Acuff will contact Ms. Wise to see if either of these dates will work. He will keep the committee updated.

- c. **Old Business**

- a. Discussion of the need for regional sewer/water initiatives
https://www.mswmag.com/online_exclusives/2015/11/usda_provides_314_million_for_rural_water_and_wastewater_infrastructure
This will be differed till next month.

Mayor Barnett presented the autopsy report for February 2020. (attached)

Ray Lyons asked for a prayer request for the families in the community who have lost loved ones to suicide in the last few weeks. He expressed the need for a treatment center possibly at the Greene Valley property.

- d. **Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made by Mike Hill, second by Austin Jaynes. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:01 pm.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVE/MO
Average T/A	0.8	0.8											0.8
# of Exams	51	50											51

T/A=Turnaround day of admittance until day autopsy/view complete

2020 AUTOPSIES * VIEWS * NON-HUMAN * RECORDS REVIEW

COUNTIES	2020												TOTAL AUTOPSIES	TOTAL VIEWS **	TOTAL CASES	TOTAL AUTOPSY + VIEW + EQUIV.	NON-HUMAN	RECORDS REVIEW
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC						
Carter	7	5	1										12	1	13	12		
Greene	6	9											15	1	16	15		
Hancock	1	0											1	0	1	1		
Hawkins	2	2											4	0	4	4		
Johnson	0	3	2										3	2	5	4		
Sullivan	11	6	1										17	1	18	17		
Unicoi	2	1	1										3	1	4	3		
Washington	8	13	6										21	19	40	27		
	37	39	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	76	25	101	84	0	0
	51	50											101	101	84	84		

** VIEWS = EXTERNAL EXAMS (3 externals = 1 autopsy equivalent)
 NON-HUMAN = SPECIMENS, I.E. BONES brought to center by law enforcement to determine if human or non-human
 RECORDS REVIEW = Cases brought to our attention after final disposition

2020 TOTAL CASES PER COUNTY

** (A+V/3)



2019 TURNAROUND REPORT
OF DAYS FROM AUTOPSY/VIEW TO FINAL REPORT COMPLETED

1/1/2019 - 3/31/2019					1ST QUARTER 2019	
FINAL AUTOPSY REPORT TURNAROUND TIME (DAYS):						
	AVERAGE # OF DAYS	MEDIAN # OF DAYS	MAX # OF DAYS	MIN # OF DAYS	# REPORTS COMPLETED	# REPORTS INCOMPLETE
CARTER	42	45	59	7	15	0
GREENE	47	53	59	18	20	0
HANCOCK	15	15	15	15	1	0
HAWKINS	47	51	61	26	11	0
JOHNSON	45	10	61	10	10	0
SULLIVAN	41	50	60	6	28	0
UNICOI	51	55	57	28	6	0
WASHINGTON	39	48	60	6	65	0
OVERALL CO AVERAGES:	41	41	54	15	156	0

4/1/19 - 6/30/2019					2ND QUARTER 2019	
FINAL AUTOPSY REPORT TURNAROUND TIME (DAYS):						
	AVERAGE # OF DAYS	MEDIAN # OF DAYS	MAX # OF DAYS	MIN # OF DAYS	# REPORTS COMPLETED	# REPORTS INCOMPLETE
CARTER	44	50	60	23	15	0
GREENE	47	51	78	15	18	0
HANCOCK	45	52	64	45	5	0
HAWKINS	0	0	59	29	10	0
JOHNSON	39	41	52	24	3	0
SULLIVAN	44	47	74	6	40	1
UNICOI	47	47	57	38	3	0
WASHINGTON	42	47	84	2	62	0
OVERALL CO AVERAGES:	39	42	66	23	156	1

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7/1/19 - 9/30/2019					3RD QUARTER 2019	
FINAL AUTOPSY REPORT TURNAROUND TIME (DAYS):						
	AVERAGE # OF DAYS	MEDIAN # OF DAYS	MAX # OF DAYS	MIN # OF DAYS	# REPORTS COMPLETED	# REPORTS INCOMPLETE
CARTER	50	60	43	17	17	1
GREENE	48	49	93	22	15	0
HANCOCK	48	50	59	34	3	0
HAWKINS	53	54	80	32	19	0
JOHNSON	45	49	60	25	6	0
SULLIVAN	51	52	65	31	46	0
UNICOI	51	49	55	46	5	0
WASHINGTON	51	52	69	33	85	0
OVERALL CO AVERAGES:	49	52	66	30	201	1

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10/1/19 - 12/31/2019					4TH QUARTER 2019	
FINAL AUTOPSY REPORT TURNAROUND TIME (DAYS):						
	AVERAGE # OF DAYS	MEDIAN # OF DAYS	MAX # OF DAYS	MIN # OF DAYS	# REPORTS COMPLETED	# REPORTS INCOMPLETE
CARTER	0	0	62	32	17	0
GREENE	58	56	77	50	8	1
HANCOCK	45	52	59	25	3	0
HAWKINS	0	0	83	32	18	0
JOHNSON	0	0	60	50	6	0
SULLIVAN	58	56	93	42	27	1
UNICOI	0	0	60	53	8	0
WASHINGTON	54	53	90	24	79	0
OVERALL CO AVERAGES:	27	27	73	39	166	2

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YTD AUTOPSY REPORT TURNAROUND TIME (DAYS):							
	AVERAGE # OF DAYS	MEDIAN # OF DAYS	MAX # OF DAYS	MIN # OF DAYS	# REPORTS COMPLETED	# REPORTS INCOMPLETE	TOTAL # OF CASES
CARTER	48	50	62	7	64	1	65
GREENE	49	51	93	15	65	1	66
HANCOCK	49	51	64	25	12	0	12
HAWKINS	52	53	83	26	58	0	58
JOHNSON	47	50	61	10	25	0	25
SULLIVAN	48	50	92	6	141	2	143
UNICOI	51	55	60	28	22	0	22
WASHINGTON	47	50	90	2	292	0	292
OVERALL CO AVERAGES:	49	51	76	15	679	4	683

TIME CALCULATED FROM DAY OF AUTOPSY/VIEW TO DAY FINAL REPORT COMPLETED

2019 TURNAROUND REPORT

OF DAYS FROM AUTOPSY/VIEW TO FINAL REPORT COMPLETED

1/1/2020 - 3/31/2020					1ST QUARTER 2019		
FINAL AUTOPSY REPORT TURNAROUND TIME (DAYS):							
	AVERAGE # OF DAYS	MEDIAN # OF DAYS	MAX # OF DAYS	MIN # OF DAYS	# REPORTS COMPLETED:	# REPORTS INCOMPLETE:	
CARTER	40	37	53	34	4	9	
GREENE	0	0	0	0	0	16	
HANCOCK	15	15	15	15	0	1	
HAWKINS	48	48	48	48	1	3	
JOHNSON	0	0	0	0	0	5	
SULLIVAN	48	54	55	36	3	15	
UNICOI	28	28	28	28	1	3	
WASHINGTON	43	41	56	31	3	37	
OVERALL TO AVERAGE:					12	89	101

FORENSIC PATHOLOGY
 *TURNAROUND TIME -
 FEBRUARY, 2020
 (AVERAGE .8 DAY(5))

#	CASE #	COUNTY	ADMITTANCE DAY	time	COMPLETED DAY	time	# DAYS	FH P/RP DAY	time	CIRCUMSTANCES
1	20-30-0008	GREENE	2/2/2020	SUN 9:09	2/3/2020	MON 13:35	1	2/6/2020	THUR 10:38	
2	20-30-0009	GREENE	2/3/2020	MON 12:40	2/3/2020	MON 16:30	0	2/4/2020	TUES 15:30	
3	20-30-0010	GREENE	2/3/2020	MON 2:28	2/3/2020	MON 12:05	0	2/3/2020	MON 15:28	
4	20-90-0130	WASHINGTON	2/3/2020	MON 15:40	2/4/2020	TUES 13:10	1	2/4/2020	TUES 15:40	
5	20-82-0012	SULLIVAN	2/3/2020	MON 20:05	2/4/2020	TUES 15:10	1	2/5/2020	WED 10:40	
6	20-82-0013E	SULLIVAN	2/3/2020	MON 20:05	2/4/2020	TUES 10:55	1	2/7/2020	FRI 15:14	
7	20-86-0009E	UNICOI	2/3/2020	SAT 23:50	2/3/2020	MON 10:42	2	2/26/2020	WED 15:20	
8	20-10-0028	CARTER	2/4/2020	TUES 18:45	2/5/2020	WED 14:54	1	2/27/2020	THUR 10:05	
9	20-86-0012	UNICOI	2/7/2020	FRI 3:05	2/7/2020	FRI 12:35	0	2/7/2020	FRI 14:50	
10	20-90-0152E	WASHINGTON	2/7/2020	FRI 10:05	2/7/2020	FRI 12:42	0	2/10/2020	MON 15:30	
11	20-30-0011	GREENE	2/8/2020	SAT 9:20	2/10/2020	MON 12:10	2	2/11/2020	TUES 9:48	
12	20-30-0012	GREENE	2/8/2020	SAT 13:25	2/10/2020	MON 12:20	2	2/10/2020	MON 15:30	
13	20-90-0162	WASHINGTON	2/10/2020	MON 12:45	2/10/2020	MON 15:15	0	2/11/2020	TUES 10:42	
14	20-10-0031	CARTER	2/11/2020	TUES 7:04	2/11/2020	TUES 11:05	0	2/11/2020	TUES 16:06	
15	20-90-0170	WASHINGTON	2/12/2020	WED 9:13	2/12/2020	WED 11:30	0	2/12/2020	WED 15:32	
16	20-30-0013	GREENE	2/12/2020	WED 13:00	2/12/2020	WED 15:45	0	2/13/2020	WED 15:47	
17	20-30-0014	GREENE	2/12/2020	WED 14:56	2/13/2020	THUR 8:15	1	2/14/2020	FRI 10:15	
18	20-90-0176	WASHINGTON	2/12/2020	WED 20:19	2/13/2020	THUR 10:30	1	2/13/2020	THUR 15:26	
19	20-10-0036	CARTER	2/13/2020	THUR 13:50	2/14/2020	FRI 10:25	1	2/24/2020	MON 10:28	
20	20-37-0003	HAWKINS	2/14/2020	FRI 11:30	2/14/2020	FRI 14:50	0	2/15/2020	SAT 8:08	
21	20-90-0185	WASHINGTON	2/15/2020	SAT 18:11	2/17/2020	MON 13:40	2	2/17/2020	MON 15:19	
22	20-10-0037E	CARTER	2/16/2020	SUN 8:00	2/17/2020	MON 13:30	1	2/18/2020	TUES 10:25	
23	20-10-0038	CARTER	2/17/2020	MON 5:37	2/17/2020	MON 13:50	0	2/18/2020	TUES 10:45	
24	20-82-0014	SULLIVAN	2/16/2020	SUN 15:30	2/17/2020	MON 13:35	1	2/17/2020	MON 15:25	
25	20-30-0015	GREENE	2/17/2020	MON 25:20	2/18/2020	TUES 16:00	1	2/19/2020	WED 10:24	COUNTIES #AUT
26	20-90-0188E	WASHINGTON	2/18/2020	TUES 13:53	2/18/2020	TUES 15:25	0	2/19/2020	WED 15:58	Carter 6
27	20-46-0010E	JOHNSON	2/17/2020	MON 22:55	2/18/2020	TUES 9:50	1	2/18/2020	TUES 15:10	Greene 9
28	20-90-0195E	WASHINGTON	2/18/2020	TUES 16:05	2/19/2020	WED 10:05	1	2/19/2020	WED 10:55	Hancock 0
29	20-46-0009E	JOHNSON	2/18/2020	TUES 19:45	2/19/2020	WED 9:30	1	2/19/2020	WED 10:49	Hawkins 1
30	20-90-0199	WASHINGTON	2/20/2020	THUR 11:00	2/20/2020	THUR 13:00	0	2/20/2020	THUR 15:14	Johnson 5
31	20-30-0016	GREENE	2/20/2020	THUR 9:10	2/20/2020	THUR 13:05	0	2/24/2020	MON 15:25	Sullivan 7
32	20-46-0008E	JOHNSON	2/18/2020	TUES	2/18/2020	TUES	0			Unicoi 2
33	20-90-0207	WASHINGTON	2/20/2020	THUR	2/21/2020	FRI	1			Washington 19
34	20-90-0208E	WASHINGTON	2/21/2020	FRI 8:57	2/21/2020	FRI 10:40	0	2/21/2020	FRI 15:20	TOTAL 50
35	20-90-0209E	WASHINGTON	2/21/2020	FRI 8:58	2/21/2020	FRI 10:30	0	2/21/2020	FRI 12:30	
36	20-46-0011	JOHNSON	2/21/2020	FRI 12:45	2/21/2020	FRI 14:55	0	2/26/2020	WED 17:09	
37	20-90-0215	WASHINGTON	2/21/2020	FRI 13:04	2/24/2020	MON 14:45	3	2/25/2020	TUES 10:38	Average 3.0 DAYS
38	20-82-0015	SULLIVAN	2/21/2020	FRI 11:59	2/21/2020	MON 17:00	0	2/25/2020	TUES 10:33	
39	20-90-0216	WASHINGTON	2/21/2020	FRI 16:48	2/24/2020	MON 17:05	3	2/25/2020	TUES 10:27	
40	20-46-0012	JOHNSON	2/21/2020	FRI 23:40	2/24/2020	MON 13:45	3	2/24/2020	MON 15:36	MEDIAN 1
41	20-37-0004	HAWKINS	2/24/2020	MON 1:45	2/24/2020	MON 13:10	0	2/24/2020	MON 15:43	MODE 0
42	20-90-0222	WASHINGTON	2/23/2020	SUN 21:55	2/24/2020	MON 13:20	1	2/24/2020	MON 15:45	
43	20-82-0016	SULLIVAN	2/21/2020	FRI 16:48	2/24/2020	MON 17:05	3	2/25/2020	MON 10:27	
44	20-90-0225	WASHINGTON	2/24/2020	MON 14:55	2/25/2020	TUES 11:35	1	2/25/2020	TUES 15:29	
45	20-90-0228	WASHINGTON	2/25/2020	TUES 11:12	2/25/2020	TUES 15:30	0	2/25/2020	WED 10:52	
46	20-82-0017	SULLIVAN	2/25/2020	TUES 18:30	2/26/2020	WED 10:30	1	2/27/2020	THUR 10:33	
47	20-82-0018	SULLIVAN	2/26/2020	WED 20:10	2/27/2020	THUR 12:45	1	2/27/2020	THUR 15:34	
48	20-90-0235E	WASHINGTON	2/27/2020	THUR 8:58	2/27/2020	THUR 15:15	0	2/27/2020	THUR 15:40	
49	20-90-0236	WASHINGTON	2/27/2020	THUR 8:21	2/27/2020	THUR 12:00	0	2/28/2020	FRI 13:15	
50	20-10-0048	CARTER	2/27/2020	THUR 15:45	2/28/2020	FRI 10:17	1	2/2/2020	MON 10:30	

*TURNAROUND TIME = TIME OF ADMITTANCE TO TIME OF RELEASE FOR DISPOSITION