

# Carter County Commission

## Minutes of:

### Health & Welfare Committee Zoom Meeting

February 2, 2021 6:00 PM

#### Members:

Dr. Robert Acuff - present

Mike Hill - present

Brad Johnson - present

Thomas Proffitt - present

Ginger Holdren - present

Randall Jenkins - present

Daniel McInturff – present

Isaiah Grindstaff - absent

#### I. Call to Order

The Health & Welfare Committee was called to order by Chairman Robert Acuff at 9:49 pm.

#### II. Roll Call

All members present.

#### III. Approval of Agenda

Chairman Acuff asked to make an amendment to the agenda, he wishes to add Approval of Minutes from the January and February meetings.

A motion to approve the agenda with the amendments was made by Mike Hill, second by Ginger Holdren.

Roll Call:

Randall Jenkins – yes

Mike Hill – yes

Robert Acuff – yes

Brad Johnson – yes

Thomas Proffitt – yes

Ginger Holdren – yes

Daniel McInturff – yes

Isaiah Grindstaff – yes

The motion was unanimously approved.

#### IV. Approval of the January and February meeting minutes

A motion was made by Mike Hill, second by Thomas Proffitt to approve the minutes from the January and February meetings.

Roll Call:

Randall Jenkins – yes

Mike Hill – yes



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Robert Acuff – yes  
Brad Johnson – yes  
Thomas Proffitt – yes  
Ginger Holdren – yes  
Daniel McInturff – yes  
Isaiah Grindstaff – yes  
All in favor. The motion unanimously passed

V. **Public Comments**

None

VI. **Resolution as Sanctuary County for the Constitution and Bill of Rights – Attorney Hardin**

Attorney Hardin addressed the committee to explain that this is a symbolic gesture in support of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

A motion was made by Daniel McInturff, second by Isaiah Grindstaff to accept the resolution as written.

Roll Call:

Randall Jenkins – yes

Mike Hill – yes

Robert Acuff – yes

Brad Johnson – yes

Thomas Proffitt – yes

Ginger Holdren – yes

Daniel McInturff – yes

Isaiah Grindstaff – yes

All in favor. The motion unanimously passed

VII. **Broadband Internet Update**

Chairman Acuff stated that each member should be on the list to get the email conversation from Brad Shields with Ridgeline. They have started with the pre-engineering in district 6. Chairman Acuff stated that the previously budgeted \$600,000 will need to be rolled over into next years budget as matching funds for grants. Mr. Johnson asked if each district could apply for the grants. Chairman Acuff stated that yes, start with Little Milligan followed up by Roan Mountain and Stoney Creek. Mr. Johnson asked if they needed to wait for them or can the committee do it? Chairman Acuff stated that Ridgeline will do it for each district.

VIII. **Homeless Taskforce Update**

There was an article in the Elizabethton Star about the Homeless Taskforce. Carter Compassion Center works to not only house the homeless but provides meals as well. There are several 501(c)(3) that will be working together with the taskforce. There is a meeting on March 12 in Valley Forge for pastors that want to be involved.

**IX. COVID Exposure by County Employees**

Commissioner Austin Jaynes asked to be put on the agenda because there has been a county employee who have family members or persons in their household who have been exposed or have contracted COVID and the employee still came to work. Policy written about this and will go to the County Attorney.

**X. Old/New Business**

None

Brad Johnson wanted to call attention to the fact that Billy Harrell is the new Emergency Management Agency Director. Congratulations Mr. Harrell!

**XI. Adjournment**

Adjournment was called by Chairman Acuff at 10:05 pm.

**Respectfully Submitted by**

**Gwen Crowe**