

Carter County Commission

Minutes of:

Health & Welfare Committee

June 1, 2021, 6:00 PM

Members:

Dr. Robert Acuff - absent
Mike Hill - present
Brad Johnson - present
Thomas Proffitt - present

Ginger Holdren - present
Randall Jenkins - present
Daniel McInturff – present
Isaiah Grindstaff - present

Call to Order

The Health & Welfare Committee was called to order by Vice Chairman Mike Hill at 6:05 pm.

I. Roll Call

Voice Roll Call as Follows:

Present:

Mike Hill
Brad Johnson
Thomas Proffitt
Ginger Holdren

Randall Jenkins
Daniel McInturff
Isaiah Grindstaff

Absent:

Robert Acuff

II. Approval of Agenda

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Brad Johnson, second by Isaiah Grindstaff
Seven (7) yes votes, one (1) absent, motion carried.

III. Approval of Minutes from Previous meeting

A motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting was made by Thomas Proffitt, second by
Ginger Holdren.

Roll Call:

Randall Jenkins – yes
Thomas Proffitt – yes
Robert Acuff – absent
Mike Hill – abstain
Brad Johnson – yes
Isaiah Grindstaff – yes
Ginger Holdren – yes
Daniel McInturff – yes
Six (6) yes, one (1) abstain, one (1) absent, motion carried.

IV. Skybest Communications Broadband Grant Update

Edward Hinson with Skyline attended the meeting to update the committee on the benefits of using Skybest Communications for the Broadband needs in the county. He assured the committee that their goal is to serve the people of the county. They evaluate what is going to work best for the best price. They work to keep cost down and give the best service. He explained that they also put money back into the community by supporting non-profit agencies in the county. They continually work trying to get grant money for the project. He stated that there is money out there now but who knows how long it will be available. They really want to get part of that money. Mr. Hinson gave his contact information to the committee stressing that he would answer questions they may have. Commissioner Johnson asked where the county was in the process, were they on track or do they need to have things that need to be done. Mr. Hinson stated that a committee that would work with them to be able to be contact for the county if there are issues that come up. Vice Chair Hill stated that the Health & Welfare Committee would pretty much make up that committee with the addition of city representatives and the planning office. Mr. Hinson also stated that the allocation of funds for the project is an important step. He stated that the county was in step, but a lot of work still needed to be done. Ginger Holderen asked what is needed from the committee. Mr. Hinson stated that a round table would be a great start. Put the specifics together. Mr. Hinson advised the committee to be careful, there is a lot of money out there for these projects. There will be other companies that will say they can serve the county. They will come in and put up some equipment, but it will not do the job that the fiberoptics will do. They will then leave, and the county will not be able to access any of the funds available because the area will have been served.

V. Discussion of a draft Resolution recognizing Carter County Car Enthusiasts

Vice Chair Hill asked Attorney Hardin to write a resolution (attached) to recognize the Carter County Car Enthusiasts and make available the Carter County Courthouse Square in the Historic District of Carter County within the City of Elizabethton available to the Car Club for their "Saturday Night Cruise In". Vice Chair Hill stated that he believed that by making that area available to the Car Club it would alleviate the issues being expressed by a few of the merchants in the downtown area. This would give them ample room for display and additional parking. Discussion stated with commissioners expressing concern for the traffic that would now block residential areas, Memorial Funeral Home and emergency services personnel getting in and out of the sheriff's department / jail. The city has a contract with the Car Club till October. There was no vote on the Resolution.

VI. Public Comments

None

VII. Commissioners Comments

None

VIII. Adjournment

A motion to Adjourn was made by Isaiah Grindstaff, second by Thomas Proffitt. The meeting was adjourned at 7:10

Respectfully Submitted by

Gwen Crowe