

# Carter County Commission

## Minutes of:

### Health & Welfare Committee

July 05, 2022, 6:00 PM

#### Members:

Aaron Frazier (in for Daniel McInturff)

Thomas Proffitt – Present

Robert Acuff - Present

Layla Ward - Present

Randall Jenkins - Present

Isaiah Grindstaff - Absent

Charles Von Cannon - Present

Mike Miller - Absent

#### 1. Call to Order

The Health & Welfare Committee was called to order by Chairman Robert Acuff.

#### 2. Roll Call

Chairman Acuff asked to go by the previous roll call.

#### 3. Approval of Agenda

**Motion by Thomas Proffitt, second by Randall Jenkins to approve agenda. All in favor, motion carried.**

#### 4. Approval Minutes from June 2022 Meeting

**Motion by Layla Ward, second by Randall Jenkins to accept the minutes from the previous meeting.**

Chairman Acuff thanked the committee for the hard work that was put into prioritizing the list of proposed projects submitted.

Discussion began after the motion to approve the agenda about the ARP Funds. Commissioner Brad Johnson, Chairman of the Financial Management Committee spoke to the committee for input on some of the issues that the FM Committee is encountering during their assessment of the list that was submitted from the Health & Welfare Committee. The discussion included the money for the Volunteer Fire Departments and how to make sure each department received the same amount of money through the Association, allowing them to spend the funds how they needed, emphasizing the need to follow the requirements on what the money can be spent on. One of the suggestions for the Poga/Elk Mills Fire Department Project is for the county to put a building on the Sluder Property for the Highway Departments use and make it available for them to use for a pumper truck and some equipment.

There was also discussion on the Landfill. Mr. Johnson stated that finding property, funding, and a study needs to be done before this project can move forward. This project will take longer than the cut off date for the ARP Funds.

Mr. Jenkins stated that they needed to go to Mr. Cable and the chief to let them know about the situation and see if they can help come up with a solution.

Voice Roll Call as Follows:

**Yes:**

Thomas Proffitt  
Charles Von Cannon

Robert Acuff  
Randall Jenkins

Layla Ward

**Abstain:**

Aaron Frazier

**With five (5) yes votes, one (1) abstain from Aaron Frazier, motion carried.**

**5. Public Comments**

None

**6. Leave Policy for County Employees**

Chairman Acuff presented a copy of the Parental Leave from East Tennessee State University and in comparing the County policy against ETSU Policy. It was determined that nothing needed to be added to the county policy. Attorney Hardin stated that the current policy was right along with the state law.

**7. Commissioners Comments**

Aaron Frazier asked the committee to think about looking at the tax rate and the possibility of needing to raise it in the future to cover the other rising expenses of the county. He stated that they needed to find a way to creatively raise funds without uncreatively raising taxes.

**8. Adjourn**

**Motion by Randall Jenkins, second by Aaron Frazier to adjourn. All in favor, meeting adjourned.**