

Carter County Commission

Minutes of:

Buildings & Grounds Committee

March 01, 2022, 6:00 PM

Members:

Daniel McInturff - present

Thomas Proffitt - present

Robert Acuff - present

Layla Ward – present

Randall Jenkins - present

Isaiah Grindstaff - present

Charles Von Cannon – present

Mike Miller - present

A. Call to Order

The Building & Grounds Committee was called to order by Chairman Daniel McInturff at 8:26 PM. Roll Call stands from Health & Welfare meeting.

B. Approval of Agenda

Chairman McInturff asked to make the following amendments to the agenda.

Move B. Jail/Annex Renovations (also County Archives) to the A. position, E. Sluder property update to the B. position and move everything else in the same order.

Motion by Isaiah Grindstaff, second by Robert Acuff to approve the agenda as amended.

All in Favor, **motion carried.**

C. Approval of February meeting minutes

Motion by Isaiah Grindstaff, second by Thomas Proffitt, to approve the minutes from the February meeting.

All in Favor, **motion carried.**

D. Public Comments

None

E. New Business

None

F. Old Business

a. Jail/Annex Renovations (also County Archives)

Mayor Woodby and Sheriff Lunceford presented to the committee along with Department of Homeland Security agents, and Tom with Shaw & Shanks, the plans for the renovation of the second floor of the old Jail. The agents explained that the DHS was looking for office space in the area. They have been working with local agencies to find space. This could be a 15/20-year lease. Also in attendance was Lisa Germaine, County Historian and Teresa Treadway, County Genealogist to discuss the plans for the first floor that will be renovated to become the new Carter County Archives. The archives will need its own HVAC system and humidity control. An Archivist will be hired to help with the renovation plans. The space currently houses the Sheriff's Office. Drawings are available in electronic format through the

Mayors office. The proposed budget for this renovation is \$9.3 million. There are separate funds for the renovation for the Archives.

b. Sluder property update

Mr. Donnie Cable, of the Elk Mills community, came to the committee to suggest use for the Sluder Property. He suggested that the current structure be removed and a structure that could house a Fire Truck and Ambulance but also have a place for the Highway Department to store salt for the roads in winter. There are two volunteer firefighters who live less than one mile from the site and would be able to utilize the truck within minutes. This would benefit the community residents. Chris Schuettler stated there was still money in reserve to finish the project that was started. The water and electric are ready to go in. He suggested that he agreed with Mr. Cable and the building is not in good shape and isn't what is needed. It will cost about \$4000 to move it off the property, they could put it on GovDeals and whoever purchased it would have to move it.

Mayor Woodby reminded the committee that Terry Arnold was just telling the committee how short staffed he is. He has explained that he may never have the staff or truck to put up there. She believes that we need to fix the staffing problem before we plan on anything involving the Rescue Squad. Mr. Schuettler stated that he believes we need to find out if Superintendent Colbaugh and the fire department will want to put a truck up there before any quotes are gotten for a building.

Motion by Mike Miller, second by Randall Jenkins to ask the Financial Management Committee to declare the modular building on the Sluder Property site as surplus property so it can be placed on GovDeals.com

Voice Vote as Follows:

Yes:

Daniel McInturff
Robert Acuff
Randall Jenkins
Charles Von Cannon

Thomas Proffitt
Layla Ward
Isaiah Grindstaff
Mike Miller

With eight (8) yes votes, **motion carried.**

c. Planning Office – Chris Schuettler

Chris Schuettler informed the committee that the panic button and cameras were in and brought in quotes for the new roof.

Motion by Randall Jenkins, second by Mike Miller to send the quotes for the metal roof for the Planning & Zoning Office to the Budget Committee for consideration.

Voice Vote as Follows:

Yes:

Daniel McInturff
Robert Acuff
Randall Jenkins
Charles Von Cannon

Thomas Proffitt
Layla Ward
Isaiah Grindstaff
Mike Miller

With eight (8) yes votes, **motion carried.**

d. Accessible Playground/Dog Park

Ken Gough from Park & Rec attended the meeting to update the committee that they had hired a project manager about 6 months ago. The goal is to finish the dog park and a good portion of the walking trails this year. Next year we will be working on the creek and then they will be able to work on the playground, the gazebo, and the soft ball field. He stated that they had spoken to Mike Maines and the city Park & Rec about maintaining the park. The city does want a park in the west end of Elizabethton, but it is low on their priority list. Ken Gough stated that the Park & Rec meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month and invited anyone that has any question to attend.

Chris Schuettler updated on grants and the use for the Gap Creek Park, Roan Mountain Park and Green Bridge Landing and some wash outs there.

e. Rehabilitation Facility at old Prison Work Camp Site

Mayor Woodby reported that she attended the Greene County Commission Meeting last week to discuss the project and they are on board. They are still in the process of presenting everything to other counties and asking for their cooperation in this project. They have gotten back the articles of declaration and the board is being set up under the First Tennessee Development District. Board representation will be the mayors from the counties who submit all or some of the opioid money.

f. Workforce Development Complex as a CTE site for Carter County Schools

Mayor Woodby stated that everyone is out of building one and the abatement demo is next week. At the meeting in Nashville that she attended last week; Carter County was recognized with a standing ovation for the work being done. The treatment facility in Roan Mountain, the Workforce Development renovation and the Tweetsie Trail Expansion are three projects that the Governor and legislators are very excited about, and they reiterated how much money we are asking for these projects. The Workforce Development is \$20 million, the Tweetsie Trail is \$5.25 million, and both look very positive. The recurring expenses for the treatment facility will be covered by the state. Robert Acuff stated that representatives from East Tennessee State University Family Medicine will be visiting the Workforce Development site on March 15, 2022.

Chairman McInturff stated that they are going to continue to have the CTE meetings they will let everyone know when they are scheduled.

g. Shaw & Shanks – Restroom Project @ 801 E. Elk Courthouse – update (if any)

Mayor Woodby reported that the bathrooms will be completed by the end of the month.

h. Radio System

Mayor Woodby said that she is in contact with Charlie Stall. There may have to be a contract between the Johnson City/Washington County to put equipment on the tower on Buffalo Mountain. Inspections will have to be done to see if the tower can hold the equipment needed. Mayor Woodby stated the job listing for the communications officer will be posted on indeed and they will let it run for about three weeks.

i. Estimate on repairing gutters on the Courthouse (with addition of windows)

No update

j. Demolition of planning & probation buildings

When everything is out of the building, the abatement will begin. RFP is ready to go out.

k. Livestream System

Mayor Woodby reported that all the equipment is in and ready to go. Anthony Lawrence will be able to train whoever is going to work it starting tomorrow. Discussion began about who would be responsible for the operation of the system. Attorney Hardin stated that Mary Gouges office is not required to operate it. There were suggestions that they hire someone to attend the meetings and encouragement for anyone who can attend the training. Chairman McInturff suggested asking all current chairs to come to the training. Commissioner Holdren asked if they could look at current employees that would like to earn extra money. Dr. Acuff recommended hiring someone who is studying this kind of IT that might want to earn extra money to do this.

G. Commissioner Comments

None

H. Adjournment

Motion by Mike Miller, second by Thomas Proffitt to adjourn. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by

Gwen Crowe