CARTER COUNTY TOMORROW EXECUTIVE
BOARD MEETING, AUGUST 20, 2013
11:30 AM--CHAMBER BOARD ROOM

PRESENT: RICHARD TESTER, CHAIR...STEVE LOWRANCE, TOM ANDERSON, CURT ALEXANDER, DELISA LAFLEUR, KEITH YOUNG, CLEO REED AND GUEST, CHRIS HICHEW.

MINUTTES FOR THE JULY 17, 2013 WERE APPROVED. MOTION BY STEVE LOWRANCE, SECOND BY CURT ALEXANDER.

CHAIRMAN, RICHARD TESTER ASK THAT BOARD MEMBERS MAKE SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TO BE DISCUSSED AT A LATER DATE.

TOM ANDERSON, CARTER COUNTY TOMORROW DIRECTOR, GAVE UPDATES ON THE WEST ELK AREA DEVELOPMENT. HE WILL MEET WITH THE GOVERNOR THIS FALL TO DO PLANNING, OVERLAYS AND TO ESTABLISH FINANCIAL PLANS WITH THE DEVELOPMENT PEOPLE, RETAILERS, MARKETING AND ETC.

HE HAD MET WITH MEMBERS OF THE ROAN MOUNTAIN CITIZEN CLUB CONCERNING THE PROPOSED SEWER PROJECT. THIS WOULD INVOLVE ABOUT 100 BUSINESSES ALONG THE COMMERCIAL STRIP IN ROAN MOUNTAIN. THE PROPOSED COST HAS BEEN DOWNSIZED CONSIDERABLY FROM THE FIRST INTRODUCTION AND THE PROJECT COULD RECEIVE GRANT FUNDS.

MR ANDERSON STATED THAT HE HAD MET WITH THREE PROPERTY OWNERS OF ACREAGE AT THE UNICOI EXIT.

DR. KEITH YOUNG, WITH NORTHEAST STATE, INTRODUCED THE NEW DIRECTOR FOR THE ELIZABETHTON CAMPUS--CHRIS HICHEW HE STATED THAT A NEW TOURISM COORDINATOR WOULD MOST LIKELY BE IN PLACE WITHIN 60 DAYS. DR YOUNG IS THE CURRENT CHAMBER BOARD PRESIDENT.

KIM EGGERS, WITH WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMPLEX, SAID THAT ONE-SIXTH SECTION OF THE ROOF ON THE BUILDING NEEDS TO BE REPAIRED. THE LOW ESTIMATE FOR THE REPAIRS WAS $46,000. SHE STATED THAT ABOUT $130,000 HAS ALREADY BEEN INVESTED IN THE BUILDING THIS YEAR. THE BUILDING'S AGE IS THE FACTOR FOR THE REPAIRS. CARTER COUNTY TOMORROW RENTS THE BUILDING FROM THE COUNTY AND IN TURN LEASES SPACES TO SEVERAL TENANTS INCLUDING NORTHEAST STATE.

TOM ANDERSON STATED THAT HE IS TRYING TO INTEREST THE PROPERTY OWNERS IN THE DOWNTOWN CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT TO INVEST A SMALL ANNUAL AMOUNT TOWARD IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE DOWNTOWN.

IT WAS REPORTED THAT THE INDUSTRIAL BOND BOARD IS WORKING WITH THE ASSISTANT LIVING FACILITY TO BE BUILD NEXT TO DR. HOPLAND'S MEDICAL CLINIC ON WEST ELK AVENUE. THIS NEW FACILITY WOULD MEAN APPROXIMATELY 30 NEW JOBS.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY STEVE LOWRANCE AND SECOND BY CURT ALEXANDER TO APPOINT SOMEONE FROM HIGHER EDUCATION TO SIT ON THE CARTER COUNTY TOMORROW BOARD. MOTION PASSED

MEETING ADJOURNED.

RECORDING SECRETARY

CLEO REED