

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

October 2, 2015

8:30 am

PRESENT: Roger Colbaugh, Bobbie Gouge-Dietz, Mayor Leon Humphrey, Ray Lyons, Charles VonCannon, Danny Ward, and Dr. Kevin Ward.

The meeting was called to order by Ray Lyons.

Quorum present.

Motion was made by Bobbie Gouge-Dietz, second by Charles VonCannon to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Danny Ward with a second by Roger Colbaugh to approve the September 2, 2015 minutes. Motion carried.

Public Comments: Richard Tester discussed the importance of the Finance Director selection. Roy Livingston said he thinks an investigative audit needs to be done. He also said he appreciates the work the committee is doing.

Old Business

- **Elizabethton Star Advertising Presentation:** Lynn Richardson, Publisher of the Elizabethton Star, stated she has researched pricing and found that the Elizabethton Star is priced higher than the Johnson City Press for legal notices. She said the Star will match the Johnson City Press's pricing of 11.5 cents per word. Ms. Richardson also said the Elizabethton Star has a circulation rate of 10,645 in Carter County. Commissioner Danny Ward asked how many papers are returned daily. Ms. Richardson said approximately 600 unsold papers are returned. Chairman Lyons said he thinks of the Elizabethton Star as a hometown newspaper and would like to see the County use them if pricing is brought back down. Mayor Humphrey said the circulation rate of the Elizabethton Star versus Johnson City Press in Carter County warrant advertising with the Elizabethton Star.

Motion was made by Danny Ward, second by Charles VonCannon to advertise with the Elizabethton Star. All ayes, motion carried.

New Business

- **Bid Limit:** Interim Director Christa Byrd provided the committee with documentation showing that the State of Tennessee has authorized local governments to increase their bid limit to \$25,000 and quote limit to \$10,000. Captain Croy and Captain Smith discussed how increasing the bid limit would be beneficial to the Sheriff's Department.

Motion was made by Mayor Humphrey second by Bobbie Gouge-Dietz to increase the bid limit to \$25,000 and increase the quote limit to \$10,000 effective immediately. A voice rollcall was as follows:

Roger Colbaugh	Aye	Charles VonCannon	Aye
Bobbie Gouge-Dietz	Aye	Danny Ward	Aye
Mayor Leon Humphrey	Aye	Dr. Kevin Ward	Aye
Ray Lyons	Aye		

Motion carried.

- **Recent Bids:** Christa Byrd reviewed a list of recent bids.
- **County General Update:** Mayor Humphrey stated heat tape for the animal shelter and courtroom technology are currently being bid out. He also said estimates have been received on a HVAC unit for session court. He noted the new Election Commission location is complete with just the finishing touches lacking.

Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Kevin Ward, second by Bobbie Gouge-Dietz. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Christa Byrd

Ray Lyons, Approved for File