

**Health & Welfare
Committee Meeting
December 5, 2011 6:00 P.M.**

Members Present: JoAnn Blankenship, Ronnie Trivett, Ken Arney, Robert Gobble, Buford Peters, and L.C. Tester.

Absent: Richard Winters and Scott Sams.

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Quorum present.

Motion was made by Ken Arney, seconded by Robert Gobble to approve the minutes of the last meeting (November 7, 2011) as printed. All ayes, motion carried.

Rene' Gallardo from the EMA office spoke to the group concerning a Carter County Mass Notification System. He stated that several companies provided this service and cost varied according to needs and type of system desired. An estimated cost of this service, he stated, would be \$20,000 to \$35,000.

Alex Angel, Instrument & Control Engineer, Plant Engineering Support and River Operations, Tennessee Valley Authority addressed the group concerning the Warning System at Watauga Dam. Mr. Angel noted that water can rise quickly and if a Warning horn activated, the public should move to a safe area at once. Mr. Angel can be reached for addition information at:
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Terry Arnold and Anthony Roberts with the Carter County Rescue Squad reported concerning Response Statistics. He showed a map having Carter County being divided into four zones with Hampton being the center spot. Time of response varies according to location. A response time was noted from Station 3 to Elk Mills being 32.6 minutes. Following much discussion it was noted that the "Key Need" from the Rescue Squad was to cut down on response time and to do this more stations was needed.

Motion to adjourn made by Ronnie Trivett, seconded by Ken Arney. Being all Ayes, meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Jo Ann Blankenship

Respectively Submitted By,
Patsy H. Lewis, Secretary
JoAnn Blankenship, Chairman

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COUNTY CLERK

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