

HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE MEETING
JUNE 3, 2013

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

Members Absent: Scott Sams and Richard Winters

Others in attendance included: Tom Bowers, Charles VonCannon, Andrew Worley, Ron Street, Chris Mathes, and new media.

Meeting was called to order by Chairwoman, Jo Ann Blankenship at 6:00 PM. Quorum present.

Motion was made by L.C. Tester, seconded by Robert Gobble to approve the minutes of the last meeting, May 6, 2013 as printed. By majority voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Charles VonCannon approached the committee with concerns about Sinking Creek. He stated that this stream was approximately 6-8 miles long and ran in both Carter County and Johnson City (Washington County). There are signs posted near the Creek stating a E-coli danger in the stream.

It was noted that Johnson City/Washington County was aware of this problem also. It was stated that possibly sewers were leaking and contaminating the stream.

Environmental (EPA) will be contacted to see how this problem can be resolved.

Chairwoman Jo Ann Blankenship reported that three meetings had been held with the hospital in hopes of resolving the contract with BlueCross BlueShield.

The current Pauper Burial Policy was reviewed by the committee.

Ken Arney stated that he felt that currently this was being abused, and the county was being taken advantage of. Research of all applications needs to be very extensive.

Several stated during discuss the desire to insert, in large black letters, **“OTHER ALTERNATIVES than a pauper burial”** to the current policy. A **signed waiver, stating that possible civil/criminal prosecution will be taken by Carter County, if a person willingly and knowingly commits fraud in signing the statement asking for pauper burial, was also discussed to be part of the policy.**

Motion was made by Ken Arney, seconded by Ronnie Trivett to have County Attorney, Keith Bowers, Jr. research and present the correct wording as to change the current Pauper Burial Policy to reflect the requests changes (highlighted above) to present back to the Budget Committee for recommendation to the Commission.

By majority voice vote, all ayes, **motion carried.**

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Motion was made by Jo Ann Blankenship, seconded by Ken Arney to **change the following meetings,**
Health & Welfare,
Rules and By-Laws,
Building & Grounds,
Law Enforcement,

to be held quarterly. Meeting on the first Monday (unless holiday) of the first month of each quarter beginning with July 1, 2013. (Meeting in March, June, Sept. & Dec.)

By majority voice vote, all ayes, **motion carried.**

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It is noted that this is an effort to save funding and Special Called Meetings could be held if need arises.

Motion to adjourn was made by L.C. Tester, seconded by Robert Gobble. By majority voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 PM. Next meeting set for July 1, 2013 @ 6:00 PM.

Patsy H. Lewis, Secretary


Jo Ann Blankenship, Chairwoman

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