

HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 9, 2013

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

Meeting was called to order by Chairwoman, Jo Ann Blankenship at 6:10 pm (late due to Budget Meeting being held also). Quorum present.

Chairwoman stated that on the previous minutes change in meetings being held should read: "meeting in March, June, September, and December." With corrections being noted, motion was made by Ken Arney, seconded by Ronnie Trivett to accept the minutes of the last meeting, June 3, 2013, be accepted as presented. By majority voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Health Department update was presented by Chairwoman Blankenship. She informed the committee that vaccines would be available in all schools, both city and county, the first full week in October.

The *Pauper Burial Policy* was discussed. County Attorney Keith Bowers, Jr. stated that the statute had changed concerning the issue of cremation. Mayor Humphrey stated that some applications had been presented recently, however they were not approved due to current policy requirements.

Motion was made by Ronnie Trivett, seconded by Ken Arney to allow County Attorney Keith Bowers, Jr. to make necessary changes to the current application, as he sees needed, to protect the County should false information is given on the application.

A new application would be prepared by Attorney Bowers and advanced to all committee members before the full Commission meets. It would then be presented before the full commission for approval during the September Meeting.

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By majority voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

A letter on behalf of the Election Commission recommending that an AED (*Automated External Defibrillator*) be purchased and placed on each floor of the courthouse was discussed.

Chairwoman Blankenship stated that a representative from Putman County was willing to come and speak concerning how the AED is used in that County. Grants may be available to help with cost. Training would be necessary in this area however.

It was recommended that Chairwoman Blankenship meeting with Terry Arnold, Carter County Rescue Squad Director concerning the AED (purchase, training) and report back to the committee for further action.

Courthouse restroom were discussed. Once again incidents had occurred concerning cleanliness. It was suggested that during heavy business days that the bathrooms be checked and cleaned more often. Some offices were noted as having to use these washrooms as they have no "employee only" restroom. Information was distributed concerning auto-flush toilets, however there was no discussed and no action was taken.

The committee viewed the ice machine that is on the second. Everyone was in agreement that it needed to be made more secure (from the public) as this could cause a major health issue. Mayor Humphrey stated that he would attempt to find a more secure location for the machine.

Motion was made by Ronnie Trivett, seconded by L.C. Tester to allow Mayor Humphrey to locate and move the ice machine to a more secure location. By majority voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Mayor Humphrey stated that work by contractors to resolve the bat issues in the courthouse was to begin this week. He noted that the contractor was to confirm that the bats had left the building, clean and clear waste and seal openings so that the bats would be unable to re-enter.

Handicap Parking areas were stated as being the incorrect color. These are to be blue, not yellow with an upright sign also. Mayor Humphrey stated that he would correct this issue. No vote necessary.

Sheriff Chris Mathes spoke requesting support concerning upcoming legislation changes in illegal drugs and also prescription drugs. Everyone was supportive of this issue.

There were no public comments.

Chairwoman Blankenship announced that the next meeting was set for December 2, 2013 at 6:00 PM.

Motion to adjourn was made by Ken Arney, seconded by Robert Gobble. By majority voice vote, all ayes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Patsy H. Lewis, Secretary

Jo Ann Blankenship, Chairwoman

  
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