

Law Enforcement Committee Meeting - - - February 4, 2014

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Members Present: Jo Ann Blankenship, Richard Winters, Willie Campbell, Robert L. Gobble, Ronnie Trivett, Ken Arney, L.C. Tester, Scott Sams, and Patsy Lewis, Recording Secretary.

Others in attendance included: Commission Chairman Tom Bowers, concerned citizens and news media.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Richard Winters at 6:40 PM. Quorum present.

Motion was made by L. C. Tester, seconded by Robert Gobble to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, January 13, 2014 as presented. By majority voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Unfinished Business

Further Consideration of Carter County Probation Department – Chairman Winters stressed that prior to the creation of a new Department, many steps needed to be completed. He voiced concern that sufficient data had not yet been gathered.

Chairman Winters stated that some of the steps needing to be completed were:

1. A study to see if this department would be feasible to operate.
2. All possible options needed to be researched. (example: leg bracelets)
3. Data-Data-Data, gathered from others having departments of this type.
4. Visit other areas that have a Probation Department (Blount County being the closest).
5. Prepare a Private Act to be presented and approved.
6. Input from the Judge (newly elected in the 2014 General Election).
7. Can this Department have self sufficient funding needed for operation. (It was noted that there are 890 violation of probation that have not been served, and 71 inmates on violation of probation currently in Carter County.)
8. Is a contract possible with an outside agency, such as The State of Tennessee.
9. Is there a contract or agreement in effect with the current probation department.(CrossRoads)?

It was also noted that this could not go into effect until after September 1, 2014.

Commissioner Willie Campbell stated that inmates need rehabilitation so that they can re-enter society and avoid violations.

Commissioner Jo Ann Blankenship stated that several programs were available such as GED.

Motion was made by Jo Ann Blankenship, seconded by Willie Campbell to allow:

**L.C. Tester -Committee Member & Deputy, / Richard Winters- Law Enforcement Chairman
Tom Bowers- Commission Chairman / Keith Bowers, Jr. - County Attorney**

to research all aspects of the option of creating a Carter County Probation Department and report back to the Law Enforcement Committee for additional consideration.

By majority voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Public Comments – Several in citizens in attendance stated that the committee was doing a “good job” and appreciated the work being done.

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Other Business

It was noted that the next meeting for the following committees:

**Health & Welfare Committee
Rules & By-Laws Committee
Building & Grounds Committee
Law Enforcement Committee**

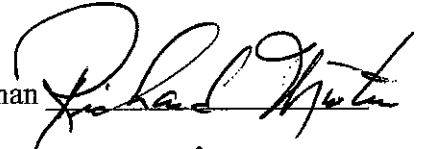
will be April 7, 2014 unless and need is found and the Committee's Chairman places it on the committee agenda for discussion. In this case members will be notified.

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Motion to adjourn made by Ken Arney, seconded by Willie Campbell. By majority voice vote, all ayes, meeting adjourn at 7:07 PM.

Patsy H. Lewis, Recording Secretary

Richard Winters, Chairman



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