

**APPROVED**

**Law Enforcement Committee Meeting**

**January 13, 2014**

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: Commissioners John Lewis, and Nancy Brown, Sheriff Chris Mathes, Capt. Tom Smith, Chief Deputy Ron Street, Terry Arnold and Anthony Roberts with the Carter County Rescue Squad, news media and concerned citizens.

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Meeting was called to order by Jo Ann Blankenship at 6:30 PM. Willie Campbell was welcomed to the committee as new Commissioner (replacing Buford Peters which was Committee Chair).

Floor was opened at this time for nominations for Committee Chair.

Nomination of Willie Campbell was made by Ken Arney, seconded by L.C. Tester. Commissioner Campbell declined the nomination.

Nomination of Richard Winters was made by Ronnie Trivett, seconded by Ken Arney. By majority voice vote, all ayes, **Richard Winters was elected Chairman of the Law Enforcement Committee** and completed the meeting.

Motion was made by L.C. Tester, seconded by Jo Ann Blankenship to approve the minutes of the last meeting, November 4, 2013 as printed. By majority voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

#### Old Business

Chairman Winters questioned Sheriff Mathes if any additional action was being taken concerning the purchase of a Crossover boat, that was discussed during the last meeting. Sheriff Mathes replied, not at this time.

#### New Business

L.C. Tester presented to the committee a desire to create the county's own Probation Department. He stated that approximately 1,258 people are currently on active probation in Carter County. The current probation fees collect by Crossroads are \$35 a month, per person, for 12 months.

Commissioner Tester noted that the possible revenue that could be utilized for other resources within the county could reach as much as \$528,360.00.

Following much discussion, it was stated that a Private Act would be necessary to began this department and would take time to complete in order to began this possibly in September 2014.

**MOTION was made by L.C. Tester to request Attorney Keith Bowers, Jr. to prepare a Private Act creating a Carter County Probation Department to be presented before full commissions for approval. By majority voice vote, motion carried.**

Motion to adjourn was made by L.C. Tester, seconded by Ken Arney. By majority voice vote, all ayes, motion carried and meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.

Patsy H. Lewis, Recording Secretary

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Richard Winters, Chairman



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Currently, there are approximately 1,258 people on active probation. While it is possible for this number to vary, please keep in mind that in recent years, this number has increased, which means if the trend continues, the county will continually benefit every year.

For instance, the length of probation time is 11 months and 29 days. And current probation fees collected by Crossroads are \$35 a month, per person, for 12 months. That is, \$35 x 1,258 x 12 months.

The possible revenue that could be utilized for other resources within the county could reach as much as \$528,360.00.