

Carter County Commission Nominating Committee
Draft Minutes, January 9, 2017

Call to Order:

Chairman Al Meehan called the Committee to order at 6:00 pm in the Mayor's Conference Room, Carter County Court House.

Roll Call:

Chairman Meehan asked Secretary Acuff to call the roll. Those present were: Robert Acuff, Al Meehan, Ronnie Trivett, L.C. Tester, Ross Garland, John Lewis, Sonja Culler and Robert Carroll. All members present.

Approval of the Agenda:

Chairman Meehan asked members to review and approve the agenda items and as noted. Motion by Sonja Culler to approve, seconded by Robert Carroll. Unanimous for approval.

Public Comments:

Chair Meehan called for Public Comments. No public comments.

Approval of the Minutes:

The next agenda item was the approval of the Minutes from the November 14, 2016 meeting. The draft Minutes were distributed by Secretary Acuff and a motion by Sonja Culler with a second by Ross Garland to accept as distributed. The Minutes were unanimously approved.

Old Business:

Commissioner Garland commented that there are 2 openings on the Agriculture Committee and asked if those have been given notice to the public. The item was deferred until the February meeting with the intent of seeking proper clarification if notice had been served or to do so if it had not.

New Business:

There was discussion regarding the 8th District Constable open. The only candidate that the committee had in hand was the application of Mr. David Campbell. The committee was reminded that the cut-off date for applications was Friday, January 6, 2017. Discussion ensued with questions about additional candidates and background checks by the Sheriff's Office.

Chairman Meehan asked Planning Director Chris Schuettler to address vacancies that will occur on the Carter County Planning Commission. He indicated that Commissioners Robert Carroll and Randall Jenkins have terms that will expire shortly and that they wanted to be reappointed. A motion by Ronnie Trivett to refer the reappointments to the full Commission with a second by John Lewis to do so was unanimously adopted.

There was discussion regarding the Animal Shelter and concerns that 'something is going on' with leadership actions at the Shelter. L.C. Tester indicated that he had heard from members of the Animal Advisory Board regarding personnel assignments.

Commissioners Garland, Culler and Meehan commented that Ms. Robinson's title now includes 'Co-Director' of the Shelter. Commissioner Garland indicated that under new Director Posada, the Shelter is moving forward and operations are in order and improving. Commissioners commented on Ms. Robinson's involvement and the potential inability of Director Posada to do her job with the authority of her title - Director. Apparently the members of the Animal Advisory group have voiced concerns too regarding Ms. Robinson's involvement.

Assistant Finance Director Michael Kennedy was questioned about Ms. Robinson's pay when she is working for the Mayor's Office versus the Shelter. He indicated that he will provide that distribution to commissioners.

Chair Meehan asked if there was a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Lewis so moved with a second from Commissioner Trivett. The motion was approved unanimously to adjourn at 6:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Acuff

Approved _____

Chairman Al Meehan