Carter County Planning Commission
Meeting Minutes
November 18, 2014

Members Present	Members Absent
Jerry Pearman, Chairman	Jamie Hughes
Ralph Watson, Vice-Chairman	Steve Pierce
Jerry Smith	
Ken Arney	
Robert Carroll	
Sonja Culler	
Randall Jenkins	
Mary Ann Patton	
Leon Humphrey, Mayor	

Planning Staff Present
Chris Schuettler, Director
Chris Pierce, Codes Enforcement
Tony Gouge, Codes Enforcement
Diane Cannon, Secretary

Local Planning Staff Present
Ronda Sawyer

The Chairman called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance. Roll call. Quorum met. Ken Arney made motion to approve October 2014 meeting minutes and Sonja Culler seconded the motion. Motion passed

1. **Jack Hampton's Permit Report.** Mr. Schuettler presented the report which was extremely small due to lack of permits being purchased. Mr. Schuettler explained permits and how they assist Ronnie Taylor, Property Assessor, and his staff in knowing when new construction, additions and improvements to properties occur and therefore add to the tax base.

2. **Codes Report.** Mr. Chris Pierce presented a power point presentation of current violations and properties now in compliance. He stated that the Nov. 25th meeting he would give an update for the year. Five cases are slated to go to court for failure to comply. Chairman Pearman stated that, as winter nears and leaves fall, it is easy to spot trouble areas in the members' districts and they can assist by making Mr. Pierce and Mr. Gouge aware of these problems.

3. **Stoplight Update.** Chairman Pearman requested Mr. Ken Arney give an update on the progress on a much needed red light in the Hampton area. Mr. Arney stated the light was up and covered and the turning lane into Hampton High School has been extended. Gap Creek light should be installed soon also. Mr. Ray Lyons mentioned the newly opened Tweetsie Trail and whether or not any plans were being made to provide an area similar to the one off Alabama Street in Johnson City which provides and area for picnics, etc. Mr. Schuettler stated

that there are plans being made for a pavilion on the Elizabethton side and gave a briefing on the trail and how nice it is. He also spoke regarding a meeting earlier in the week in which he attended. Chairman Pearman asked if Mayor Humphrey had anything he would like to add and Mayor Humphrey stated he felt Mr. Schuettler had covered everything. Chairman Pearman also asked about the stoplight needed in the Roan Mountain/Valley Forge area that Mr. Steve Chambers (a former planning commission member and County commissioner) was working on prior to his removal from the planning board. Mayor Humphrey stated nothing has came across his desk to date.

4. **Addition of 4 X 4 and 6 X 6 Blocks to Platted Surveys.** Mr. Schuettler explained why blocks needed to be added to platted surveys for things such as soils stamps, etc. Staff recommended approval in the form of a motion. Ralph Watson made the motion, Sonja Culler seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

5. **Identification Badges.** Mr. Schuettler requested that each member step to the State seal near the judge's bench to have a photo taken and used for identification badges for the members. Mayor Humphrey stated he did not understand the need. Chairman Pearman replied he uses his old badge which he has had for many years anytime he goes to a person's home to speak with them. While the matter was discussed Mr. Chris Pierce took photos and Mr. Schuettler stated he would obtain badges for the members since EMA office no longer willing to oblige.

6. **Meeting Reminder.** Mr. Schuettler reminded the members we will meet again next week. Mayor Humphrey questioned why we were meeting twice this month and Mr. Schuettler replied that we have to have 10 meetings a year. (Note: Due to Christmas Holiday and travel plans of members a December meeting is usually not held).

7. **Adjournment.** Ralph Watson made the motion to adjourn and Randall Jenkins seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.