

CARTER COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING APRIL 16, 2007

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BE IT REMEMBERED, that the County Commissioners of Carter County, Elizabethton, Tennessee, met in Regular Session on April 16, 2007, at 7:00 P.M. in the main courtroom of the Carter County Courthouse. Present and presiding were the Honorable Johnny Holder, County Mayor/Chairman; the Honorable Keith Bowers, Jr., County Attorney; and the Honorable Mary Gouge, County Clerk. The following Commissioners were present: Jack Buckles, Gebe Ritchie, Nancy Brown, Jeff McKinney, R. L. Miller, Jim Whaley, Harry Sisk, Jerry Pearman, L. C. Tester, Steve Lowrance, Tom Bowers, Jo Ann Blankenship, Dickie Renfro, Terry Montgomery, Ken Arney, Larry McKinney, Richard Tester, Bill Armstrong, Robert Davis and Robert Gobble. Lawrence Hodge, Charlie Bayless, Lynn Tipton and Jack Campbell were absent.

ROLL CALL.....QUORUM PRESENT

PRAYER.....JEFF MCKINNEY

PLEDGE.....ROBERT DAVIS



Carter County Commission

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County Chairman
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PUBLIC NOTICE OF A REGULAR SESSION OF THE CARTER COUNTY COMMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all members of the Carter County Commission, to all residents of the County of Carter, Tennessee, and to all persons interested, that the Regular Session of the Carter County Commission will be held Monday, April 16, 2007, 7:00 p.m., Main Courtroom, Carter County Courthouse, 801 E. Elk Avenue, Elizabethton, Tennessee.

Agenda

- Call to Order
- Roll Call
- Opening Prayer
- Pledge of Flag
- Recognition of Elected Officials/Guests
- Acceptance of Minutes from Previous Meeting
- Planning Commission Appointments
- Committee Reports/Recommendations
- Public Comments
- Adjourn

All matters that may be normally considered by the Commission may be taken up and acted on at such meetings.

Johnny Holder, County Chairman
Carter County, Tennessee

Mayor Holder recognized the elected and appointed officials in the audience by asking them to stand. He then stated that Public Comments had been put back on the agenda and that he was moving it to item vi. Ken Arney recognized Roy Livingston from the audience who questioned who had the authority to close the Courthouse.

On motion by Dickie Renfro, seconded by Jack Buckles the following Notaries were approved by voice roll call vote this April 19, 2007.

Layla Ward	Amy R. Ward
Kathy G. Debord	Crystal Renee Bowers
Shelby Medearis	Tracy Lewis Guy
Selma L. Bowers	Tammy Kyviakidis
Cheryl Kay Williams	Drusilla Smith
Sherry Kyte	Robert L. Holly
Nancy E. Alsup	Michelle Ellis Ward
Frances L. Goodwin	

On motion by Gebe Ritchie, seconded by Robert Davis the minutes of the March 19, 2007, meeting of the County Commission were approved as presented. Roll call vote as follows:

AYES: Jack Buckles, Gebe Ritchie, Nancy Brown, Jeff McKinney, R. L. Miller, Jim Whaley, Harry Sisk, Jerry Pearman, L. C. Tester, Steve Lowrance, Tom Bowers, Jo Ann Blankenship, Dickie Renfro, Terry Montgomery, Ken Arney, Larry McKinney, Richard Tester, Bill Armstrong, Robert Davis & Robert Gobble

NAYS: 0

PASSING: 0

ABSENT: Lawrence Hodge, Charlie Bayless, Lynn Tipton & Jack Campbell

There being 20 ayes, 0 nays, 0 passing and 4 aabsent, motion duly carried this April 16, 2007.

Motion was made by Gebe Ritchie, seconded by Nancy Brown to have the Clerk read each motion to be voted on back to the Commissioners prior to the vote being taken. The County Attorney stated that this requirement was already in place pursuant to Robert's Rules of Order and that this motion was unnecessary.

Jack Buckles addressed the Commission on behalf of the Carter County Volunteer Firefighter Association stating that the Johnson City Firefighters Union had employed telemarketers to call and sell tickets to a concert at Freedom Hall as a fundraiser for their organization. He further stated that Carter County resident's were also being contacted and that it had impacted the amount of donations made to the County's Volunteer Fire Departments. Motion was made by Jack Buckles, seconded by Jerry Pearman to have the County Attorney draft a letter to the Johnson City Firefighters Union requesting that

they cease soliciting funds from the area of Carter County that has not been annexed by the City of Johnson City. By voice roll call vote, motion duly carried this April 16, 2007.

Jo Ann Blankenship reported for the Financial Management Committee stating that the position for a Financial Director for Carter County would be advertised in three (3) local papers in the Elizabethton, Johnson City and Kingsport areas. She further stated that the same ad that was ran when Jason Cody was hired would be used but that the salary would be increased from \$30,000 to \$47,000 because Mr. Cody was hired at that starting salary.

At the request of Richard Allen Lewis, Life Skill Teacher for the Carter County Schools and on recommendation of the Budget Committee, motion was made by Bill Armstrong, seconded by Harry Sisk to approve the following budget amendment to transfer funds for the School

Graduation Anti-Alcohol program. Roll call vote as follows:

AYES: Jack Buckles, Gebe Ritchie, Nancy Brown, Jeff McKinney, R. L. Miller, Jim Whaley, Harry Sisk, Jerry Pearman, L. C. Tester, Steve Lowrance, Tom Bowers, Jo Ann Blankenship, Dickie Renfro, Terry Montgomery, Ken Arney, Larry McKinney, Richard Tester, Bill Armstrong, Robert Davis & Robert Gobble
 NAYS: 0
 PASSING: 0
 ABSENT: Lawrence Hodge, Charlie Bayless, Lynn Tipton & Jack Campbell

There being 20 ayes, 0 nays, 0 passing and 4 absent, motion duly carried this April 16, 2007.

**Carter County General Fund 101
 Budget Amendment # 4 2006-2007**

Item #1	34151	Alcohol & Drug Treatment Reserve	1,000	Decrease
	54110	Sheriff's Office Other Charges	1,000	Increase

To budget funds for School Graduation Anti-alcohol program

Note that Commissioners Whaley, Renfro and Arney gave a conflict of interest statement before voting.

On recommendation of the Budget Committee, motion was made by Bill Armstrong, seconded by Harry Sisk to approve the following Budget Amendment #4 as requested. Roll call vote as follows:

AYES: Jack Buckles, Gebe Ritchie, Nancy Brown, Jeff McKinney, R. L. Miller, Jim Whaley, Harry Sisk, Jerry Pearman, L. C. Tester, Steve Lowrance, Tom Bowers, Jo Ann Blankenship, Dickie Renfro, Terry Montgomery, Ken Arney, Larry McKinney, Richard Tester, Bill Armstrong, Robert Davis & Robert Gobble
 NAYS: 0
 PASSING: 0
 ABSENT: Lawrence Hodge, Charlie Bayless, Lynn Tipton & Jack Campbell

There being 20 ayes, 0 nays, 0 passing and 4 absent, motion duly carried this April 16, 2007.

**Carter County Schools Fund 141
 Budget Amendment # 4 2006-2007**

Item #1	46515		Early Childhood Education		90,316	Increase
	73400	116	Teachers.	43,900		Increase
	73400	163	Educational Assistants.	11,976		Increase
	73400	201	Social Security	3,460		Increase
	73400	204	State Retirement.	4,450		Increase
	73400	206	Life Insurance.	60		Increase
	73400	207	Medical Insurance	10,270		Increase
	73400	208	Dental Insurance.	520		Increase
	73400	210	Unemployment Compensation	65		Increase
	73400	212	Employer Medicare.	810		Increase
	73400	355	Travel	200		
	73400	429	Instructional Supplies & Materials	12,105		Increase
	73400	524	In-Service/Staff Development	2,500		Increase
New Funds			To recognize Early Childhood Expansion Grant			
Item #2	72220	499	Other Supplies & Materials	8,000		Increase
	72220	790	Other Equipment		8,000	Decrease
			To reallocate funds within the major category			

Mr. Armstrong informed the Commissioners that the April 26, 2007, Budget Workshop scheduled for 3:00 P.M. had been changed to 5:00 P.M.

On motion by Jim Whaley, seconded by Tom Bowers and by voice toll call vote, Court adjourned.