

Carter County Commission Meeting  
Monday, September 19, 2011 – 10:00 A.M.

**Mayor** Leon Humphrey addressed the commission prior to the beginning of the meeting and surrendered his position as Chair of the Commission to Vice-Chairman, Lawrence Hodge, effective immediately who called the meeting to order.

**Roll Call:** Gebe Ritchie, Lawrence Hodge, Nancy Brown, Joel Street, Richard Winters, Ronnie Trivett, Harry Sisk, Charles VonCannon, L.C. Tester, Steve Lowrance, Tom Bowers, JoAnn Blankenship, Charlie Bayless, Dickie Renfro, Ken Arney, Steve Chambers, John Lewis, Sonja Culler, Russell Kyte, Scott Sams, Bill Armstrong, Pat Hicks, and Robert Gobble.

**Opening Prayer** – Grant Whittenbarger

**Pledge to the American Flag**- Pat Hicks

**Motion** by John Lewis, seconded by Harry Sisk the Minutes of the August 15, 2011 meeting approved with an amended correction being noted as beginning at page 307 in the first paragraph, beginning with the word “Mr. Bowers” is to be deleted through the completion of said section, and the language to be replaced as follows:

“County Attorney, Keith Bowers, reported that he had received an opinion letter from Elisha Hodge, Attorney for the Open Records Counsel, and a copy of the same is being attached as an Exhibit to the minutes to provide a complete report of Mrs. Hodge's Statement to the County concerning the Open Records request by Ms. Miller”

By voice vote. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

**Motion** by Tom Bowers, seconded by Nancy Brown to amend the July 29<sup>th</sup> 2011 Commission Minutes a copy of the Proposed Budget for Carter County = Fiscal Year 2011 – 2012  
Fund 143 2011-2012 Budget  
Fund 145 Head start 2011-2011 Budget  
as requested by Financial Director, Ingrid Deloach. Motion Carried.

**Motion** by Gebe Ritchie, seconded by Ken Arney to ammend Agenda by moving Agenda Item # X Election of First District County Commissioner to be between Item # V and Item #VI

Roll Call Vote.

**Ayes:** Gebe Ritchie, Lawrence Hodge, Joel Street, Richard Winters, Harry Sisk, L.C. Tester, Steve Lowrance, Tom Bowers, JoAnn Blankenship, Charlie Bayless, Dickie Renfro, Ken Arney, Steve Chambers, Sonja Culler, Russell Kyte, Bill Armstrong, and Pat Hicks.(17 Ayes)

**Nays:** Nancy Brown, Ronnie Trivett, Charles VonCannon, John Lewis, Scott Sams, and Robert Gobble.(6 Nays)

Passing: 0

Absent: 0

Motion Carried

**Nominations** included Buford Lynn Peters, made by Gebe Ritchie and Gary L. Perry, made by Scott Sams. These seconded by L.C. Tester. No other nominations were presented. Motion made by Ken Arney that the nominations cease seconded by Sonja Culler. Majority vote, motion carried.

**Voting** Buford Peters: Lawrence Hodge, Joel Street, Richard Winters, Harry Sisk, Charles VonCannon, L.C. Tester, Steve Lowrance, Tom Bowers, JoAnn Blankenship, Charlie Bayless, Dickie Renfro, Ken Arney, Steve Chambers, Sonja Culler, Russell Kyte, Bill Armstong, Pat Hicks.  
(17 Votes)

Voting Gary L. Perry: Nancy Brown, Ronnie Trivett, John Lewis, Scott Sams, Robert Gobble  
(5 Votes)

Passing: Gebe Ritchie. (1 Passing)

Absent: 0

**Buford Lynn Peters** elected Commissioner of the 1<sup>st</sup> District, was sworn in to office at this time by County Clerk, Mary Gouge and took his seat as commissioner at this time.

**Nominations of County Chairman**

Tom Bowers, made by Sonja Culler , seconded by L.C. Tester

Leon Humphrey, made by Scott Sams, seconded by Nancy Brown

**Motion** to cease made by Steve Chambers, seconded by Ken Arney to cease nominations.

Motion Carried.

Voting for Tom Bowers: Buford Peters, Gebe Ritchie, Lawrence Hodge, Joel Street, Richard Winters, Harry Sisk, L.C. Tester, Steve Lowrance, Tom Bowers, JoAnn Blankenship, Charlie Bayless, Dickie Renfro, Ken Arney, Steve Chambers, Sonja Culler, Russell Kyte, Bill Armstrong, Pat Hicks. (18 Votes)

Voting for Leon Humphrey: Nancy Brown, Ronnie Trivett, Charles VonCannon, John Lewis, Scott Sams, Robert Gobble. (6 Votes)

**Tom Bowers** elected as Chairman of the Carter County Commission and Mr. Bowers assumed the Chair and addressed the Commission.

**Nancy Brown:** "I have never in my life been talked to like I have by some of these Commissioners. Some of you have been good as gold, some of you have been rude, nasty, and I will never be talked to again like I have been talked to." (Requested to be noted in the minutes per Nancy Brown/per Chairman Bowers)

**Recognition** of Elected Officials present.

**Nominations** for Vice-Chairman: Motion by Robert Gobble, seconded by Harry Sisk to keep Lawrence Hodge as Vice-Chairman of the Commission. No other nomination made.  
Motion to cease nominations made by Ken Arney, seconded by, Steve Chambers.

Roll Call Vote:

**Ayes:** Buford Peters, Gebe Ritchie, Joel Street, Richard Winters, Ronnie Trivett, Harry Sisk, L.C. Tester, Tom Bowers, Joann Blankenship, Charlie Bayless, Dickie Renfro, Ken Arney, Steve Chambers, John Lewis, Sonja Culler, Russell Kyte, Scott Sams, Bill Armstrong, Pat Hicks, Robert Gobble  
(20 Ayes)

**Nays:** Nancy Brown, Charles VonCannon (2 nay)

**Passing:** Lawrence Hodge (1 passing)

**Absent:** Steve Lowrance (1 absent)

Motion Carried

**Tom Anderson-** Carter County Tomorrow Report presented. See Attachment.

**Public Comments:** The following approached the commission to discuss their view on various issues. Bill Younce, Roy Livingston, Linda Stewart, James Hughes, Janis Birchfield, Dawn Beyer, Charlie McQueen, and Bill Peters.

**Motion** to recess 1 hour for lunch made by Ronnie Trivett, seconded by Charlie Bayless.  
Motion Carried.

**Chairman** Tom Bowers called the meeting back to order following lunch.

**Motion** by Bill Armstrong, seconded by Dickie Renfro to accept the Agreement / City of Elizabethton and Carter County, Tennessee Animal Shelter and entered into the minutes on Page 338.

**Discussion** to which Mayor Leon Humphrey responds to concerning the Agreement. (Requested to be noted in minutes by JoAnn Blankenhip per Chairman Tom Bowers)

Q: Items # 15 & 16 asked to be clarified.

A: This is a partnership, and this is only the agreement.

There will be By-Laws drawn up for the Board to be prepared by Attorney Bowers.

Q: Item # 17 asked to be clarified.

A: It has always been a joint venture, however in the past there has been an attempt to share equally, but to date the city has bore more cost than the county overall proportionally.

Q: Item # 5 asked to be clarified.

A: Euthanasia of animals is currently being handled by Washington County doing the bulk of this as a "good neighbor". The goal is to have people on staff trained in this procedure and have an area to do such a procedure.

Q: Item # 3 asked to be clarified.

A: Euthanasia is possible described in Item # 3, as this is the humane approach of caring for animal over population.

Q: Will there be a Project Manager to oversee the construction of this building?

A: Yes. However, due to the extreme cost of the project, Roan Mountain Correctional Facility has been contacted and they will be able to do a large percentage of work for the county.

Discussion ended and Chairman, Tom Bowers at this time called for a roll call vote as follows:

**Ayes:** Buford Peters, Gebe Ritchie, Lawrence Hodge, Nancy Brown, Richard Winters, Ronnie Trivett, Harry Sisk, Charles VonCannon, L.C. Tester, Steve Lowrance, Tom Bowers, JoAnn Blankenhip, Charlie Bayless, Dickie Renfro, Ken Arney, Steve Chambers, Sonja Culler, Russell Kyte, Bill Armstrong, Pat Hicks and Robert Gobble. (21 Ayes)

**Nays:** John Lewis (1 Nay)

**Passing:** Joel Street (1 Passing)

**Absent:** Scott Sams (1 Absent)

Motion carried.

**Motion** by Nancy Brown, seconded by Robert Gobble to accept the Resolution No. 553 to Provide Financial Assistance to be Paid from Carter County Tax Revenues to Low-Income Elderly Taxpayers, Totally and Permanently Disabled Homeowners, and Disabled Veterans in Addition to the Tax Relief Already Provided by the State of Tennessee as Provided by T.C.A. 67-5-701, ET SEQ. and entered into the Minutes on Page 342.

Roll Call vote as follows:

**Aye:** Buford Peters, Gebe Ritchie (Noted a Conflict of Interests Disabled American Veteran), Lawrence Hodge, Nancy Brown, Joel Street, Richard Winters, Ronnie Trivett, Harry Sisk, Charles VonCannon, L.C. Tester, Steve Lowrance, Tom Bowers, JoAnn Blankenhip, Charlie Bayless, Dickie Renfro, Ken Arney, Steve Chambers, John Lewis, Sonja Culler, Russell Kyte, Bill Armstrong, Pat Hicks, and Robert Gobble. (23 Ayes)

**Nays:** 0

**Passing:** 0

**Absent:** Scott Sams (1 Absent)

Motion Carried.

**Motion** made by Lawrence Hodge, seconded by JoAnn Blankenship and upon request of County Attorney Keith Bowers, Jr. to postpone any action on the Resolution to Provide Retiring, Injured, or Deceased County Law Enforcement Officers with their Service Firearm as a Retirement Bonus or Service Bonus until more research can be made concerning this issue.

By majority vote. Motion Carried.

**Motion** made by John Lewis, seconded by Nancy Brown to approve the following notaries:

Joseph Miller	Teresa Metcalf	Patricia Cummings
Lana Garrison	Jackie Barnett	Lora Shay Hicks
Melissa Shaw	Jennifer Martin	Carrie Norman
Louella Randolph	Shannon Todd Perry	Jennifer Woods
Robert McCulloch II	Kenneth Paul Murphy	Jessica Ann Harris
Sheila Sturgil	Ernest L. Ritchie	Bill Bradford

By voice vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Harry Sisk on behalf of the Budget Committee and seconded by Bill Armstrong to accept the contract with Appalachia Business Communications contingent to a hard copy contract agreement and to stagger pending contracts for any other offices, that so desire, pending proper notification to and from Xerox as such come due as to make possible the same date of termination for all offices.

Roll Call Vote as follows:

Ayes: Buford Peters, Gebe Ritchie, Lawrence Hodge, Nancy Brown, Joel Street, Richard Winters, Ronnie Trivett, Harry Sisk, Charles VonCannon, L.C. Tester, Steve Lowrance, Tom Bowers, JoAnn Blankenship, Charlie Bayless, Dickie Renfro, Steve Chambers, Sonja Culler, Russell Kyte, Bill Armstrong, Pat Hicks and Robert Gobble. (21 Ayes)

Nays: Ken Arney and John Lewis (2 Nays)

Passing: 0

Absent: Scott Sams (1 Absent)

Motion Carried.

**Motion** made by Harry Sisk on behalf of the Budget Committee, and seconded by Ronnie Trivett to approve an additional \$ 4,115.00 to Crawford Drywall for work on the monument.

Roll Call Vote as follows:

Ayes: Buford Peters, Gebe Ritchie, Lawrence Hodge, Nancy Brown, Richard Winters, Ronnie Trivett, Harry Sisk, Charles VonCannon, L.C. Tester, Steve Lowrance, Tom Bowers, JoAnn Blankenship, Charlie Bayless, Dickie Renfro, Ken Arney, Steve Chambers, John Lewis, Sonja Culler, Russell Kyte, Bill Armstrong, Pat Hicks and Robert Gobble. (22 Ayes)

Nays: Joel Street (1 nays)

Passing: 0

Absent: Scott Sams (1 absent)

Motion Carried.

**Motion** made by Harry Sisk on behalf of the Budget Committee seconded by Bill Armstrong to approve the Budget Admendment 101-#2 and entered on page # 344 .

1-reallocate funds within the Maintenance Budget to provide for heating and air repairs  
\$ 10,000.00

2-allocates funds from reserve to purchase 4WD vehicles for the Sheriff's Department  
\$ 20,246.83

3-allocates funds received from insurance to replace Sheriff's vehicle  
\$ 21,000.00

4-allocates funds to cover payout of comp time in Reappraisal  
\$ 3,635.00

Roll Call Vote as follows:

Ayes: Buford Peters, Gebe Ritchie, Lawrence Hodge, Nancy Brown, Joel Street, Richard Winters, Ronnie Trivett, Harry Sisk, Charles VonCannon, L.C. Tester, Steve Lowrance, Tom Bowers, JoAnn Blankenship, Charlie Bayless, Dickie Renfro, Ken Arney, Steve Chambers, Sonja Culler, Russell Kyte, Bill Armstrong, Pat Hicks, and Robert Gobble. (22 Ayes)

Nays: John Lewis (1 nay)

Passing: 0

Absent: Scott Sams (1 absent)

Motion Carried.

**Motion** by Harry Sisk on behalf of the Budget Committee seconded by Lawrence Hodge to approve General Fund 101 Budget Amendment 141- # 2 and is entered on page # 344.

1-funds for Cloudland High parking lot from referendum funds \$ 76,590.86

2-funds for Little Milligan windows from referendum funds \$ 92,484.00 .

Ayes: Buford Peters, Gebe Ritchie, Lawrence Hodge, Nancy Brown, \*Joel Street, Richard Winters, Ronnie Trivett, Harry Sisk, Charles VonCannon, L.C. Tester, Steve Lowrance, Tom Bowers, JoAnn Blankenship, \*Charlie Bayless, \*Dickie Renfro, \*Ken Arney, \*Steve Chambers, John Lewis,

\*Sonja Culler, Russell Kyte, Bill Armstrong, \*Pat Hicks and Robert Gobble.  
(23 Ayes)

Nays: 0

Passing: 0

Absent: Scott Sams

(\*-Indicates that Disclaimer for Carter County Employees was read before voting.)

Motion Carried.

**Motion** by JoAnn Blankenship on behalf of the Financial Management Committee seconded by Ken Arney to increase the salary of Ingrid Deloach, Financial Director to \$ 54,600.00

Roll Call Vote as follows:

Ayes: Buford Peters, Gebe Ritchie, Lawrence Hodge, Joel Street, Richard Winters, Ronnie Trivett, Harry Sisk, Charles VonCannon, L.C. Tester, Steve Lowrance, Tom Bowers, JoAnn Blankenship, Charlie Bayless, Dickie Renfro, Ken Arney, Steve Chambers, Sonja Culler, Russell Kyte, Bill Armstrong and Robert Gobble. (20 Ayes)

Nays: Nancy Brown and John Lewis (2 Nays)

Passing: Pat Hicks (1 Passing)

Absent: Scott Sams (1 Absent)

Motion Carried.

**Motion** by JoAnn Blankenship on behalf of the Financial Management Committee seconded by Harry Sisk that Deputy Financial Director Christa Graybeal Byrd be added to the E-mail Policy.

Roll Call Vote as follows:

Ayes: Buford Peters, Gebe Ritchie, Lawrence Hodge, Nancy Brown, Joel Street, Richard Winters, Ronnie Trivett, Harry Sisk, Charles VonCannon, L.C. Tester, Steve Lowrance, Tom Bowers, JoAnn Blankenship, Charlie Bayless, Dickie Renfro, Ken Arney, Steve Chambers, John Lewis, Sonja Culler, Russell Kyte, Bill Armstrong, Pat Hicks, and Robert Gobble. (23 Ayes)

Nays: 0  
Passing:0  
Absent: Scott Sams (1 Absent)

Motion Carried.

**Motion** by Gebe Ritchie on behalf of the Highway Committee and seconded by John Lewis to name the bridge at the base of Cross Mountain "The Razor John " Doc" Campbell Bridge" in his memory. Cost being \$ 350.00. It was noted that any donations made for this project be directed to the Trustee and be designated as such.

Roll Call Vote as follows:

Ayes: Buford Peters, Gebe Ritchie, Lawrence Hodge, Nancy Brown, Joel Street, Richard Winters, Ronnie Trivett, Harry Sisk, Charles VonCannon, L.C. Tester, Steve Lowrance, Tom Bowers, JoAnn Blankenship, Charlie Bayless, Dickie Renfro, Ken Arney, Steve Chambers, John Lewis, Sonja Culler, Bill Armstrong, Pat Hicks and Robert Gobble. (22 Ayes)

Nays: 0  
Passing: 0  
Absent: Steve Chambers, Scott Sams (2 Absent)

Motion Carried.

**Motion** Gebe Ritchie on behalf of the Highway Committee and seconded by Robert Gobble to direct Keth Bowers, Jr., County Attorney to draft a letter to TDOT requesting a study of a Caution Light being installed at the intersection of Highway 321 and 19E , and also the highway in front of the Hampton High School, in order to promote safety.

Roll call vote as follows:

Ayes: Buford Peters, Gebe Ritchie Lawrence Hodge, Nancy Brown, Joel Street, Richard Winters, Ronnie Trivett, Harry Sisk, Charles VonCannon, Steve Lowrance, Tom Bowers, JoAnn Blankenship, Charlie Bayless, Dickie Renfro, Ken Arney, John Lewis, Sonja Culler, Russell Kyte, Bill Armstrong, Pat Hicks, and Robert Gobble. (21 Ayes)

Nays: 0  
Passing: 0  
Absent: L.C. Tester, Steve Chambers, and Scott Sams. (3 Absent)

**Motion** Harry Sisk on behalf of the Financial Management Committee and seconded by Charlie Bayless to request that the Financial Management Committee members all remain the same with the exception of Harry Sisk being replaced by Russell Kyte.

Roll call vote as follows:

Ayes: Buford Peters, Gebe Ritchie, Lawrence Hodge, Nancy Brown, Joel Street, Richard Winters, Ronnie Trivett, Harry Sisk, Charles VonCannon, Steve Lowrance, Tom Bowers, JoAnn Blankenship, Charlie Bayless, Dickie Renfro, Ken Arney, John Lewis, Sonja Culler, Russell Kyte, Bill Armstong, Pat Hicks, and Robert Gobble. (21 Ayes)

Nays: 0  
Passing: 0  
Absent: L.C. Tester, Steve Chambers and Scott Sams (3 Absent)

Motion Carried.

**County Attorney, Keith Bowers,** provided a report concerning the implementaion of a rafting tax in Carter County, Tennessee. Attney Bowers briefed the Commission as to Attorney General Opinion 11-62, concerning the drug fund. Attorney Bowers reported as to several issues concerning industrial development and several issues concerning operations of the Sessions Court and Clerk's office in connection with various forms utilized by said departments.

Chairman Tom Bowers called for a 5 minute recess at this time.

**Motion** Joel Street, seconded by Ronnie Trivett to enter into a Attorney/Commission closed session following the 5 minute recess.

Following the closed sessions Commission was called back to order by Chairman Tom Bowers.

**Mayor's** Report was presented at this time.

The Parks and Recreation Board requested that a conformation of Elizabeth Elliott to the board. No action taken.

**Motion** by JoAnn Blankenship, seconded by Joel Street to postpone any action until October meeting in order for each district be represented fairly and be brought before the Commission.

By voice vote. All Ayes motion carried.

**Court** Room Seating and Carpet replacement was discussed. Bids have been taken however at this time no bids have been let.

Website for Carter County was noted that over 3,000 people had visited this site during August.

September was noted as Suicide Prevention Month by the State of Tennessee and the Mayor.

**Nancy Brown** questioned the use of Trustees on private property.

**Motion** made by John Lewis, seconded by Nancy Brown to allow the Mayor along with the County Attorney to enter into an litagation agreement with Tony Seaton Law Office, once some modifications have been made.

Roll call vote as follows:

Ayes: Buford Peters, Gebe Ritchie, Lawrence Hodge, Nancy Brown, Joel Street, Richard Winters, Ronnie Trivett, Harry Sisk, Charles VonCannon, Steve Lowrance, Tom Bowers, JoAnn Blankenship, Dickie Renfro, Ken Arney, John Lewis, Sonja Culler, Bill Armstrong, Pat Hicks, and Robert Gobble. (19 Ayes)

Nays: 0

Passing: 0

Absent: L.C. Tester, Charlie Bayless, Steve Chambers, Russell Kyte, and Scott Sams (5 Absent)

**Planning** Commission new rules concerning addressing the commission was discussed and Attorney Keith Bowers, Jr. will report next month.

**Chairman**, Tom Bowers noted that as Chairman of the Carter County Commission he would be assuming the position currently held by Mayor Humphrey on the Planning Commission and Mayor Humphrey will remain on the Commission in an Ex-Officio capacity.

Motion to adjourn made by Lawrence Hodge, seconded by Gebe Ritchie. By voice vote. All Ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

**Amend to  
July 29, 2011  
Commission  
Minutes**

# Proposed Budget for Carter County - Fiscal Year 2011-12

Fund	Rate
County General Fund	\$0.950
County Highway Fund	\$0.130
General Purpose/Schools	\$0.986
Debt Service	\$0.086
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2.153</b>

	ACTUAL 2009-2010	ESTIMATED 2010-2011	BUDGETED 2011-2012
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>			
<b>Estimated Revenues and Other Sources</b>			
Local Taxes	\$ 10,522,093	\$ 10,622,256	\$ 12,648,035
State Of Tennessee	\$ 810,911	\$ 1,052,875	\$ 542,235
Federal Government	\$ 210,541	\$ 187,787	\$ 133,499
Other Sources	\$ 371,999	\$ 289,616	\$ 213,400
<b>Total Estimated Revenues and Other Sources</b>	<b>\$ 11,915,544</b>	<b>\$ 12,152,533</b>	<b>\$ 13,537,169</b>
<b>Estimated Expenditures and Other Uses</b>			
Salaries	\$ 5,243,124	\$ 5,335,510	\$ 6,152,065
Other Cost	\$ 6,214,283	\$ 7,866,552	\$ 7,328,733
<b>Total Estimated Expenditures and Other Uses</b>	<b>\$ 11,457,407</b>	<b>\$ 13,202,062</b>	<b>\$ 13,480,798</b>
Estimated Beginning Fund Balance July 1	\$ 4,312,338	\$ 4,598,337	\$ 2,589,480
Estimated Ending Fund Balance- June 30	\$ 4,598,337	\$ 2,589,480	\$ 2,645,851
Employee Positions	167	184	221
<b>HIGHWAY/PUBLIC WORKS FUND</b>			
<b>Estimated Revenue and Other Sources</b>			
Local Taxes	\$ 1,020,192	\$ 1,032,729	\$ 1,333,689
State Of Tennessee	\$ 2,235,597	\$ 2,080,440	\$ 1,995,689
Federal Government	\$ 43,903	\$ 38,542	\$ 12,500
Other Sources	\$ 10,311	\$ 28,804	\$ 13,000
<b>Total Estimated Revenue and Other Sources</b>	<b>\$ 3,310,003</b>	<b>\$ 3,180,516</b>	<b>\$ 3,354,858</b>
<b>Estimated Expenditures and Other Uses</b>			
Salaries	\$ 950,055	\$ 952,891	\$ 1,069,729
Other Cost	\$ 1,884,897	\$ 2,024,136	\$ 2,943,641
<b>Total Estimated Expenditures and Other Uses</b>	<b>\$ 2,834,952</b>	<b>\$ 3,526,366</b>	<b>\$ 4,013,370</b>
Estimated Beginning fund Balance-July 1	\$ 1,868,208	\$ 2,343,261	\$ 1,889,621
Estimated Ending Fund Balance- June 30	\$ 2,343,261	\$ 1,889,621	\$ 1,231,109
Employee Position	40	40	40
<b>GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND</b>			
<b>Estimated Revenue and Other Sources</b>			
Local Taxes	\$ 9,012,645	\$ 8,631,322	\$ 10,208,778
State Of Tennessee	\$ 29,729,564	\$ 29,879,662	\$ 28,728,700
Federal Government	\$ 982,908	\$ 837,471	\$ 223,555
Other Sources	\$ 90,809	\$ 99,591	\$ -
<b>Total Estimated Revenue and Other Sources</b>	<b>\$ 39,815,924</b>	<b>\$ 39,448,047</b>	<b>\$ 39,161,033</b>
<b>Estimated Expenditures and Other Uses</b>			
Salaries	\$ 23,876,742	\$ 24,346,577	\$ 23,840,863
Other Cost	\$ 16,587,019	\$ 15,780,829	\$ 15,684,901
<b>Total Estimated Expenditures and Other Uses</b>	<b>\$ 40,463,761</b>	<b>\$ 40,127,406</b>	<b>\$ 39,525,764</b>
Estimated Beginning Fund Balance- July 1	\$ 4,043,346	\$ 3,821,210	\$ 2,970,876
Estimated Ending Fund Balance- June 30	\$ 3,821,210	\$ 2,970,876	\$ 2,608,145
Employee Positions	951	952	946
<b>DEBT SERVICE FUND</b>			
<b>Estimated Revenue and Other Sources</b>			
Local Taxes	\$ 3,328,655	\$ 3,179,025	\$ 823,416
State Of Tennessee	\$ 146,010	\$ 149,351	\$ 128,000
Federal Government	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other Sources	\$ -	\$ 25,380,848	\$ 150,000
<b>Total Estimated Revenue and Other Sources</b>	<b>\$ 3,474,665</b>	<b>\$ 28,709,223</b>	<b>\$ 1,101,416</b>
<b>Estimated Expenditures and Other Uses</b>			
Debt Service Cost	\$ 1,908,150	\$ 28,161,175	\$ 3,258,776
<b>Total Estimated Expenditures and Other Uses</b>	<b>\$ 1,908,150</b>	<b>\$ 28,161,175</b>	<b>\$ 3,258,776</b>
Estimated Beginning Fund Balance- July 1	\$ 6,469,243	\$ 8,035,760	\$ 8,583,808
Estimated Ending Fund Balance- June 30	\$ 8,035,760	\$ 8,583,808	\$ 6,426,447

**Fund 143**  
**2011-2012 Budget**

Revenues

	<u>10-11 Budget</u>	<u>11-12 Request</u>
43521 LUNCH PAYMENTS - CHILDREN	\$ 405,000.00	\$ 350,000.00
43522 LUNCH PAYMENTS - ADULTS	\$ 73,700.00	\$ 75,000.00
43523 INCOME FROM BREAKFAST	\$ 222,000.00	\$ 200,000.00
43524 SPECIAL MILK SALES	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 2,500.00
43525 A LA CARTE SALES	\$ 166,000.00	\$ 105,000.00
43990 OTHER CHARGES FOR SERVICES	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 160,000.00
Total CHARGES FOR CURRENT SERVICES	<u>\$ 960,300.00</u>	<u>\$ 892,500.00</u>
44110 INTEREST EARNED	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
44170 MISCELLANEOUS REFUNDS	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Total TOTAL OTHER LOCAL REVENUE	<u>\$ 32,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 8,000.00</u>
46520 SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE	\$ 33,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
Total STATE OF TENNESSEE	<u>\$ 33,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 25,000.00</u>
47111 SECTION 4 - LUNCH	\$ 1,284,277.00	\$ 45,000.00
47112 SECTION 11 - LUNCH	\$ -	\$ 1,350,000.00
47113 BREAKFAST	\$ 420,000.00	\$ 450,000.00
47115 USDA FOOD SERVICE EQUIPMENT GRA	ARRA .00	\$ -
	<u>\$ 1,704,277.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,845,000.00</u>
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* Grand Total *	<u>\$ 2,729,577.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,770,500.00</u>
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Expenditures

( 73100 ) FOOD SERVICE	<u>10-11 Budget</u>	<u>11-12 Request</u>
73100-105 SUPERVISOR/DIRECTOR	\$ 52,415.00	\$ 53,253.64
73100-162 CLERICAL PERSONNEL	\$ 20,881.00	\$ 22,424.00
73100-165 CAFETERIA PERSONNEL	\$ 795,600.00	\$ 794,057.00
73100-189 OTHER SALARIES & WAGES	\$ 30,100.00	\$ 30,100.00
73100-201 SOCIAL SECURITY	\$ 56,000.00	\$ 56,000.00
73100-204 STATE RETIREMENT	\$ 122,000.00	\$ 82,000.00
73100-206 LIFE INSURANCE	\$ 2,125.00	\$ 2,125.00
73100-207 MEDICAL INSURANCE	\$ 283,500.00	\$ 283,500.00
73100-208 DENTAL INSURANCE	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
73100-210 UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,865.00
73100-212 EMPLOYER MEDICARE	\$ 13,100.00	\$ 13,100.00
73100-299 OTHER FRINGE BENEFITS	\$ 32,000.00	\$ 32,000.00
73100-307 COMMUNICATION	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
73100-320 DUES AND MEMBERSHIPS	\$ -	\$ 35.00
73100-327 FREIGHT EXPENSES	\$ -	\$ -
73100-336 MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR SERVICES - E	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 45,000.00
73100-355 TRAVEL	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
73100-399 OTHER CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$ 87,000.00	\$ 87,000.00
73100-421 FOOD PREPARATION SUPPLIES	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 100,000.00
73100-422 FOOD SUPPLIES	\$ 1,200,000.00	\$ 1,200,000.00
73100-435 OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
73100-451 UNIFORMS	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,500.00
73100-499 OTHER SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
73100-524 In Service / Staff Development	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
73100-599 OTHER CHARGES	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
73100-710 FOOD SERVICE EQUIPMENT	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
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Total -> FOOD SERVICE	\$ 2,925,221.00	\$ 2,897,459.64
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Total Revenues	\$ 2,770,500.00
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 2,897,459.64</u>
Amount to Balance Budget from Fund Balance	\$ (126,959.64)

**Fund 145 Headstart  
2011-2012 Budget**

<u>Revenues</u>		<u>10-11 Budget</u>	<u>11-12 Request</u>
47114	USDA - OTHER	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 92,000.00
47990	OTHER DIRECT FEDERAL REVENUE	\$ 934,218.00	\$ 936,000.00
Total FEDERAL GOVERNMENT		\$ 1,024,218.00	\$ 1,028,000.00
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<u>Expenditures</u>		<u>10-11 Budget</u>	<u>11-12 Request</u>
( 73400 ) Early Childhood Education			
73400-105	SUPERVISOR/DIRECTOR	\$ 46,200.00	\$ 46,200.00
73400-116	TEACHERS	\$ 274,000.00	\$ 274,000.00
73400-162	CLERICAL PERSONNEL	\$ 27,315.00	\$ 27,315.00
73400-163	EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANTS	\$ 99,000.00	\$ 95,000.00
73400-189	OTHER SALARIES & WAGES	\$ 154,410.00	\$ 161,826.00
73400-195	SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS	\$ 3,100.00	\$ 3,100.00
73400-198	Non-Certified Substitute Teachers	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
73400-201	SOCIAL SECURITY	\$ 38,200.00	\$ 38,200.00
73400-204	STATE RETIREMENT	\$ 54,200.00	\$ 54,200.00
73400-206	LIFE INSURANCE	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00
73400-207	MEDICAL INSURANCE	\$ 133,400.00	\$ 133,400.00
73400-208	DENTAL INSURANCE	\$ 5,760.00	\$ 5,760.00
73400-210	UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	\$ 665.00	\$ 665.00
73400-212	EMPLOYER MEDICARE	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
73400-330	OPERATING LEASE PAYMENTS	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 11,000.00
73400-355	TRAVEL	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
73400-422	FOOD SUPPLIES	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 90,000.00
73400-429	INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPLIES & MATEF	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 18,000.00
73400-499	OTHER SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS	\$ 15,360.00	\$ 15,360.00
73400-524	In Service / Staff Development	\$ 11,758.00	\$ 11,758.00
73400-599	OTHER CHARGES	\$ 17,600.00	\$ 17,600.00
Total -> Early Childhood Education		\$ 1,023,718.00	\$ 1,027,134.00
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Total Revenues		\$ 1,024,218.00	\$ 1,028,000.00
Total Expenditures		\$ 1,023,718.00	\$ 1,027,134.00

## AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT made and entered into on this the 19 day of September 2011, by and between the **CITY OF ELIZABETHTON, TENNESSEE**, organized and existing by City Charter as a Municipal Corporation under the laws of the State of Tennessee (hereinafter the "City"), and **CARTER COUNTY, TENNESSEE**, organized and existing by action by the Legislature of the State of Tennessee, (hereinafter the "County").

### RECITALS

The undersigned parties to this Agreement desire to enter into a public partnership for the mutual use, operation, management and maintenance of certain real property located in the 13<sup>th</sup> Civil District of Carter County, Tennessee, \_\_\_\_\_ Sycamore Shoals Drive. The parties to this Agreement desire to state their interests and obligations in the use of said real property and improvements thereon be defined by an agreement in writing.

### W-I-T-N-E-S-S-E-T-H:

**WHEREAS**, the City owns certain said real property located at \_\_\_\_\_ Sycamore Shoals Drive in Carter County, Elizabethton, Tennessee; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City has made available said property for the construction of an animal shelter; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City and County have jointly provided funding for the construction of said animal shelter; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City and County each desire to provide a place for the care of stray or unwanted animals; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City and County had Joey White of the architectural firm of Reedy and Sykes (hereinafter the "architect") draw plans and specifications for the construction of a new animal shelter; and,

**WHEREAS**, upon the completion of construction of the new animal shelter building, the City and County desire to provide funding for the staffing, operation, and maintenance of the shelter, and now desire to consummate the agreement in writing.

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements contained herein and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto hereby agree as follows:

1. **Ownership** – The parties hereto agree that the City owns and shall continue to own the underlying land and the City and County shall provide equal funding for the construction of the building.
2. **Term** – The initial term of this Agreement shall be for five (5) years terminating on Sept. 19, 2016. The Agreement shall automatically renew for like terms so long as the Elizabethton-Carter County Animal Shelter shall exist and desire the use of the building unless amended by mutual agreement. Any mutual agreement to modify must be approved by the City Council of Elizabethton and the County Commission of Carter County.
3. **Conditions of Use** – The building, contents, and appurtenances shall only be used for the health, welfare, safety and caring for animals entrusted therein and no other use shall be permitted.
4. **Maintenance** – The City and County shall be equally responsible for all major structural maintenance and repair of the property, including but not limited to, maintenance on the roof, HVAC system, structure, plumbing system, electrical system, and any other individual items of repair or maintenance.
5. **Contractual Services** – Contractual Services shall consist of, but is not limited to, the following: Postal Delivery Service, electricity, water and sewer, telephone services, waste collection and disposal, medical services, repair and maintenance services, repair and maintenance vehicles, repair and maintenance grounds, education, seminars, training, travel – business expenses, other contracted services. These services shall be paid for from the operating funds of the animal shelter.
6. **Personnel Services** – Personnel Services shall consist of but not limited to salaries/wages, overtime, standby/on call, holiday bonus, other salaries and wages.
7. **Fixed Charges** – Fixed charges shall consist of but not limited to liability, general, buildings – insurance, vehicles – insurance.
8. **Funding** – The City and County acknowledge that the animal shelter will be of benefit to the City and County citizens, accordingly, the City and County agree to provide funding to the animal shelter on an equal basis unless otherwise specified.
9. **Budgeting** – The County shall provide to the City estimates of the cost of the operation of the animal shelter in February of each year and, further, a final budget request shall be submitted to the City of Elizabethton Finance Director by March 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.
10. **Fiscal Agency** – In order to facilitate the control of expenses and accountability, the fiscal agent of the Elizabethton/Carter County Animal Shelter shall be designated as the County.
11. **Timing of Expenditures** – Allocations for expenditures should be paid in quarterly to a unique fund. Cash flow should be estimated with budget estimates to determine needs each quarter. All expenditures shall be on an accrued basis with the fiscal year ending on June 30<sup>th</sup> of each year.

12. **Fund Balance** – Funds in excess of expenses can be accumulated up to fifteen (15%) percent of the Elizabethton/Carter County Animal Shelter's annual operational budget. Fund balances above fifteen (15%) percent of the annual operational budget of the animal shelter must be allocated by the controlling board to offset future funding requests.
13. **Insurance and Risk of Loss** – The City and County are governmental entities and as such are protected by the Tennessee Governmental Tort Liability Act (TGTLA) and nothing in the Agreement shall be construed as in any way or manner waiving any defenses of liability limits under TGTLA. The City will have the building added to its insurance coverage but shall not afford any insurance coverage for any personal property owned by employees, citizens or other parties. Operation and control of the animal shelter shall be the responsibility of County as provided under Tennessee Code Annotated (TCA) §5-1-120.
14. **Liability for Personal Injury** – The City and County will provide liability insurance coverage for any liability that shall arise out of City or County conduct and for which the City or County may be liable under the TGTLA.
15. **Liability for Environmental Issues** – The County agrees to follow and abide by all Federal, State and Local Environmental Statutes, Regulations and Ordinances and to pay any and all fines and costs associated with any violations thereof and, further, hold the City of Elizabethton harmless thereon.
16. **Shelter Employees** – The employees of the shelter shall be considered employees of Carter County with the exception that the animal control officer who is currently employed for the City of Elizabethton, he shall be considered an employee of the City under direction of the Director, and any disciplinary action shall be brought to the attention of the City Manager for discipline under the City's Personnel Rules and Regulations. Upon the retirement or termination of the current City Employee, all employees will be considered employees of the County.
17. **Demolition of Existing Animal Shelter** – The cost of the demolition of the existing animal shelter and site restoration cost shall be equally shared between the City and County.
18. **Titles and Captions** – All titles and captions contained in the Agreement are for convenience only and shall not be deemed part of the context nor affect the interpretation of this Agreement.
19. **Savings Clause** - If any provision of this Agreement or the application of such provision to any person or circumstance shall be held invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the remainder of this Agreement or the application of such provision to person or circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid, illegal or unenforceable shall not be affected thereby.
20. **Amendments** – No amendment to or modification of this Agreement shall be effective unless in writing signed by the parties hereto.
21. **Governing Law** – This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Tennessee without consideration of any conflict of laws provisions, unless preempted by Federal Law.
22. **Entire Agreement** – This Agreement contains the entire understanding between and among the parties and supersedes any prior understandings and agreements, either written or oral, among them respecting the subject matter of this Agreement.

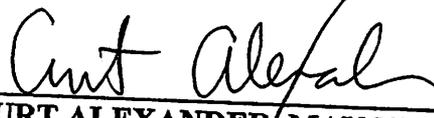
23. **Further Actions** – The parties hereto shall execute and deliver all documents, provide all information and take or forbear from all such action as may be necessary or appropriate to achieve the purposes of this Agreement.

24. **Presumption** – This Agreement or any section herein shall not be construed against any party due to the fact that said Agreement or any section herein was drafted by said party.

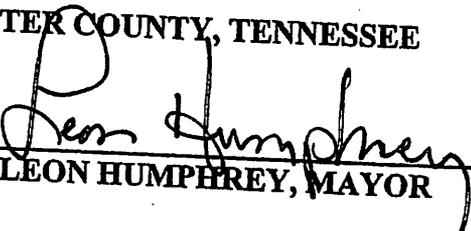
25. **Agreement Binding** – This Agreement shall be binding upon the successors and assigns of the parties hereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed, or have caused to be executed, this Agreement executed in DUPLICATE ORIGINALS with a copy being retained by each party, on the day and date first above written.

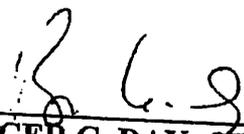
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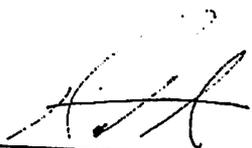
BY:   
CURT ALEXANDER, MAYOR

CARTER COUNTY, TENNESSEE

BY:   
LEON HUMPHREY, MAYOR

PREPARED BY ME AND  
APPROVED AS TO FORM

  
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BEFORE THE COUNTY COMMISSION  
OF CARTER COUNTY, TENNESSEE

REGULAR MEETING, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19th, 2011

RESOLUTION NO. 554

**“RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO BE PAID FROM  
CARTER COUNTY TAX REVENUES TO LOW-INCOME ELDERLY  
TAXPAYERS, TOTALLY AND PERMANENTLY DISABLED HOMEOWNERS,  
AND DISABLED VETERANS IN ADDITION TO THE TAX RELIEF ALREADY  
PROVIDED BY THE STATE OF TENNESSEE AS PROVIDED  
BY T.C.A. §67-5-701, ET SEQ.”**

WHEREAS, a need exists in Carter County to provide financial assistance to low-income elderly residents of the county; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to T.C.A. §5-9-112, counties are authorized to appropriate funds on an annual basis for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to T.C.A. §5-9-112, the county legislative body is authorized to develop guidelines for eligibility and participation in applying for this assistance; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to T.C.A. §67-5-701, the legislative bodies of counties may provide for the appropriation of funds for tax relief for elderly low-income homeowners as described in T.C.A. §67-5-702, for disabled homeowners as described in T.C.A. §67-5-703 and for disabled veterans as described in T.C.A. §67-5-704.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Carter County Legislative Body meeting in regular session at Elizabethton, Tennessee, on this the 19<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2011, that:

SECTION 1. A low-income ad valorem real property taxpayer who is sixty-five (65) years of age or older and who resides in Carter County shall be eligible to apply for financial assistance based on the amount of real property taxes assessed and levied by the county. The amount shall be twenty dollars (\$20.00), and eligibility shall be determined by the standards and conditions set out in T.C.A. §67-5-702.

SECTION 2. A totally and permanently disabled homeowner and who resides in Carter County shall be eligible to apply for financial assistance based upon the amount of real property taxes assessed and levied by the county. The amount shall be twenty dollars (\$20.00), and eligibility shall be determined by the standards and conditions set out in T.C.A. §67-5-702.

SECTION 3. A disabled veteran real property taxpayer who resides in Carter County shall be eligible to apply for financial assistance based upon the amount of real property taxes assessed and levied by the county. The amount shall be twenty dollars (\$20.00), and eligibility shall be determined by the standards and conditions set out in T.C.A. §67-5-702.

SECTION 4. Property tax relief shall be obtainable by application to the county trustee. The procedure shall conform to the requirements for state relief as stated in T.C.A. §67-5-701, 67-5-702, 67-5-703 and 67-5-704, as applicable. After application is made, the trustee shall

certify the amount of the relief to the county mayor, who shall issue a warrant for the specified amount.

SECTION 5. The assistance set out herein is applicable solely for taxes levied and assessed for the 2011 calendar year. Eligible taxpayers must apply for the assistance no later than April 5, 2012. Failure to apply within the prescribed time shall constitute a waiver of all claims for the assistance hereby authorized.

SECTION 6. The implementation of this program is dependent on appropriations to fund it in the general appropriations for the fiscal year 2011-2012, or any supplemental appropriations.

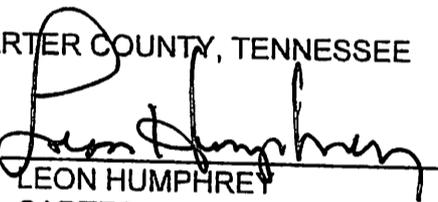
SECTION 7. This resolution shall be effective upon passage, contingent upon funding as provided in Section 4, the public welfare requiring it.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Carter County legislative body meeting in regular session this 15<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2011, that the property tax relief for low-income elderly residents shall be implemented as set forth above.

Adopted this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2011.

CARTER COUNTY, TENNESSEE

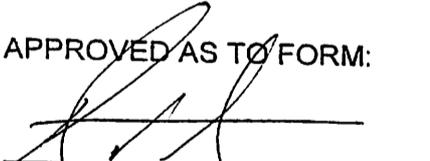
By

  
LEON HUMPHREY  
CARTER COUNTY MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
MARY GOUGE  
CARTER COUNTY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
KEITH BOWERS, JR.  
CARTER COUNTY ATTORNEY

**Carter County Schools**  
**General Fund 141**  
**Budget Amendment #2**

<b>Item # 1</b>	34330 Reserved for Capitol Outlay		\$ 76,590.86	Decrease
	76100-707 Building Improvements	\$ 76,590.86		Increase

To budget funds for Cloudland High Parking Lot Project from Referendum Money.

<b>Item # 2</b>	34330 Reserved for Capitol Outlay		\$ 92,484.00	Decrease
	76100-707 Building Improvements	\$ 92,484.00		Increase

To budget funds for Little Milligan Window Project from Referendum Money.

Total \$ 169,074.86 \$ 169,074.86

**Carter County Government**  
**General Fund 101**  
**Budget Amendment #2**

<b>Item # 1</b>	51800-335 Maintenance and Repair Services-Building		\$ 10,000.00	Decrease
	51800-712 Heating and Air Conditioning Equipment	\$ 10,000.00		Increase

To reallocate funds within the Maintenance Budget to provide for Heating and Air repairs.

<b>Item # 2</b>	34990-000-32 Reserved for Sheriff's Auction		\$ 20,246.83	Decrease
	54110-718 Motor Vehicles	\$ 20,246.83		Increase

To allocate funds for the purchase of 4WD vehicles for the Sheriff's Dept.

<b>Item # 3</b>	49700 Insurance Recovery		\$21,000.00	Decrease
	54110-718 Motor Vehicles	\$ 21,000.00		Increase

To allocate funds received from insurance to replace Sheriff's vehicle.

<b>Item # 4</b>	52300-106 Assessor's Office Deputies		\$ 3,635.00	Decrease
	52310-106 Reappraisal Deputies	\$ 2,981.00		Increase
	52310-201 Social Security	\$ 185.00		Increase
	52310-204 Retirement	\$ 425.78		Increase
	52310-212 Medicare	\$ 43.22		Increase

To reallocate funds to cover payout of comp time in Reappraisal.

<b>Item # 5</b>	34168 Reserved for Automation-Sheriff		\$ 12,000.00	Decrease
	54110-399 Other Contracted Services	\$ 12,000.00		Increase

To allocate funds from the Reserve for the Jail Tracker System.

<b>Item # 6</b>	54210-160 Guards		\$ 6,373.00	Decrease
	54210-717 Maintenance Equipment	\$ 6,373.00		Increase

To reallocate funds for the purchase of a floor cleaning machine at the Sheriff's Dept.

Total \$ 73,254.83 \$ 73,254.83

CCT report - Carter County Commission  
September 19, 2011

- **Roan Mountain Sewer Project** – Have met with two potential funding sources. USDA and EDA. Will be a combination of loan and grant. Could initially impact 100 customers, primarily commercial
- **Project Quest** – (\$7 million investment and 70 jobs) Project is on hold. Hope to revisit in January 2012
- **Project Red Energy** – County has made recommendations of language in feedstock agreement which needs to be included, omitted, or changed. Waiting on new agreement from principals.
- **The Highlands Group and Tittle Construction** - Working on incentive packages with State and local sources.
- **Existing Business/Industry visits** – Currently making visits and taking tours of existing industry to discuss current needs and what (if anything) we can do locally to make them more competitive.
- Working with **Carter County Business and Industry Council** to have the State Dept. of Economic and Community Development explain Gov. Haslam's "tools" for companies next month.
- Working on **marketing materials** based on feedback from Site Selectors criteria. Will also be attending two automotive aftermarket shows before the end of the year. This should allow direct access to 100-150 (out of 6000 attending the shows) manufactures which supply the OEMs with Volkswagen in Chattanooga. Elizabethton is only 216 miles away. 3 1/2 hours.
- **Industrial Bond Board** – Next meeting in October may have proposal to review concerning old Smoky Mountain Book Warehouse.
- **1500 West Elk (Pine Palms Mgt)** – Old Inland Container Building – working with developers on infrastructure improvements

- **Elizabethton Business Enhancement Sign Project** (USDA Rural Business Enterprise Grant - \$17,500) – meetings with Downtown Representatives is underway and identifying best signage
- The first Riverfront Development Strategic Planning Session **“Wading into the Future”** is scheduled for **October 25**. Participants will assist landowners, the city, and developers to identify “best sustainable” land use and possible “special tax district”. This will include many facets (i.e. residential, retail, commercial, and recreational). Scheduled for Tuesday October 25 from 8am until 1pm.
- **Carter County Long Range Strategic Planning** should start in October or early November. This will include a SWOT analysis, priorities, action plans for medium and long range goals.
- **Hotel feasibility** – continuing effort to work with a regional hospitality company about feasibility of bringing a new hotel to Carter County.
- Assisting Emergency Management Director (Andrew Worley) in **EOC location** and funding opportunities.
- **50,000 sq ft building in Cherokee Park** – waiting on information from owner to begin marketing on State and TVA sites.
- Watauga Industrial Park **SIA Route** final Right Of Way plans have been given to Mayor. The cul de sac on Smoky Mountain Place should be completed by year’s end.
- **Judge Ben Allen/Don Lewis/SR 91 signalization** - TDOT Working to coordinate with SIA Route.
- **1<sup>st</sup> Drug Coalition** meeting is being set for early October.