

**CARTER COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2011 – 6:00 P.M.**

**Chairman, Tom Bowers** called the meeting to order.

**Roll Call:** 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, Scott Sams, Bill Armstrong, Pat Hicks and Robert Gobble. Quorum Present.

**Opening Prayer** – Lawrence Hodge

**Pledge to the American Flag** – Ken Arney

**Mayor Leon Humphrey** requested to change the meeting agenda concerning item # 14, Public Comments, to be moved placing it between items # 8, Mayor's Presentation of Plaque and item # 9, Mayor's Report.

**Motion** was made by Charles VonCannon, seconded by Nancy Brown to move item # 14, Public Comments on the agenda to be placed between item # 8 and item # 9.

Voice Roll Call Vote.

Chairman Bowers then called for a roll call vote as follows:

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

**Nays:** 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, and Pat Hicks. (18 nays)

Motion Failed.

**Motion** made by John Lewis, seconded by Charles VonCannon to amend the September 19, 2011 minutes to allow the statement preceding the meeting by Mayor Humphrey to be inserted as a part of those minutes.

Roll Call Vote as follows:

**Ayes:** Nancy Brown, Joel Street, Ronnie Trivett, Charles VonCannon, John Lewis, Scott Sams, Pat Hicks, and Robert Gobble. (8 Ayes)

**Nays:** Buford Peters, Gebe Ritchie, Lawrence Hodge, 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, and Bill Armstrong.(16 Nays)

Motion Failed.

**Motion** made by Gebe Ritchie, seconded by Ken Arney to accept the minutes of the September 19, 2011 meeting as presented.

Roll Call Vote as follows:

Ayes: Buford Peters, Gebe Ritchie, Lawrence Hodge, 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, Joel Street, Ronnie Trivett, Charles VonCannon, John Lewis, Scott Sams, and Robert Gobble. (7 Nays)

Motion Carried.

**Motion** made by Ken Arney seconded by John Lewis to approve the following notaries:

Michael G. Blair	Tammy Gentry	Cindy Gouge	Shirley McGee
Jimmy Tester	Cletta Younce	Rick Whitman	Drusilla Smith
Ashley Dawn Woods	Sharon Jane King		

By voice vote. All ayes. Motion Carried

**Recognition** of Elected and Appointed Officials was noted by Chairman Bowers at this time. Thoses being present were: Tracy Harris, Election Administrator, Randal Lewis, Trustee, Jodie Bristol, Register of Deeds, Sheriff Chris Mathes, Jack Perkins, Highway Superintendent, Chris Schuettler, Planning Director and Mayor Leon Humphrey.

**Bud Whitehead** at this time was presented a plaque by Mayor Leon Humphrey recognizing his many accomplishments during his softball sporting career. Most recently Mr. Whitehead was inducted into the National Slow Pitch Hall of Fame being the first Tennessean to earn entrance into the hall. This presentation was followed by a standing ovation.

**Mayor's Report** was presented at this time. Topics discussed included: Meth Lab Clean Up; Dennis Cove Road; Siam Road; County Owned Land near Hwy 321 & Hwy 67/Landfill Convenience Center; Drainage Issues; Audit Committee Findings; Drug Card Renewal; Seating & Carpeting for Courtroom; Christmas Holidays; Planning Commission Meeting Rules, Property Tax/Tax Sales; Elizabethton Boy's Club Events and Forrest Service Reimbursements.

**Motion** was made by Steve Lowrance, seconded by JoAnn Blankenship to authorize payment of renewal dues for the period of 01-01-2012 thru 12-31-2012 in the amount of \$ 1,160.00 to the National Association of Counties thus renewing the Naco Prescription Drug Discount Card for Carter County.

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. (24 Ayes)

All ayes. Motion Carried.

**Motion** was made by JoAnn Blankenship, seconded by Ken Arney, to keep the three day Christmas Holiday as listed in the Employees Handbook. Christmas Day plus two days. It was noted that due to Christmas Day being on Sunday this year (2011) the holiday observance would be Friday, Monday, and Tuesday.

By majority voice vote motion carried.

### **Committee Reports**

**Motion** made by Harry Sisk on behalf of the Budget Committee and seconded by JoAnn Blankenship to appropriate money in the amount of \$38,219.00 from the Fund Balance of the Health Department to be used for flooring and HVAC repairs.

**Moisture** problems at the Health Department were discussed. This was followed by a “**friendly motion**” being made by John Lewis, seconded by Charles VonCannon to **amend** the preceding motion by adding that research be done first in order to locate the moisture source before tile is installed.

Ms. Caroline Hurt on behalf of the Health Department noted that a company presenting an estimate, assured them that the type of tile being looked at was moisture blocking. She also noted that this would be part of the bidding process.

By majority voice vote motion to amend failed.

**Roll call vote** request by Chairman Bowers on the Motion as originally presented 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, Scott Sams, Bill Armstrong, Pat Hicks, and Robert Gobble. (23 Ayes)

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

Motion Carried.

**Motion** made by Harry Sisk on behalf of the Budget Committee and seconded by John Lewis to purchase a front end loader truck and thirty-two (32) dumpsters for landfill use at the Roan Mountain and Elk Mills areas at a cost of \$85,000.00 funds coming from the General Fund balance.

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, Scott Sams, Bill Armstrong, Pat Hicks, and Robert Gobble. (24 Ayes)

All ayes. Motion Carried.

**Motion** was made by Harry Sisk on behalf of the Budget Committee, seconded by John Lewis to approve BlueCross BlueShield's insurance renewal at no rate increase for county employees.

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, Scott Sams, Bill Armstrong, Pat Hicks, and Robert Gobble. (24 Ayes)  
(\*-Indicates that Disclaimer for Employees of Carter County, Tennessee was read before voting.)

All ayes. Motion Carried.

**Motion** was made by Harry Sisk on behalf of the Budget Committee, seconded by Lawrence Hodge to approve the General Fund 141 Budget Amendment # 3 and is recorded on page #\_\_\_\_\_.

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, Scott Sams, Bill Armstrong, \*Pat Hicks, and Robert Gobble. (24 Ayes)  
(\* Indicates that Disclaimer for Employees of Carter County Tennessee was read before voting.)

All ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion Carried.

**Motion** made by Harry Sisk on behalf of the Budget Committee, seconded by Pat Hicks to approve Fund 141 Budget Amendment # 3 with 2 items and is recorded on page #\_\_\_\_\_.

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, Scott Sams, Bill Armstrong, \*Pat Hicks, and Robert Gobble. (24 Ayes)  
(\*Indicates that Disclaimer for Employees of Carter County Tennessee was read before voting.)

All Ayes. Motion Carried.

**Motion** made by Harry Sisk, per emergency request from Highway Superintendent Jack Perkins, and on behalf of the Budget Committee, seconded by Joel Street to approve a budget amendment for a line item transfer in the amount of \$ 6,000.00 from (asphalt) 62000-404 to tires (63100-450).

Voice 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, Scott Sams, Pat Hicks, and Robert Gobble. (23 Ayes)

**Nays:** None (0)

**Absent:** Bill Armstrong (1 absent)

Motion Carried.

**Motion** made by Harry Sisk, seconded by Charles VonCannon to temporarily reappoint, until the November Commission Meeting, the same Beer Board Committee members.

By majority voice vote, motion carried. With a “no” vote being noted by John Lewis.

**Motion** made by JoAnn Blankenship, seconded by Russell Kyte to refer back to the Budget Committee for consideration of payment to Patsy Lewis, as secretary for the Building & Grounds, Health & Welfare, Law Enforcement, Recreation, and Rules & By-Laws Committees.

By majority voice vote. Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Joann Blankenship, seconded by Sonja Culler to appoint Buford Peters Chairman of the Recreation Committee and to serve as a resource to the Park & Recreation Board and to designate the Park and Recreation Board a Sub-Committee of the Recreation Committee.

Roll Call vote to follow:

**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, John Lewis, Sonja Culler, Russell Kyte, Scott Sams, Bill Armstrong, Pat Hicks, and Robert Gobble. (23 Ayes)

**Nay:** Nancy Brown (1 Nay)

By Majority vote motion carried.

**Charles VonCannon** on behalf of the Landfill Committee noted that November 15th is designated as America Recycles Day and urged everyone to recycle. He recommended that everyone bring their recyclables to the Courthouse at the next meeting on November 21<sup>st</sup>. Containers will be located on site for this event.

**Ken Arney** noted that the Landfill Budget was currently in the “black” and extended a heartfelt “thank-you” to Landfill Director, Benny Lyons for his excellent service. This was followed by a standing ovation for Mr. Lyons.

**Motion** to enter into a five-minute recess at this time was made by Joel Street, seconded by Gebe Ritchie.

By majority voice vote motion carried.

Meeting was called back to order by Chairman Bowers following the recess.

Recommendation was made by John Lewis, to proceed with filling the position of Constable of the Sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) Civil District.

Following much discussion, County Attorney questioned if an advertisement had been placed for this position. Mayor Humphrey noted that while he was still Commission Chairman the opening for this position had been published.

**Motion** was made by Gebe Ritchie, seconded by Robert Gobble to permit the commissioners from the 6<sup>th</sup> Civil District to vote first concerning this matter.

**Motion** made by Steve Chambers to amend the forgoing motion by adding that in the future districts having position(s) open, that the Commissioners in that district be allowed to vote first.

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, and Scott Sams (2 Nays)

By majority vote motion carried.

**Motion** made by Ronnie Trivett, seconded by Ken Arney to vote on the office of the 6<sup>th</sup> District Constable during this meeting.

By majority voice vote motion carried. A "no" vote by Nancy Brown was noted.

**Motion** was made by Joel Street, seconded by L.C. Tester to accept and vote on the applicants as presented per application those being: Joseph T. Hatley, Allen Matheson, John C. Henson, and William D. Braswell.

Chairman Tom Bowers asked for additional nominations from the floor. There were none and called for a vote as follows noting that the vote began with the Commissioners from the 6<sup>th</sup> District voting first:

Voting for William Braswell: None(0)

Voting for Joseph Hatley: Nancy Brown and Russell Kyte (2 votes)

Voting for John Henson: Buford Peters, Gebe Ritchie, Lawrence Hodge, Joel Street, Richard Winters, Ronnie Trivett, Harry Sisk, L.C. Tester, Steve Lowrance, Tom Bowers, JoAnn Blankenship, Charlie Bayless, Dickie Renfro, Ken Arney, Steve Chambers, John Lewis, Sonja Culler, Scott Sams, Bill Armstrong, Pat Hicks and Robert Gobble. (21 Votes)

Voting for Allen Matheson: Charles VonCannon (1 vote)

**John Henson**, receiving the majority vote was duly elected Constable of the 6<sup>th</sup> District filling the unexpired term of Ross Potter, deceased.

**County Attorney, Keith Bowers, Jr.** provided comments and clarification as to the employee holiday schedule as defined by the Carter County Handbook, and further provided an update as to the Siam Road pavement issues, and further provided a report as to correspondence sent to Commission Schroer with the Tennessee Department of Transportation on behalf of the Commission. The County Attorney further provided a report as to progress of several issues including the private fireworks act, the rules and regulations concerning the Planning Commission and several issues which are being addressed by the County Attorney's office in connection with the several departments at the other Courthouse Annex including the Sheriff's Department, Sessions Court and Sessions Court Clerk's Office.

**Tom Anderson** reported on behalf of the Carter County Tomorrow. See attached page #\_\_\_\_\_.

**John G. Henson** took the oath of office as Constable of the Sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) Civil District Constable filling the unexpired term of Ross Potter and sworn in as such by County Clerk, Mary Gouge as this time.

Discussion concerning the Parks and Recreation Committee vacancies were discussed.

**Motion** was made by John Lewis, seconded by Russell Kyte to allow representation from each District on the Park and Recreation Committee giving applicants from the vacant district first choice to fill that vacancy. If no applicants are from the vacant district, consideration will then be given to other nominations taken from the floor. .

By majority voice vote motion carried.

**Public Comments:** The following approached the Commission to discuss their viewpoint on various issues:  
Scott Snell, Arlington Drive. It was noted he may need to present this before the Chancellor for a decision on the matter.  
Roy Livingston, Ethics policies.  
Linda Stewart, Meeting policies.  
Charlie McQueen, Parks and Recreation

**Motion** to adjourn was made by Gebe Ritchie, seconded by Harry Sisk. By majority voice vote all ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

**Carter County Schools**

**General Fund 141**

**Budget Amendment #3**

Item # 1	46590 Other State Education Funds		\$ 295,889.62	Increase
	73400-105 Director	\$ 35,000.00		Increase
	73400-116 Teachers	\$ 110,300.00		Increase
	73400-162 Clerical Personnel	\$ 10,605.00		Increase
	73400-163 Educational Assistants	\$ 37,500.00		Increase
	73400-198 Substitutes	\$ 5,000.00		Increase
	73400-201 Social Security	\$ 13,000.00		Increase
	73400-204 Retirement	\$ 17,000.00		Increase
	73400-206 Life Insurance	\$ 200.00		Increase
	73400-207 Medical Insurance	\$ 43,048.00		Increase
	73400-208 Dental Insurance	\$ 2,000.00		Increase
	73400-210 Unemployment Compensation	\$ 300.00		Increase
	73400-212 Medicare	\$ 2,900.00		Increase
	73400-307 Communications	\$ 2,000.00		Increase
	73400-355 Travel	\$ 6,000.00		Increase
	73400-429 Instructional Supplies	\$ 11,036.62		Increase

To budget Pre-K Program Grant from State Funds.

Item # 2	46590-591 Other State Education Funds		\$ 100,000.00	Increase
	72120-131-591 Nurses	\$ 59,715.00		Increase
	72120-201-591 Social Security	\$ 3,702.33		Increase
	72120-204-591 Retirement	\$ 8,527.30		Increase
	72120-206-591 Life Insurance	\$ 50.40		Increase
	72120-207-591 Medical Insurance	\$ 11,253.60		Increase
	72120-208-591 Dental Insurance	\$ 497.00		Increase
	72120-210-591 Unemployment Compensation	\$ 56.00		Increase
	72120-212-591 Medicare	\$ 865.37		Increase
	72120-355-591 Travel	\$ 5,000.00		Increase
	72120-399-591 Other Contracted Services	\$ 1,000.00		Increase
	72120-499-591 Other Supplies & Materials	\$ 6,333.00		Increase
	72120-599-591 Other Charges	\$ 3,000.00		Increase

To budget Coordinated School Health Program Grant from State Funds.

Total \$ 395,889.62 \$ 395,889.62

**Carter County Schools**

**General Fund 142**

**Budget Amendment #1**

Item # 1	71200-429-902 Instructional Supplies & Materials		\$ 272.20	Decrease
	71200-499-902 Other Supplies & Materials	\$ 101.78		Increase
	72220-189-902 Other Salaries & Wages	\$ 712.74		Increase
	72220-201-902 Social Security	\$ 44.21		Increase
	72220-204-902 Retirement	\$ 65.26		Increase
	72220-212-902 Medicare	\$ 10.41		Increase
	72220-524-902 In-Service/Staff Development		\$ 662.20	Decrease

To reallocate funds within the IDEA Part B Carryover budget.

Item # 2	47145-912 IDEA Pre-School		\$ 12,407.88	Increase
	71200-399-912 Other Contracted Services	\$ 2,000.00		Increase
	71200-429-912 Instructional Supplies & Materials	\$ 528.48		Increase
	71200-499-912 Other Supplies & Materials	\$ 1,000.00		Increase
	72220-355-912 Travel	\$ 1,000.00		Increase
	72220-524-912 In-Service/Staff Development	\$ 1,000.00		Increase
	72710-189-912 Other Salaries & Wages	\$ 6,358.00		Increase
	72710-201-912 Social Security	\$ 394.20		Increase
	72710-210-912 Unemployment	\$ 35.00		Increase
	72710-212-912 Medicare	\$ 92.20		Increase

To budget IDEA Preschool Carryover.

Total \$ 13,342.28 \$ 13,342.28

CCT report - Carter County Commission  
October 17, 2011

- **Roan Mountain Sewer Project** – Providing data for better engineering (i.e. water volumes, etc)
- **Project Quest** – (\$7 million investment and 70 jobs) Project is on hold. Hope to revisit in January 2012
- **Project Red Energy** – County Mayor and I have made arrangements to visit the facility which makes the equipment and has a working demonstration of the process. (Confidential)
- **The Highlands Group and Tittle Construction** – Continue to working on incentive packages with State and Industrial Development Board.
- **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 Association** to establish programs beneficial to their productivity and profitability. Next program will involve representative from Federal Reserve Bank to discuss future money policies.
- **Automotive Sector** - 3 automakers looking to the South to build new plants. Audi (subsidiary of VW), Volvo, and Hyundai Motor. Hyundai is already looking for site for its 3<sup>rd</sup> assembly plant (Norcross, GA – 250). Audi and Volvo are seriously considering US Plants. TN has a mega-site in Brownsville (about 500 miles). VW has an option on an additional 1300 acres (216 miles)
- **1500 West Elk (Pine Palms Mgt)** – Old Inland Container Building – Have begun process to work with City and developers concerning moving infrastructure to best utilize adjoining acreage.
- **Elizabethton Business Enhancement Sign Project** (USDA Rural Business Enterprise Grant - \$17,500) – meetings with Downtown Representatives is underway and identifying best signage.

- TVA may assist with **Watauga Industrial Park signage** in the form of a grant.
- 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.
- **Hotel feasibility** – continuing effort to work with a regional hospitality company about feasibility of bringing a new hotel to Carter County. A hotel developer may come visit before end of the year.
- 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 has been completed
- **Judge Ben Allen/Don Lewis/SR 91 signalization** - TDOT Working to coordinate with SIA Route.
- **1<sup>st</sup> Drug Coalition** foundational meeting is tomorrow evening 5:00 pm at the Chamber of Commerce.

## Chamber of Commerce

Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> Octoberfest  
Oct 27<sup>th</sup> Chamber Breakfast at Pine Ridge Care and Rehab  
Oct 29<sup>th</sup> Drug Take Back 10-2 Chamber Parking Lot  
Nov 15<sup>th</sup> Lighting of the Frasier Fir 5:30  
Nov 17<sup>th</sup> Breakfast at Northeast State Community College  
Nov 19<sup>th</sup> Downtown OPEN HOUSE – 10 am until 8 pm

### Octoberfest Activities

9:00am - 4Mile Run & 3K Walk  
10:00am - **Arts & Crafts, Antiques and Food Vendors** open  
10:00 am - Downtown Ghost Walk Meet at Bonnie Kate Theatre \$12.00 for reservations call 423-542-9360 (space limited)  
10:30am - Registration for Costume Contest & Corn Hole Tournament  
11:00 am- **Costume Contest** Main Stage  
11:00 **Corn Hole Tournament** Security Federal Parking Lot  
11:00-1:00 PM **Downtown Poker Stroll-** 1:30 Turn In at Covered Bridge Gazebo  
12:00- **Spooky Downtown Ghost Walk** meet at Bonnie Kate Theatre \$12.00 for reservations call 423-542-9360 (space limited)  
1:00 - 2:00 PM **Dazzling Doggies Contest** Covered Bridge Park  
1:30pm - 3:30 **Workhorse Revelation** Main Stage (Classic Rock Band)  
4:00-m-6:00 **Greg Yates and Cross threaded** Main Stage (Classic Country Band)  
4:00 pm- **Grim Reaper Hot wing Challenge** location- Edwards Island Parking Lot

### Tourism Coordinator's Report October 2011 County Commission

- Attended 2011 Tourism Conference
  - Tourism industry did not receive any cuts
  - All 95 counties saw an increase in revenue
  - Carter County generated 28.60million in direct spending in 2010, 2009 was 27.85million. INCREASE
- Marketing
  - Hiking commercial was launched, can be seen on History and Discovery Channels
  - Sponsored Overmountain Victory Run, over 100 runners
  - Sponsoring Night of the Living Dead International Deadlift Competition October 22, 2011 6pm at Elizabethton High School
  - Preparing for winter season, placing focus on social media
- Quilt trail
  - Open House event on October 1, 2011
  - Working to implement Quilt Trail in downtown district
  - T-shirts available for sale at Chamber, \$12