

**Carter County Commission Meeting  
Regular Session  
Monday, October 15, 2012 – 6:00 P.M.**

**APPROVED**  
11-19-12

**Chairman, Tom Bowers called the meeting to order.** Chairman Bowers stated that L.C. Tester was absent due to his mother being injured in a fall and was at the hospital with her.

**Roll Call:** 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, Ken Arney, Steve Chambers, John Lewis, Sonja Culler, Russell Kyte, Scott Sams, Bill Armstrong, Pat Hicks and Robert Gobble. (22 Present)

**Absent:** L.C. Tester and Dickie Renfro (2 Absent)

Quorum Present

**Pledge** of allegiance to the American Flag was led by Ronnie Trivett and Lawrence Hodge followed with prayer.

**Motion** was made by Gebe Ritchie, seconded by Ken Arney to **accept the Agenda as presented.**

By majority voice vote, **motion carried.** It is noted that “no” votes were voiced by John Lewis and Scott Sams.

**Motion** was made by Steve Chambers, seconded by Ken Arney to **accept the minutes of the last meeting, September 17, 2012 , as printed.**

By majority voice vote, all ayes, **motion carried.**

**Motion** was made by Lawrence Hodge, seconded by John Lewis to accept the **Notaries/ and Bonds as presented.**

By majority voice vote, all ayes, **motion carried.**

Notaries/Bonds as presented October 15, 2012

Margarette S. Wallace	Collins Landstreet	Freddie Taylor
Brenda Gray	Roy E. Ellison	Bettie J. Ellison
Brenda Cooley	Robert H. Norris	E. Kelly Beller
Teresa A. Deal	Jeffrey W. Kyte	Pamela J. Hutchins
Teresa Anne Bowers	Barbara Taylor	Jason Blevins
Amy Meyer	Jamie Gibson	Christina Stephens
Margaret M. Little	Melissa D. Elsea	-----

**Elected and Appointed Officials/Guest in attendance** were recognized by Chairman Bowers at this time thanking them for their service.

### **Mayor's Presentation of Plaques**

**Don Tetrick** was noted by Mayor Humphrey as having been active in many organizations having served as leader/board member of most, making a great contributions to Carter County and Elizabethton.

Charles VonCannon stated that Mr. Tetrick was professional, caring, comfortable to be around, sincere, and having integrity."

A plaque was presented to the family of Don Tetrick by Mayor Humphrey at this time.

### **Congressman Phil Roe Presentation**

John Abe Teague, on behalf of Congressman Roe, presented to **Arthur R. "Deacon" Bowers, the James A. Collier Award**. Mr. Bowers, a Korean veteran, was noted as having served many people during his carrier with the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development and as veteran representative.

**Moment of Silence** was observed at this time on behalf of **4-year old Joshua Holston** who died tragically this past week as a result of a vehicle accident.

**Mayor's Report** included the following items.

New law authorizing counties, cities, and town to *display* in public buildings and on public grounds, *replicas of historical documents or items*. It was noted that framed items have been placed on the first floor.

*Dennis Cove Road Resurfacing* project completed. A thank-you was extended to the county, the road department, and its employees.

*Siam Road and Webb Hollow Loop resurfacing* near completion. This was pertaining to the Watauga River Regional Water Authority per the acceptance of the funds for this project.

*Elizabethton Fish Hatchery Project*. Meetings and phone calls were held with state officials noting the full support from Elizabethton City and County.

*Elizabethton-Carter County Animal Shelter*. Five (5) bids were received, with Landmark Construction Co. (License #22435) of Johnson City, TN submitting the lowest bid of \$499,245.00 with the estimated time of completion being one hundred twenty (120) days. Recommendation was made upon the behalf of the Animal Shelter Advisory Board and the Budget Committee to award Landmark Construction the bid for the project.

**Motion** was made by Charles VonCannon, seconded by Harry Sisk to approve the recommendation **awarding the construction contract for the Elizabethton-Carter County Animal Shelter to the lowest bidder, Landmark Construction Company.**

Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

Nays: None (0 Nays)

Passing: Joel Street (1 Passing)

Absent: L.C. Tester and Dickie Renfro (2 Absent)

By majority roll call vote, **motion carried.**

*Chris Pierce, Animal Control Officer*, employment status and salary was discussed. Reference was made to correspondence dated 07-31-2012 send to Mrs. April Jones, Director, Elizabethton/Carter County Animal Shelter from Chris Schuettler, Planning Director by Mayor Humphrey.

Request was made by Mayor Humphrey to make Chris Pierce a full-time Animal Control Officer and approve line item transfers to support salary and benefit needs.

Discussion followed noting that this request needed the approval of the Budget Committee first, therefore, the following motion was made.

**Motion** was made by JoAnn Blankenship, seconded by Steve Chambers to refer the **employment status and salary increase request for Chris Pierce, Animal Control Officer, back to the Budget Committee for recommendation.**

By majority voice vote, all ayes, **motion carried.**

*Jail PODS/Carter County Jail Parking Lot Improvements.* A proposal (TH&P Proposal No. 1222302C) from Tysinger, Hampton, & Partners, Inc. was distributed by Mayor Humphrey detailing improvements.

**Motion** was made by Ronnie Trivett, seconded by John Lewis to authorize Finance Director, Ingrid Deloach, and Mayor Leon Humphrey to enter into an agreement with TH&P and authorize both to take all necessary steps that are required to expedite the process, and to authorize payment not to exceed \$ 15,300.00 to TH&P with the money coming from the Litigation Fund designated for courthouse maintenance concerning the **Carter County Jail Parking Lot Improvements.**

**Motion to Table the forgoing motion** was made by Gebe Ritchie, seconded by Ken Arney.

Roll Call vote as follows:

Ayes: Buford Peters, Gebe Ritchie, Lawrence Hodge, Joel Street, Richard Winters, Harry Sisk, Steve Lowrance, Tom Bowers, Charlie Bayless, Ken Arney, Steve Chambers, Russell Kyte and Bill Armstrong. (13 Ayes)

Nays: Nancy Brown, Ronnie Trivett, Charles VonCannon, JoAnn Blankenship, John Lewis, Sonja Culler, Scott Sams, Pat Hicks, and Robert Gobble. (9 Nays)

Absent: L.C. Tester, and Dickie Renfro. (2 Absent)

By majority roll call vote, **motion to table carried.**

*Jail/Courthouse Annex roofing* issues along with follow-up report from Reedy & Sykes Architect (Re: Sept. 17, 2012 Commission Meeting) was presented. It was noted that several issues exist, and some items on the roof may need to be removed before re-roofing is begun. Also discussed was the question of future uses of the second floor which could affect the roofing project.

**Motion** was made by Lawrence Hodge, seconded by Pat Hicks to **refer the re-roofing issues back to the Building & Grounds Committee for recommendations.**

By majority voice vote, **motion carried.**

*Audit deficiencies and compliance* concerning MS4 reports related to the Planning Office/Commission was discussed.

**Motion** was made by Ken Arney, seconded by Steve Chambers to authorize, Steve Pierce, Chairman of the Carter County Planning Commission as designee to execute all MS4 reports on behalf of Carter County.

Discussion followed noting that the Chairman of the Planning Commission changes, therefore suggestion was made to admen the motion.

**Motion to Amend the forgoing motion stating to authorize the Chairman of the Carter County Planning Commission, as the Mayor's designee to execute all MS4 reports (Storm Water Reports to the State) on behalf of Carter County,** was made by Ken Arney seconded by Steve Chambers.

Voice vote was inconclusive, therefore Chairman Bowers called for a Roll Call Vote.

Roll Call Vote as follows:

Ayes: Buford Peters, Gebe Ritchie, Lawrence Hodge, Joel Street, Richard Winters, Harry Sisk, Steve Lowrance, Tom Bowers, JoAnn Blankenship, Charlie Bayless, Ken Arney, Steve Chambers, Sonja Culler, Russell Kyte, Scott Sams, Bill Armstrong, and Pat Hicks. (17 Ayes)

Nays: Nancy Brown, Ronnie Trivett, Charles VonCannon, John Lewis, and Robert Gobble. (5 Nays)

Absent: L.C. Tester and Dickie Renfro. (2 Absent)

By majority roll call vote, **motion carried.**

**Motion** was made by Joel Street, seconded by Pat Hicks to **require an Official Statutory Bond, if State should so require, for the position of designee to sign MS4 reports** on behalf of the Carter County Planning Commission.

By majority voice vote, **motion carried.** It is noted that a "no" vote was voiced by Ronnie Trivett.

*Strong and offensive cooking odors coming from Mary Gouge, County Clerk's Office* were discussed. Mayor Humphrey stated that workers in his office and the finance office on the floor above were affected by the odors and that they were unable to conduct business in a professional matter.

Mayor Humphrey presented to the Commission an estimate from Nor-Well Company, Inc. concerning the installation of Kitchenette Exhaust Fan, cost not to exceed \$ 1,390.00 to help eliminate this problem.

**Motion** was made by Ronnie Trivett, seconded by Charlie Bayless to refer to the **Building & Grounds Committee the complain concerning the strong and offensive cooking odors coming from Mary Gouge, County Clerk's Office and installation of an Kitchenette Exhaust Fan.**

By majority voice vote, all ayes, **motion carried.**

**Motion** was made by Ronnie Trivett, seconded by Steve Chambers to enter into a five minute recess.

By majority voice vote, all ayes, **motion carried.**

Following the five minute recess, Chairman Bowers called the **meeting back to order.**

### **Jail Healthcare Presentations**

Sheriff Chris Mathes at this time addressed the Commission and introduced those present that had submitted bids concerning medical services at the Carter County Jail for a presentation and to answer questions.

These included, Southern Health Partners (Currently submitted the lowest bid of \$478,800.00) Correct Health, Advanced Correctional Healthcare.

Submitting bids, but not present, included Correctional Healthcare, Dr. Robert Uhren and Franchesca Shoun.

**Motion** was made by Ronnie Trivett, seconded by Sonja Culler to **accept Southern Health Partners as lowest bid for a one (1) year contract and to give the authority to County Commission Chairman Tom Bowers, County Attorney Keith Bowers, Jr., Sheriff Chris Mathes, County Finance Director Ingrid Deloach to negotiate the contract with the lowest bidder concerning health care for Jail inmates.**

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, Ken Arney, Steve Chambers, John Lewis, Sonja Culler, Russell Kyte, Scott Sams, Bill Armstrong, Pat Hicks, and Robert Gobble. (22 Ayes)

Nays: None (0 Nays)

Absent: L.C. Tester and Dickie Renfro. (2 Absent)

By majority roll call vote, **motion carried.**

**Carter County Expenditure Budget Reports for the month ending 09-30-2012** was provided to Commissioners by Ingrid Deloach, Finance Director. Included on the reports was the Account Number, Account Description, Budget Amounts, Budget Amendments, Amended Budgets, Month-to-Date Expenditures, Year-to Date Expenditures, Outstanding Encumbrances and Unencumbered Balances.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

**Budget Committee** Chairman Harry Sisk presented the following recommendations.

**Motion** was made by Harry Sisk, seconded by Ronnie Trivett to transfer \$13,000.00 for Industrial-Other Construction to **Forensic Service**.

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, Ken Arney, Steve Chambers, John Lewis, Sonja Culler, Russell Kyte, Scott Sams, Bill Armstrong, Pat Hicks, and Robert Gobble. (22 Ayes)

Nays: None (0 Nays)

Absent: L.C. Tester, and Dickie Renfro. (2 Absent)

By majority roll call vote, **motion carried**.

**Motion** was made by Harry Sisk, seconded by Sonja Culler, to approve a request from Sheriff Mathes to **transfer \$14,198.00 from the reserve account to law enforcement equipment to reimburse the cost of new bullet proof vest**.

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, Ken Arney, Steve Chambers, John Lewis, Sonja Culler, Russell Kyte, Scott Sams, Bill Armstrong, Pat Hicks, and Robert Gobble. (22 Ayes)

Nays: None (0 Nays)

Absent: L.C. Tester and Dickie Renfro. (2 Absent)

By majority roll call vote, **motion carried**.

**Motion** was made by Harry Sisk, seconded by Lawrence Hodge, to approve General **Fund 101 Amendment #2-2 items for a total of \$14,684.50 with \$0 coming from Fund Balance**. Recorded on page 714.

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, Ken Arney, Steve Chambers, John Lewis, Sonja Culler, Russell Kyte, Scott Sams, Bill Armstrong, Pat Hicks, and Robert Gobble. (22 Ayes)

Nays: None (0) Nays

Absent: L.C. Tester and Dickie Renfro. (2 Absent)

By majority roll call vote, **motion carried.**

**Motion** was made by Harry Sisk, seconded by Joel Street to approve **Solid Waste Fund 116 Amendment # 1-1 Item for a total of \$6,010.00 with \$0 coming from Fund Balance.** Recorded on page 715.

Roll Call Vote as follow:

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, Ken Arney, Steve Chambers, John Lewis, Sonja Culler, Russell Kyte, Scott Sams, Bill Armstrong, Pat Hicks, and Robert Gobble. (22 Ayes)

Nays: None (0 Nays)

Absent: L.C. Tester and Dickie Renfro. (2 Absent)

By majority roll call vote, **motion carried.**

**Motion** was made by Harry Sisk, seconded by Steve Chambers to approve **General Purpose School Fund 141 Amendment #2-4 Items for a total of \$414,061.25 with \$0 coming from Fund Balance.** Record on page 715.

Roll Call Vote as follows:

Ayes: Buford Peters, Gebe Ritchie, Lawrence Hodge, Nancy Brown, \*Joel Street, Richard Winters, Harry Sisk, Charles VonCannon, Steve Lowrance, Tom Bowers, JoAnn Blankenship, Charlie Bayless, \*Ken Arney, \*Steve Chambers, John Lewis, \*Sonja Culler, Russell Kyte, Scott Sams, Bill Armstrong, Pat Hicks, and Robert Gobble. (21 Ayes) (\*Indicates that Disclaimer for Employees of Carter County, Tennessee was read before voting.)

Nays: Ronnie Trivett (1 Nay)

Absent: L. C. Tester and Dickie Renfro. (2 Absent)

By majority roll call vote, **motion carried.**

**Motion** was made by Steve Chambers, seconded by Nancy Brown and upon the recommendation from Tom Anderson on behalf of Carter County Tomorrow, and on approval from Keith Bowers, Jr. County Attorney, to **approve use of \$7,500,000 of Carter County's \$10,000,000 annual tax free bond eligibility allowing Milligan College to build additional residence halls.** It was noted that this bond will not be a County liability.

Roll Call Vote as follows:

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

Nays: None (0 Nays)

Absent: L.C. Tester and Dickie Renfro. (2 Absent)

By majority roll call vote, **motion carried.**

**Motion** was made by Ronnie Trivett, seconded by Harry Sisk, to **accept the 2012-2013 list of Carter County Commission Committees, Boards, Authorities, and Commissions as printed, subject to changes per full Commission approval. Recorded on pages 716 - 723.**

By majority voice vote, all ayes, **motion carried.**

**Motion** was made by Ronnie Trivett, seconded by Ken Arney and on recommendation from Sheriff Chris Mathes, to approve the reappointment of **John D. Snyder to the Civil Service Board.**

By majority voice vote, all ayes, **motion carried.**

**Motion** was made by Gebe Ritchie, Highway Committee Chairman, seconded by John Lewis to approve the **name change of Roaring Creek Road to Ripshin Mountain Road.** This name change would start at Highway 19E and end at A.E. Miller road at this point Tiger Creek Road would loop south and east back to 19E.

By majority voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

#### **JUDICIAL COMMISSIONERS ELECTION**

Chairman Tom Bowers introduced the only two applicants, J.A. Anderson, the current Judicial Commissioner and Bobby Huffman, new applicant. Each applicant addressed the commission asking for consideration for the position.

**Judicial Commissioner vote as follows** was called for by Chairman Bowers.

Voting for Bobby Huffman were:

Buford Peters, Harry Sisk, Steve Lowrance, Tom Bowers, JoAnn Blankenship, Charlie Bayless, Ken Arney, John Lewis, Sonja Culler, Russell Kyte, Bill Armstrong, and Pat Hicks. (12 votes for Bobby Huffman)

Voting for J.D. Anderson were:

Gebe Ritchie, Lawrence Hodge, Nancy Brown, Joel Street, Richard Winters, Ronnie Trivett, Charles VonCannon, Steve Chambers, Scott Sams, and Robert Gobble. (10 votes for J.D. Anderson)

Absent were: L.C. Tester and Dickie Renfro (2 Absent)

Vote was 12 votes for Bobby Huffman, 10 votes for J.D. Anderson.

**Vote failed to reach a majority.**

Chairman Bowers requested the vote be taken again.

Following two consecutive roll call votes being unchanged and failing to reach a majority, he stated that the vote will be taken again at the next Commission Meeting allowing absent members the opportunity to vote.

J. D. Anderson will remain Judicial Commissioner until November meeting.

**COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT - KEITH BOWERS, JR.**

Items reported on and discussed included the following:

- Carter County Rescue Squad Contract Charges/Fees
- Milligan College Bond Project for Dorms
- Elizabethton/Carter County Animal Shelter
- Siam and Webb Hollow Loop Road Repaving
- MS4 Reports-Planning Office
- Day Program – Sheriff's Department
- Kiosk (Driver License Renewal Machine) to be placed in County Clerk's Office
- Title VI Coordinator

Chairman Bowers announced that at this time the Commission would recess and enter into a **Attorney/Client – Commission closed session** to considerate pending litigation on three issues.

Following the closed session, Chairman Bowers called the meeting back to order.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Joel Street – Acknowledged a job well done by Highway Superintendent, Jack Perkins and crew.

Nancy Brown – Thank-you for new seat and questioned attendance requirements.

**Motion** to adjourn was made by Gebe Ritchie, seconded by “many”. By majority voice vote, all ayes, meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.

**Carter-County-Schools  
General Fund 101  
Budget Amendment #2**

Item #1	52500-106 Deputies				
	52500-119 Accountants/Bookkeepers	\$	500.00	\$	500.00 Decrease
					Increase
	To reallocate funds for Accountant's line item.				
Item #2	21530 Due to State of Tennessee				
	53330-358 Remittance of Revenues Collected	\$	14,184.50	\$	14,184.50 Increase
					Increase
	To allocate funds for Drug Court.				
	Total	\$	14,684.50	\$	14,684.50

**Carter County Schools**  
**Solid Waste Fund #116**  
**Budget Amendment #1**

Item #1	55754-336 Maintenance & Repair-Equipment				
	55754-733 Solid Waste Equipment	\$	6,010.00	\$	6,010.00 Decrease
					Increase
	To reallocate funds for additional dumpster truck purchase.				

Total		\$	6,010.00	\$	6,010.00
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**Carter County Schools**  
**General Fund 141**  
**Budget Amendment #2**

Item #1	47590-751 Other Federal Through State			\$	350,250.00	Increase
	73300-105-751 Director	\$	14,540.00			Increase
	73300-169-751 Part-Time Personnel	\$	295,818.00			Increase
	73300-201-751 Social Security	\$	19,242.00			Increase
	73300-204-751 Retirement	\$	1,292.00			Increase
	73300-212-751 Medicare	\$	4,500.00			Increase
	73300-355-751 Travel	\$	4,950.00			Increase
	73300-524-751 Staff Development	\$	1,500.00			Increase
	73300-599-751 Other Charges	\$	8,408.00			Increase

To budget 21st Century Community Learning Centers Program Grant.

Item #2	72230-790 Other Equipment			\$	1,000.00	Decrease
	72230-499 Other Supplies			\$	2,931.25	Decrease
	72230-599 Other Charges	\$	3,931.25			Increase

To reallocate funds within the Vocational Budget.

Item #3	35120 Reserved for Energy Savings Projects			\$	13,880.00	Decrease
	72620-712 Heating & Air Conditioning Equipmer	\$	13,880.00			Increase

To allocate funds from the Energy Savings Reserve for purchase of air conditioners.

Item #4	71100-116 Teachers			\$	46,000.00	Decrease
	71100-429 Instructional Supplies	\$	46,000.00			Increase

To reallocate funds to cover Instructional Supply Allocations.

Total	\$	414,061.25	\$	414,061.25
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**CARTER COUNTY COMMISSION  
COMMITTEES, BOARDS, AUTHORITIES & COMMISSIONS**

**CHAIRMAN, CARTER COUNTY COMMISSION**  
TOM BOWERS

**VICE-CHAIRMAN**  
LAWRENCE HODGE

**COUNTY MAYOR**  
Leon Humphrey

**COUNTY ATTORNEY**  
(exp. Sep 2014, Elect Apr 2014 )  
Keith Bowers, Jr.

**CHAPLAIN**  
Lawrence Hodge

**COUNTY CORONER**  
2 yr term January 2014  
Benny Colbaugh

**COUNTY HISTORIAN**  
Donald Scott Bowers

**COMMITTEES**

**Budget: Nominating: Legal: Industry, Reapportionment: Capital Projects**

Capital Projects to include County Mayor and Director of Schools

Tom Bowers

Lawrence Hodge

Nancy J. Brown

Harry Sisk – Chairman, Budget, Nomination

Charlie Bayless

Steve Chambers

Scott Sams

William Armstrong

**Rules & By-laws: Building & Grounds: Law Enforcement: Health & Welfare: Recreation:  
Judicial**

Buford Peters, Chairman, Law Enforcement

Richard Winters

Ronnie Trivett, Chairman, Rules & Bylaws

L.C. Tester, Chairman, Building & Grounds

Jo Ann Blankenship, Chairman, Health & Welfare

Ken Arney

Scott Sams

Robert Gobble

**Utilities, Cable: Education: Highway: Special Investigations: Solid Waste/Landfill**

Ernest Ritchie, Chairman, Highway

Joel Street, Chairman, Solid Waste/Landfill

Charles Von Cannon, Chairman, Special Investigations

Steve Lowrance, Chairman, Education

Richard Renfro

John G. Lewis

Sonja Culler

Pat Hicks, Chairman, Utilities, Cable

**Jail Information/Research Committee**

William Armstrong, Chairman  
Leon Humphrey, County Mayor  
Lawrence Hodge  
Joel Street  
Jo Ann Blankenship  
Tom Bowers

**Financial Management Committee**

Leon Humphrey, County Mayor  
Dr. Ward, Director of Schools  
Jack Perkins, Highway Superintendent  
Russell Kyte  
Tom Bowers  
Jo Ann Blankenship, Chairman  
Pat Hicks

**Work Release/Grievance Committee**

Sheriff Appointment	Alternates
Charles Von Cannon	Pat Hicks
Richard Renfro	Russell Kyte
Roger Deal	Sonja Culler

**Agriculture Committee**

(2 year term ending in 2013)

Joel Street	Feb 2013
Sonja Culler	Feb 2013
Harry Sisk	Feb 2013
Buddy Farmer	Feb 2013
Cathy Campbell	Oct 2013
Terry Hubbard	Feb 2013
Mike Nidiffer	Jan 2013

**Audit Committee**

County Mayor appointment, 2 to 4 yr term  
County Commission Confirmation  
Travis Holly (term ends in April, 2013)  
David Wortman, Chairman (term ends in April 2013)  
Margaret Pate (term ends April 2015)  
Margaret Moses (term ends April 2015)

## BOARDS

### Beer Board

(1 year appointment, October TCA 1-15-73)

County Commission Appointment

Steve Chambers

Jo Ann Blankenship

Scott Sams

Lawrence Hodge

Tom Bowers, Chairman

Richard Renfro

### Carter County Tomorrow Development Board

(Mayor plus 2 county commissioners)

Leon Humphrey, County Mayor

(2 members 1 yr term)

Steve Lowrance

Sonja Culler

### Civil Service Board

Commission Appointment

3 yr term Oct TCA 8-8-404

Marvin Carden 2013

John D. Snyder 2012

Jim Whaley 2014

### Equalization Board (2 year term elected on the even years TCA 67-1-401)

Melvin Jack May, 2013

Kathy Milhorn May, 2013

Jerry Bowers May, 2014

Bobby Alley May, 2014

James Kent March, 2015

### Animal Control Board

(5 members, 3 year term)

County Commission Appointment 2013

Bob White, Chairman, County Appointed

William Armstrong, County Designee

Sam Shipley, City Designee

Caroline Hurt, Health Director

Hattie Skeans, City of Watauga

Nancy Brown, County Commissioner

**Library Board**

Board Appt., Commission Confirmation 3 yr term  
Connie Blevins, Chairman - 2012  
Harry Ford, Vice Chairman - 2014  
Alta Barwick - 2013  
Ruth Ritchie - 2013  
Dan Winters - 2012  
Dr. Kevin Ward - 2015  
John Toletko - 2014  
Jo Ann Blankenship  
County Liaison - 2014  
Nancy Gastineau  
Regional Library Board Member - 2013

**Accident Review; ADA Grievance & ADA Board**

Sheriff Dept. Representative  
Debbie Street, Courthouse Annex  
Ken Arney, County Commissioner  
Phillip Nave, School System  
Leon Humphrey, County Mayor  
Andrew Worley, OSHA Director, ADA Coordinator  
Highway Dept. Representative

**Carter County Board of Health**

4 yr term, County Commission Confirmation, April 2012  
Dr. Jerry Gastineau, Chairman  
Caroline Hurt, Director of Health Department  
Dr. Andrew Stephen May  
Leon Humphrey, County Mayor  
Kathryn Bowman, R.N.  
Douglas Cole, DDS  
Larry Profitt, Ph.D  
Health Dept. MD  
Dr. Kevin Ward, Director of Education  
Maureen Burniston, RN  
Dr. David Kirschke  
Jo Ann Blankenship, County Commission Liaison  
Fred Edens and Jerome Kitchens, City of Elizabethton

**Health & Education Facilities Board**

(2 year term nomination by Mayor)  
Conway Hyder                    2013  
Jack Pearman                    2013  
William L. Armstrong            2013  
Steve Payne                    2013  
Nancy Jenkins                    2013  
Pat Holtsclaw                    2013  
Joe Alexander                    2013

**Board of Zoning Appeals**

(4 year term October by Commission)

October TCA 13-7-106

Jeff Treadway	2013
Brad Johnson	2015
Curtis Cannon	2014
L. C. Tester	2015
David Sandora	2016

**County Recreational Board**

(Appointed by Mayor and confirmed by the Commissioners)

Leon Humphrey, County Mayor

J. R. Campbell	2013
Charles Dykes	2015
Carol White	2014
Bob Lee Townsend	2016
Buford Peters	2016

County Liaison Member

**Industrial Development Board**

Appointed by County Commission

Staggered 2, 4, 6 yr terms

Phil Isaacs, Chairman	2014
Bill Cline, Vice Chair	2014
Carol Chase, Sec.	2018
Ken Kelly	2014
Jimmy Street	2018
Chris Guy	2016
Judy Veeneman	2018
Joe LaPorte	2016
James Barker	2016

**Municipal Solid Waste Board**

County Mayor Appointment

County Commission Confirmation

6 yr term TCA 68-211-813

Bennie Lyons	Nov. 2017
Chris Schuettler	March 2013
Joel Street	Nov. 2017

**Soil Conservation Board**

April 3 year term

John Hardin	2014	State Appointed
Mike Nidifer	2013	Reappointed
Larry Crumley	2014	State Appointed
Bill Birchfield	2013	Reappointed
Gereel Cable	2013	Reappointed

**Carter County Emergency 911 Board of Directors**

(October 4 year term appointed by Mayor Confirmed by Commissioners)

Kelly Geagley, City 2015  
Chris Mathes, Sheriff 2015  
Matt Bailey, Police Chief 2015  
Bill Carter, Fire Dept. 2014  
Barry Carrier, Fire Assoc. 2014  
Terry Arnold, CCE&RS, Inc. 2014  
Scott Whaley, at Large 2014  
Andrew Worley, at Large 2014  
Mike Shouse  
Jack Perkins, CCHwy. Supt. Ex Officio

**Carter County Board of Education**

Dr. Kevin Ward, Director of Education-June 2014  
Kelly Crain, Chairman  
Rusty Barnett  
Jerry McMahan  
David Buck  
Donald Julian  
Craig Davis  
Ronnie McAmis  
Bobby Blevins

**Carter County Emergency & County Liaison Board of Directors**

Leon Humphrey, County Liaison

**Ethics Committee**

County Mayor Appointment, Oct 1yr term  
County Commission Confirmation  
Charles Von Cannon, Chairman  
Scott Sams, Secretary  
Nancy Brown  
Dave Wortman  
All elected Constitutional Officers of Carter County

**Animal Shelter Advisory Board**

7 members, Sept 2 yr term  
County Mayor Appointment, County Commission Confirmation as to Commissioner  
Member)  
Mike Barnett, Chairman  
Bob White, Vice Chairman  
Leon Humphrey, County Mayor  
Bill Armstrong, County Commissioner  
Sam Shipley, City Council  
David Ornduff, City Designee  
John Bland, Friends of Animal Shelter Rep  
April Jones, Animal Shelter Director

## COMMISSION

### Planning Commission (April)

Commission Appointment, 4 yr term

Tom Bowers, Chairman, County Commission

Steve Pierce, Chairman 2015

Bobby Lee Townsend 2014

Richard Winters 2014

Bill Armstrong 2016

Richard Renfro 2014

Jack Campbell 2013

Ralph Watson 2013

Jerry Smith 2014

Mary Ann Patton 2014

James Russell Kyte 2014

Steve Chambers 2016

### Records Commission

County Mayor Appointment

County Commission Confirmation

Judge Lynn Brown

Dr. Margaret Hougland (Genealogist)

Jodi Bristol, Register of Deeds, Chairman

Patsy Lewis, County Clerk Designee

Ronnie Trivett, Commissioner

Scott Sams, Commissioner

### Election Commission

Paul Souder, Chairman 2013

Buddy Whitehead 2013

Wayne Smith 2013

Dough Buckles 2013

Millard M. Garland 2013

### Judicial Commissioners

Appointment by County Commission

Terms staggered, 4 yr term

Mark Little Oct. 2013

J. D. Anderson Oct. 2012

Suzanne Gaylon May. 2015

Mike Peters Aug. 2015

## AUTHORITIES

### East Tennessee Railroad Authority

William L. Armstrong, Chairman  
Leon Humphrey, County Mayor  
Curt Alexander, City Appointment  
Fred Edens, Elizabethton City Manager  
Johnson City Mayor  
Johnson City Manager  
Dan Eldridge, Washington County Mayor  
Steven Darden, Johnson City

### Watauga River Regional Water Authority Board of Directors

Ray Lyons, South Elizabethton Utility  
Johnny Mills, Chairman, North Elizabethton Utility  
A.E. Gentry, Treasurer, Siam Utility  
Leon Humphrey, County Mayor  
Bryon Trantham, Executive Director  
Earl Birchfield  
Kurt Alexander, City Mayor