

Health & Welfare
Committee Minutes
March 7, 2011

Members present: Jo Ann Blankenship, Paul Mottern, Sonja Culler, Richard Winters, Robert Gobble, Ken Arney, Ronnie Trivett and L. C. Tester.

Others present: Leon Humphrey, Chris Mathes, Caroline Hurt, Captain Tom Smith, Chief Ron Street and others.

Jo Ann Blankenship, Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed all present. Motion to accept the minutes from the previous meeting was made by Ken Arney, second by Ronnie Trivett. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business

Caroline Hurt, Director of the Carter County Health Department addressed the committee regarding programs and services offered through the Health Department. List of services and programs, EPSDT (Early Periodic Screening Diagnostic and Treatment) and WIC Program hand outs were provided to everyone.

Wellness Program, Chairman Blankenship stated that in last month's meeting Mountain States Health Alliance had given a presentation. Sheriff Mathes stated that a Wellness Program could possibly help lower insurance rates for county employees. Jo Ann Blankenship stated she would ask Ingrid Deloach to address the committee's questions at the next Health & Welfare Committee meeting regarding a wellness plan.

New Business

Chairman Blankenship stated she had requested Sheriff Mathes and his Department to come and talk to the group about a Meth Waste Workshop. Sheriff Mathes stated his Department would be glad to present an educational block on Meth Clean Up. Captain Tom Smith offered to present a class on Methamphetamine Lab Clean Up to the Commissioners, other interested parties and concerned citizens. Sheriff Mathes has informed the EMA Director Andrew Worley and Mayor Humphrey that if the County actually had a Methamphetamine Lab Clean Up (trained staff) to clean, dismantle and box up the materials the Federal Government would pay for a company from Chattanooga to remove and dispose of the hazardous materials. There is now zero funding in the State of Tennessee to dispose of hazardous waste and it will fall on the County to clean up the waste. Mayor Humphrey will contact the County Attorney to review options for funding training and clean up of the hazardous waste.

A motion was made to establish a date and time to hold an Awareness Training class for the Commissioners was made by Ronnie Trivett, second by Paul Mottern. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn was made by Ken Arney, second by Paul Mottern. Motion carried.

Respectively submitted,

Debbie Street