

**Health & Welfare Committee Minutes**

February 2, 2016

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MARY GOUGE  
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Meeting called to order by Chairman Timothy Holdren

**Present:** Willie Campbell, Ray Lyons, Cody McQueen, Timothy Holdren, Brad Johnson, Al Meehan, Randall Jenkins, & Danny Ward, attending for committee member, Isaiah Grindstaff.

**Absent:** Isaiah Grindstaff.

Quorum present.

Motion to approve agenda by Cody McQueen. Second by Al Meehan. All ayes.

Minutes from January, 2016 meeting not available.

**Public comments:**

Commissioner Robert Carroll stated he attended the EMS task force meeting on January 21st and had questions regarding the composition of the task force membership. Commissioner McQueen named the members of the new task force. Discussion of the appointment of the task force members led to the decision to table until the next Health & Welfare meeting on February 18, 2016. Mayor Humphrey distributed the current signed EMS contract to all committee members.

**Environmental Court:**

Commissioner Johnson led the discussion. He recommended to remove from "Old Business" to "New Business" because of a lack of interest in the Judicial side of the "house". Commissioner Jenkins was requested to send a letter of support from the committee to Judge Bowers. Mayor Humphrey commented on the reasons to create an environmental court. Commissioner Johnson stated he wasn't able to secure an appointment at this time to speak with the judge. Mr. Johnson motioned to draft a meeting request letter to the judge & table item for 3 months. Commissioner Meehan seconded the motion. All ayes.

**Drug Free Workforce:**

Chairman Holdren began discussion. Commissioner Johnson stated this program could be a violation of a person's civil rights and department heads should handle this issue. Commissioner Jenkins said the

committee does not have to do what Washington County does & can research a program for Carter County. Mayor Humphrey discussed the Drug Free Workplace presentation made by a Washington County representative in a past committee meeting. He stated the committee should support this program. Commissioner Jenkins recommended the committee should research what would better work for the county. Commissioner Lyons and Chairman Holdren agreed that drug tests should be administered to all county employees. Chairman Holdren requested that committee members bring to the next meeting any employer drug testing policy to which they may have access.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved:  6/7/16