

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING  
JANUARY 7, 2013

APPROVED

Members Present: L.C. Tester, Richard Winters, JoAnn Blankenship, Ronnie Trivett, Robert L. Gobble, Ken Arney, Buford Peters, and Scott Sams.

Others in attendance included: Tom Bowers, Chris Mathis and news media.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Buford Peters at 6:20 PM. Quorum present.

Motion was made by JoAnn Blankenship, seconded by Ken Arney to approve the minutes of the last meeting, December 3, 2012 as printed. By majority vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Old Business

Courthouse Security

Security Cameras and alarm/panic buttons were recommended by Judge Jean Stanley. Bids to be let for this project.

A Security Drill is being planned. It was stated that during a evacuation, a designated meeting place was needed to be established. Ken Arney agreed to contact First Freewill Baptist Church concerning this a will report back.

New Business

Dispatch procedures with 911 and the Sheriff's Dept. were discussed. It was noted that the Sheriff's Dept does its own dispatch.

Carter County Emergency 911 was noted in the process of moving to a new location on South Sycamore Street. The new building was purchased using grant monies. Moving date is not yet known.

School Resource Officers were discussed. It was noted that currently there are six (6) officers. It was discussed that a "roving officer" in plain clothes, unmarked vehicle may be the most cost effective in this area. This officer would rotate between schools. More research being done in this area. Communication was noted as being the most important issue in the protection of everyone during an emergency situation.

Other Comments

Chris Mathes expressed his gratitude concerning Southern Health. He stated that things were very good and the health care was "amazing".

Motion to adjourn was made by L.C. Tester, seconded by Ken Arney. By majority vote, all ayes, meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM.

Patsy H. Lewis, Secretary

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Buford Peters, Chairman

