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Motion R. Lyons
Second S. Pierce

Carter County Planning Commission

Meeting Minutes

March 27, 2018

Members Present

Jerry Pearman, Chairman

Ray Lyons

Randal Jenkins

Dr. Robert Acuff

Robert Carroll

Jerry Smith

Steve Pierce

Sonja Culler

Members Absent

Ralph Watson, Vice Chairman

Ken Arney

Planning Staff Present

Chris Schuettler, Director

Diane Cannon, Adm. Assistant

Mel McKay, Assistant Director

Other County Officials/Staff Present

John Lewis, Commissioner

Brad Johnson, Commissioner

Local Planning Staff Present

Ronda Sawyer

Guest Speaker

Marquette Crockett, Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy

1. Chairman Pearman called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance. Roll Call, quorum met Motion made by Sonja Culler to approve agenda, seconded by Robert Acuff. Motion passed unanimously. Ray Lyons made the motion to approve the meeting minutes, Sonja Culler seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Presentation By Marquette Crockett. Ms. Crockett with the Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy gave a presentation on Hampton Creek Cove State Natural Area and a grant proposal which will fund replacement of three bridges located on the cove that are in dire need of replacement. Following the very informative presentation which included beautiful pictures of the area and the bridges to be replaced Ms. Crockett asked if anyone had any questions. Mr. Schuettler asked if consideration of a video like the one presented could possibly be utilized to allow for physically handicapped individuals to enjoy the beauty of the area and meet A.D.A. compliance.
3. Jack Hampton Report Mr. McKay presented the report for the month of February. (Attached)
4. Codes Enforcement Report. Mr. Schuettler advised Mr. Markland was no longer employed as Codes Enforcement Officer and introduced the new Codes Enforcement Officer, Jay Cook. Mr. Cook presented a power point presentation

highlighting several properties in violation. A paper report of all properties was also given to members (Attached). Requested a motion to send the following properties to County Attorney Joshua Hardin for legal action: 277 Coal Chute, 300 Lovers Lane, 146 Spring Dr., 179 Taylor Avenue. Motion by Robert Acuff, seconded by Randall Jenkins, Motion passed unanimously. 2.) Chairman Pearman gave copies of areas in need of inspection letters and a packet regarding car lots. He asked Mr. Schuettler about businesses that have numerous cars that have sat for years and not moved. Mr. Schuettler stated that a business owner must maintain current license, or they constitute a illegal junkyard. Robert Carroll questioned areas inside Johnson City city limits and whether clean up can be enforced by our office. Mr. Schuettler stated we could not enforce anything outside Carter County. Commissioner John Lewis was in attendance and stated several properties located on Long Hollow have no room to move cars and stuff around. Jerry Smith mentioned areas of Siam where cars are parked without current tags. He also made mention of a property in the Eastside/Siam area with a burnt home. Mr. McKay stated the owner had came to the office after receiving written notification of violations on the property. Owner advised the property is still under arson investigation. Once complete he will begin cleaning up.

5. **Director's Report.** 1. Mr. Schuettler welcomed Ms. Ronda Sawyer back from recent surgery. 2. G.I.S. is still undergoing upgrades and improvements.
6. **Public Query** No one requested to speak at today's meeting
7. **Randall Jenkins.** Mr. Randall Jenkins stated that following last month's meeting he had thought and thought about the proceedings regarding the use of Tim Barnett's property as a temporary pistol range following the fire at his business, Barnett's Guns, in which his shooting range was destroyed. Neighbors, Mr. Dunlap and Mr. & Mrs. Perkins appeared before the board at February's meeting to request something be done to stop Mr. Barnett from using his land as a temporary range. (Note; During February's meeting Mr. Dunlap was advised no zoning in place to prevent Mr. Barnett from using his land and any action taken "today" would not stop him from using said range that has been erected) Mr. Jenkins stated he felt a dis-service had been done to Mr. Barnett because he was just trying to keep his pistol range open to allow continuation of carry permit classes. And regretted that neighbors would act in such a manner against him.
8. **Adjournment.** Sonja Culler made the motion to adjourn. Jerry Smith seconded. Meeting adjourned.