

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the County Commissioners of Carter County, Elizabethton, Tennessee, met in a RECESSED SESSION of the May 19, 2008, County Commission meeting on May 27, 2008, at 10:00 A.M. Present and presiding were the Honorable Johnny Holder, County Mayor/Chairman; the Honorable Keith Bowers, Jr., County Attorney; and the Honorable Mary Gouge, County Clerk. The following Commissioners were present: Jack Buckles, Gebe Ritchie, Nancy Brown, R. L. Miller, Jim Whaley, Harry Sisk, Jerry Pearman, Steve Lowrance, Tom Bowers, Jo Ann Blankenship, Charlie Bayless, Dickie Renfro, Terry Montgomery, Ken Arney, Larry McKinney, Bill Armstrong, Robert Davis and Robert Gobble. Gebe Ritchie was not present for the first three votes.

ROLL CALL.....QUORUM PRESENT

The County Attorney read the following Resolution No. 483 to participate in the Three-Star Program. Motion was made by Jack Buckles, seconded by Robert Davis to approve the Resolution as presented.

Roll call vote as follows:

AYES: Jack Buckles, Nancy Brown, R. L. Miller, Jim Whaley, Harry Sisk, Jerry Pearman, Steve Lowrance, Tom Bowers, Jo Ann Blankenship, Charlie Bayless, Dickie Renfro, Terry Montgomery, Ken Arney, Larry McKinney, Bill Armstrong, Robert Davis and Robert Gobble

NAYS: 0

PASSING: 0

ABSENT: Lawrence Hodge, Jeff McKinney, L. C. Tester, Lynn Tipton, Richard Tester & Gebe Ritchie

There being 17 ayes, 0 nays, 0 passing and 6 absent, motion duly carried this May 27, 2008.

RESOLUTION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE THREE-STAR PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development is committed to assist the communities it serves in creating opportunities for sustained economic growth through the Three-Star Program; and

WHEREAS, participation in the Three-Star Program affords certified communities the opportunity to develop and implement programs affecting the economic appeal and viability considered by business and industry in making investment decisions; and

WHEREAS, certification as a Three-Star community in the Three-Star Program involves a cooperative effort by numerous local entities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Legislative Body of Carter County, Tennessee, meeting in regular session on this 27th day of May 2008 in Elizabethton, Tennessee, that Carter County will participate in the Three-Star Program.


Adopted this 27th day of May 2008.

APPROVED:



Johnny Holder, County Mayor

ATTEST:



Mary Gouge, County Clerk

The following Resolution No. 484 to affirm compliance with Federal Title VI regulations was read by the County Attorney. Motion was made by Jack Buckles, seconded by Jo Ann Blankenship to approve the resolution as presented. Roll call vote as follows:

AYES: Jack Buckles, Nancy Brown, R. L. Miller, Jim Whaley, Harry Sisk, Jerry Pearman, Steve Lowrance, Tom Bowers, Jo Ann Blankenship, Charlie Bayless, Dickie Renfro, Terry Montgomery, Ken Arney, Larry McKinney, Bill Armstrong, Robert Davis and Robert Gobble

NAYS: 0
PASSING: 0
ABSENT: Gebe Ritchie, Lawrence Hodge, Jeff McKinney, L. C. Tester, Lynn Tipton & Richard Tester

There being 17 ayes, 0 nays, 0 passing and 6 absent, motion duly carried
this May 27, 2008

**RESOLUTION TO AFFIRM COMPLIANCE WITH
FEDERAL TITLE VI REGULATIONS**

WHEREAS, both Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987 provide that no person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color or national origin be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Attorney General opined in Opinion No. 92.47 that state and local governments are required to comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act in administering federally funded programs; and

WHEREAS, the Community Development Division of the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development administers the Three-Star Program and awards financial incentives for communities designated as Three-Star communities; and

WHEREAS, by virtue of the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development receiving federal assistance all communities designated as Three-Star communities must confirm that the community is in compliance with the regulations of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the county legislative body of Carter County, Tennessee, meeting in regular session at Elizabethton, Tennessee, that:

SECTION 1. The Legislative Body of Carter County declares that the county is in compliance with the federal Title VI regulations.

SECTION 2. The Department of Economic and Community Development may from time to time monitor the county's compliance with Federal Title VI regulations.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall take effect upon adoption, the public welfare requiring it.

Approved and adopted this 27th day of May 2008.


Johnny Holder, Carter County Mayor

Attest:


Mary Gouge, Carter County Clerk

The County Attorney read the following Resolution No. 485 to adopt the Strategic Economic Development Plan. Motion was made by Steve Lowrance, seconded by Jo Ann Blankenship to approve the resolution as presented. Roll call vote as follows:

AYES: Jack Buckles, Nancy Brown, R. L. Miller, Jim Whaley, Harry Sisk, Jerry Pearman, Steve Lowrance, Tom Bowers, Jo Ann Blankenship, Charlie Bayless, Dickie Renfro, Terry Montgomery Ken Arney, Larry McKinney, Bill Armstrong, Robert Davis & Robert Gobble

NAYS: 0

PASSING: 0

ABSENT: Gebe Ritchie, Lawrence Hodge, Jeff McKinney, L. C. Tester, Lynn Tipton & Richard Tester

There being 17 ayes, 0 nays, 0 passing and 6 absent, motion duly carried this May 27, 2008.

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE STRATEGIC
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Three-Star Program was development to meet the needs and challenges of the evolving economic environment in urban and rural communities and to partner with communities to create opportunities for sustained economic growth; and

WHEREAS, communities seeking certification as a Three-Star community must meet certain criteria, including the adoption of a five-year strategic economic development plan; and

WHEREAS, in achieving the mission of the Three-Star Program, the Department of Economic and Community Development commits to assist communities in developing and implementing a strategic economic plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Legislative Body of Carter County, Tennessee, meeting in regular session at Elizabethton, Tennessee, that:

SECTION 1. The Legislative Body of Carter County declares that the county has adopted a five-year strategic economic development plan to be updated annually.

SECTION 2. The strategic economic development plan includes the county's economic goals in promoting economic growth, a plan to accomplish those goals and a projected timeline in achieving those goals.

SECTION 3. The strategic economic development plan addresses the county's goals pertaining to existing industry, manufacturing recruitment, workforce development, retail/service, tourism, agriculture, infrastructure assessment and educational assessment.

Adopted this the 27th day of May 2008.



Johnny Holder, County Mayor

ATTEST:



Mary Gouge, County Clerk

On motion by Jo Ann Blankenship, seconded by R. L. Miller the Notary application of Tammy Perkins was approved by voice roll call vote this May 27, 2007.

Jerome Kitchins, Financial Director, reported to the Commission that Blaine Construction Company has contracted to build the jail facility for \$24,220.00 and urged them to authorized the contractor to proceed with plans for purchasing structural steel and other components before the price increases in a few days. Robert Davis, on behalf of the Jail Task Force, stated that we now have a firm price for the jail completion and the contract could still be worked out after they approved it. Motion was made by R. L.

Miller, seconded by Dickie Renfro, to approve the construction go-ahead while authorizing the County Attorney to review the contract details. Roll call vote as follows:

AYES: Jack Buckles, Gebe Ritchie, R. L. Miller, Jim Whaley, Harry Sisk, Jerry Pearman, Steve Lowrance, Tom Bowers, Jo Ann Blankenshi, Charlie Bayless, Dickie Renfro, Larry McKinney, Bill Armstrong, Robert Davis and Robert Gobble

NAYS: Nancy Brown, Terry Montgomery & Ken Arney

PASSING: 0

ABSENT: Lawrence Hodge, Jeff McKinney, L. C. Tester, Lynn Tipton & Richard Tester

There being 15 ayes, 3 nays, 0 passing and 5 absent, motion duly carried this May 27, 2008.

Motion was made by Jerry Pearman, seconded by Robert Davis to adjourn. By voice roll call vote, motion duly carried May 27, 2008.