

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the County Commission of Carter County, Elizabethton, Tennessee, met in a SPECIAL CALLED SESSION on May 26, 2009, at 8:00 A.M. in the main courtroom of the Carter County Courthouse. 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: Paul Mottern, Gebe Ritchie, Lawrence Hodge, Nancy Brown, Jeff McKinney, R. L. Miller, Jim Whaley, Harry Sisk, Jerry Pearman, L. C. Tester, Steve Lowrance, Tom Bowers, Jo Ann Blankenship, Dickie Renfro, Terry Montgomery, Ken Arney, Larry McKinney, Lynn Tipton, Sonja Culler, Richard Tester, Bill Armstrong, Robert Davis and Robert Gobble. Charlie Bayless was absent.

ROLL CALL.....QUORUM PRESENT

PRAYER.....LAWRENCE HODGE

PLEDGE.....ROBERT DAVIS

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Carter County Commission will hold a special called meeting Tuesday, May 26, 2009 at 8:00 am in the Main Courtroom, Carter County Courthouse, 801 E. Elk Avenue, Elizabethton, Tennessee for potential settlement of Sheriff's lawsuit.

Johnny Holder, Carter County Mayor

Motion was made by Richard Tester, seconded by L. C. Tester to adjourn into a "Client/Attorney" meeting and the courtroom was cleared of everyone in the audience not a party to the lawsuit. After discussing the possible solution of settling the lawsuit of Sheriff Mathes vs. the Carter County Commission Court was called back to order. Motion was made by Gebe Ritchie, seconded by Lynn Tipton to reject the offer put forward by the County Attorney in the amount of \$325,000. Roll call vote was as follows:

It was clarified before the vote was taken that a "yes" vote would be a vote to reject the offer of a settlement in the amount of \$325,000.

AYES: Paul Mottern, Gebe Ritchie, Lawrence Hodge, Nancy Brown, Jeff McKinney, R. L. Miller, Jim Whaley, Harry Sisk, Jerry Pearman, L. C. Tester, Steve Lowrance, Tom Bowers, Jo Ann Blankenship, Dickie Renfro, Terry Montgomery, Ken Arney, Larry McKinney, Lynn Tipton, Sonja Culler, Bill Armstrong, Robert Davis & Robert Gobble

NAYS: Richard Tester

PASSING: 0

ABSENT: Charlie Bayless

There being 22 ayes, 1 nay, 0 passing and 1 absent, motion duly carried this May 26, 2009.

On motion by Jerry Pearman, seconded by Lawrence Hodge and by roll call vote, Court adjourned.