



Blount County Government

359 Court Street
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Meeting Minutes

CARES Committee

Judge William R. Brewer, Jr.
Commissioner Nick Bright
Deputy Chief Chris Cantrell
Commissioner Richard Carver
Committee Member Thomas Cole
Chief Deputy Jeff French
Commissioner John Giles
Judge Tammy Harrington
Committee Member Chris Hurley
Committee Member Tammy Lynn, LCSW
Commissioner Tom Stinnett
Commissioner Linda Webb
Committee Member Jerry Vagnier

Tuesday, July 25, 2023

5:30 PM

Blount County Courthouse, Room 430

A. ROLL CALL

- Present** 6 - Commissioner Nick Bright, Commissioner Richard Carver, Committee Member Thomas Cole, Commissioner John Giles, Committee Member Chris Hurley, and Committee Member Jerry Vagnier
- Absent** 7 - Judge William R. Brewer, Deputy Chief Chris Cantrell, Chief Deputy Jeff French, Judge Tammy Harrington, Committee Member Tammy Lynn, Commissioner Tom Stinnett, and Commissioner Linda Webb

B. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. [APRIL 25, 2023 MINUTES](#)

Title: APRIL 25, 2023 MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Bright, seconded by Commissioner Giles, that the Minutes be approved and forwarded to full commission. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Bright, Carver, Cole, Giles, Hurley, and Vagnier

No: 0

Absent: 5 - Brewer, Cantrell, French, Harrington, Lynn, Stinnett, and Webb

Abstain: 0

D. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. DATA REQUESTS-

Review of Jail Population Trends

Review of Recovery Court Utilization

Update on Proposed Re-entry Services

a. [Jail Population Statistics](#)

Title: Jail Population Statistics

Currently the population is averaging around what the jail has beds to accommodate.

It was communicated that the Reentry positions proposed during this year's budget workshop, were not funded.

b. [Recovery Court Statistics](#)

Title: Recovery Court Statistics

Amy Galyon fielded questions regarding graduation rates, successes, staff size, and the growth and development of the program over the last decade. She spoke of participants' greatest issues - transportation and housing, and how the Recovery Court Foundation, a 501(C)(3), helps in area of housing.

c. [Transitional Center Proposal](#)

Title: Transitional Center Proposal

Chairman Jerry Vagnier summarized the proposal.

2. TRANSITION CENTER PILOT PROPOSAL

A motion was made by Commissioner Carver, seconded by Commissioner Bright, that the proposal be forwarded to the Mayor. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Bright, Carver, Cole, Giles, Hurley, and Vagnier

No: 0

Absent: 5 - Brewer, Cantrell, French, Harrington, Lynn, Stinnett, and Webb

Abstain: 0

3. NEXT STEPS-

Workshop - Site Visit

County Commission - presentation/update

Commissioner Giles to brief the Commission on the direction of the CARES Committee.

Chairman Vagnier to then schedule site visits for CARES Committee members, as well as all other Commissioners.

E. ADJOURN (next meeting October 24, 2023)

Commissioner Bright made a motion to adjourn, Commission Giles seconded.
Passed by voice vote.