



Blount County Government

359 Court Street
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Meeting Minutes

CARES Committee

Dave Bennett, Business Leader
Robbie Bennett, Commissioner
Chris Cantrell, Deputy Chief Sheriff's Office
Rick Carver, Commissioner
Tom Cole, Business Leader
Jeff French, Chief Deputy Sheriff's Office
Jackie Hill, Commissioner
Tammy Lynn, Health Care Professional
Tom Stinnett, Commissioner
Jerry Vagnier, Health Care Professional
Ex Officio: Judge William R. Brewer, Jr. and Judge Tammy Harrington

Tuesday, April 16, 2019

5:30 PM

Blount County Courthouse, Room 433

A. ROLL CALL

Present 8 - Deputy Chief Chris Cantrell, Vice Chair Richard Carver, Committee Member Thomas Cole, Chief Deputy Jeff French, Commissioner Jackie Hill, Committee Member Tammy Lynn, Commissioner Tom Stinnett, and Chairperson Jerry Vagnier

Absent 4 - Committee Member Dave Bennett, Commissioner Robbie Bennett, Judge William R. Brewer, and Judge Tammy Harrington

B. EMERGENCY ANNOUNCEMENT

C. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

None

D. APPROVAL OF MARCH 19, 2019 MINUTES

1. [March 19, 2019 Minutes](#)

Title: March 19, 2019 Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Business Leader Cole that the March 19, 2019 Minutes be approved. Motion passed by voice vote.

E. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

1. OLD BUSINESS

a. [Update from Mayor's Office on Full-time employee job description/salary/search](#)

Title: Update from Mayor's Office on Full-time employee job description/salary/search

Update given by Charlie Sterling. Stated that Mayor's Office is in process of obtaining job descriptions.

b. [Update from Mayor's office on vetting of 3 Phase Approach document, including budgetary considerations](#)

Title: Update from Mayor's office on vetting of 3 Phase Approach document, including budgetary considerations

Update given by Charlie Sterling. Stated that in regard to Phase 1 - some of the jail updates/needs are being considered by the budget committee (roof and kitchen upgrades). For Phase 2 - for progress to happen, all stakeholders involved need to work together to take action to be effective. And for Phase 3 - 26 sites have been vetted/considered as a possible location for a transition facility, and that the Mayor's Office is close to making a recommendation. Commissioner Hill requested a timeline with respect to the Phases, as well as a Communication Strategy to get input and disseminate information to all involved/affected.

2. NEW BUSINESS

a. [Update from Sheriff's Office](#)

Title: Update from Sheriff's Office

Update on population statistics at the jail given by Jeff French. Jan-Mar average population was approximately 580. For April, to date, it is over 600 on average.

b. [Presentation by Recovery Court](#)

Title: Presentation by Recovery Court

Recovery Court Director Amy Galyon, as well as Recovery Court employee and graduate Bo Henry and soon to be graduate Kevin Wiggins presented. The program, process, and its impacts were touched on, as well as their collaboration with the Library. Some items coming out of discussion with the Committee included - 1) The program could affect more people with more space and people, 2) The "bones" of the program could be applied to other similar programs to assist inmates with other issues, and 3) it would be helpful for the jail to have the means to do "Needs Assessments" for each inmate to determine their needs.

F. ADJOURNMENT