



Blount County Government

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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, November 19, 2019

5:30 PM

Blount County Courthouse, Room 315

A. ROLL CALL

Present 10 - Committee Member Dave Bennett, Commissioner Robbie Bennett, Judge William R. Brewer, Deputy Chief Chris Cantrell, Vice Chair Richard Carver, Committee Member Thomas Cole, Chief Deputy Jeff French, Judge Tammy Harrington, Commissioner Jackie Hill, and Committee Member Tammy Lynn

Absent 2 - Commissioner Tom Stinnett, and Chairperson Jerry Vagnier

B. EMERGENCY ANNOUNCEMENT

C. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

None

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. [October 15, 2019 Minutes](#)

Title: October 15, 2019 Minutes

Business Leader, Dave Bennett, made a motion to approve the October 15, 2019 Minutes. Business Leader, Tom Cole, seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken. The acting Chair, Rick Carver, declared the Minutes to be approved.

E. WORKSHOP TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION (not inclusive)

Much discussion took place concerning where we are in the process and what is needed to move forward. It was determined that Items E3, E3a, and E3b, be postponed until Next Steps were performed.

1. Project Priority List**2. Project Phases****3. Collective Vision to present to community**

- a. Process to Solicit Community Stakeholder Input
- b. Inclusion/involvement of nearby property owners

F. NEXT STEPS

Business Leader, Tom Cole, made a motion that:

- 1) the CARES committee request input from the Sheriff's Office and the Courts on what current programs included, barriers to expanding programs, and how to make them successful. In addition, what programs are not being offered that the Sheriff's Office and/or the Courts would like to provide due to current needs.
- 2) a subcommittee will be created, consisting of the committee's Judges (Harrington and Brewer) and Sheriff's staff (Chief French and Cantrell) to compile the above requested information - to be provided at the next Committee meeting.
- 3) Charles Sterling will compile a summary of what has been accomplished, recommended, approved, etc. to date.

The provided information will serve to assist the Committee in determining where we've been, where we need to be going, and facilitate a roadmap for what steps to take next.

A voice vote was taken, and the acting Chair declared the motion to have passed.

G. ELECTION OF NEW CHAIR

Business Leader, Dave Bennett, made a motion to nominate Health Care Professional, Tammy Lynn, to be the next CARES Committee Chairperson.

Business Leader, Tom Cole, seconded the motion. With no other nominations, a voice vote was taken and the acting Chair declared the motion to have passed.

H. ADJOURNMENT

6:25 p.m.