



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, January 15, 2019

5:30 PM

Blount County Courthouse, Room 433

A. ROLL CALL

Present 10 - Commissioner Robbie Bennett, Judge William R. Brewer, Vice Chair Richard Carver, Committee Member Thomas Cole, Chief Deputy Jeff French, Judge Tammy Harrington, Commissioner Jackie Hill, Committee Member Tammy Lynn, Commissioner Tom Stinnett, and Chairperson Jerry Vagnier

Absent 2 - Committee Member Dave Bennett, and Deputy Chief Chris Cantrell

B. EMERGENCY ANNOUNCEMENT

C. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

None

D. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 23, 2018 MINUTES

1. [October 23, 2018 Minutes](#)

Title: October 23, 2018 Minutes

Commissioner Carver made a motion to approve the October 23, 2018 Minutes.
Commissioner Stinnett seconded the motion. Minutes approved by voice vote.

E. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

1. REVIEW OF BLOUNT COUNTY COMMUNITY JUSTICE INITIATIVE (CJI) FEASIBILITY STUDY SUMMARY - C. STERLING

[Feasibility Study Summary](#)

Title: Feasibility Study Summary

a. Commission Action - Adoption of Option F

b. Update/Status

2. CURRENT STATUS OF BLOUNT COUNTY JAIL - CHIEF DEPUTY FRENCH

Update on average jail population

-number of beds

-by gender

-by class (felony/misdemeanor)

3. COMMITTEE GOALS DISCUSSION - COMMITTEE CHAIR J. VAGNIER

Goals discussed included:

-Jerry Vagnier: Look at other population groups similar to Recovery Court group, that could also benefit from having alternatives to incarceration

-Jackie Hill: Look into developing a process/changing law to assist in allowing us more discretion to accommodate different classifications of inmates in different locations/programs; more rehabilitation programs; more "Preventative" programs; education of the community

-Tammy Harrington: proper assessments (and needed accommodations to do so); partnerships with organizations/employers in the community; create productive individuals that contribute to the community; long-term support to allow for long-term change (and again, the resources to do so---people, places, programs)

4. NEXT STEPS

Next Steps discussed included:

-Site Visits - Rutherford County Jan. 23rd and DC4 Feb. 6th

-Continue to Collect Data and Research/Report on Best Practices

-Tour the Jail

-Attend a Recovery Court Session (Wed mornings) and other court sessions (Brewer to recommend/schedule)

-Hear from a Recovery Court participant

-Hear from a recently released inmate

F. ADJOURNMENT

6:35pm