

Anderson County Commission

Regular meeting, October 15, 2018

Chair Tracy Wandell called the meeting to order. All 16 commissioners were present.

Commission passed resolutions recognizing National 4H week, Domestic Violence Awareness month, and honoring Louise Mixon as the recipient of the 2018 ADFAC "Bill Wilcox Bow Tie Award." They passed resolutions recognizing Gwen Cole for her work with Quilts of Valor; honoring Mark Morgan on his retirement as Manager, Norris Dam State Park; and Rick Meredith for being chosen Tennessee Chamber of Commerce Executive of the Year.

Tim Thompson, President of the Anderson County Economic Development Association, asked Commission to act quickly to allow Carter Express to lease a 28-acre parcel in the David Jones Industrial Park. Carter is adding onto their building and needs a place to park trucks during construction. Commission asked the Law Director to draw up a one-year lease for \$250 a month. Carter will clear and gravel the lot for an estimated cost of \$15,000.

Commissioner Fritz moved and Commission passed by voice vote a motion to put the 205 Main Street property up for bid as surplus. The Mayor, Purchasing Department representative, and Law Director will iron out details. Commissioner Mead pointed out that the bid process won't cost the County anything and it does not oblige the County to sell the property if bids are not high enough.

Emory Valley Center is going to continue to share the Daniel Arthur building with the General Sessions Court II. The Center had hoped to remodel another building on the property but found that it would be too expensive. Instead they are offering to pay for the firewall and upgrade the fire alarm system for an estimated cost of \$50-60,000. Commissioner Meredith moved and Commission passed with a voice vote a motion to accept the offer and ask the Law Director to draw up an agreement.

Anderson County Community Action Commission (CAC) has worked with the IRS and reduced their delinquent payroll tax bill to \$15,300. Commissioner Meredith moved that the County pay half. The motion passed with Commissioners Fritts, Waddell, Vowell, Isbel, and Yager voting against. The City of Clinton has agreed to pay the other half. CAC expects to receive a grant as soon as they work out their tax problems. At that time, they will donate up to \$4,000 to the Inclusive Park. East Tennessee Human Resource Agency (ETHRA) is assuming oversight of the program as soon as the IRS problem is resolved.

Commissioner Isbel moved that the Ethics Committee meet, select a chair, and prepare to move ahead. Motion passed with voice vote.

~Willa Reister, Observer