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Cumberland County Commission
Rules Committee
February 6th, 2019

Members Present **Members Absent** **Other Comm. Present** **Others Present**

Chad Norris
Nancy Hyder
Rebecca Stone
Charles Seiber
Jack Davis
Jerry Cooper
Jim Blalock
John Patterson

Wendell Wilson

Sue York
Darrell Threet
Deborah Holbrook

Mayor Foster

- 1. Call to Order: Commissioner Hyder called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.**
- 2. Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Commissioner Davis to approve the minutes as presented from the November 2018 meeting. Commissioner Norris seconded the motion and the motion passed.
- 3. Rules Pertaining to recording meetings – Commissioner Stone**

The rules pertaining to recording the meetings was discussed. Commissioner Stone was prepared to brief the committee on the subject and presented comments from her discussion with Charles Curtis, a CTAS Representative, on the matter. An important note to keep in mind is that a tape recording is considered a working document and not a permanent record. The written and approved minutes are what is considered public record and what should be available to the public electronically. Per Charles' response "The minutes can be recorded electronically but must be reduced to written minutes. Once the minutes are reduced to writing, an electronic copy of that written document would be adequate for public access." Curtis went on to say that in the past an electronic tape recording was presented in a lawsuit to a chancellor where the recording differed from the written copy. The Chancellor would not even listen to the tapes and explained that it is very important to read the written minutes prior to voting to approve them (making them a permanent document rather than a working document) to ensure that they are accurate.

After additional discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Stone made the motion to delete rule 17.72 which discusses the training and use of a recording device. Her motion continued with amending rule 17.71 to read "Recording of

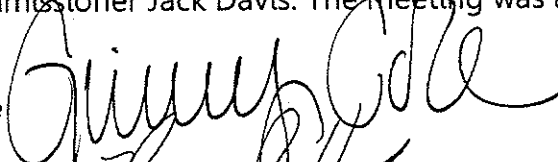
Committee Meetings. All Commission Committee Meetings will be recorded and archived, in the form of approved written minutes, as per the Open Public Records Policy, TCA 10-7-503." Commissioner Seiber seconded the motion. The motion passed.

4. Discussion of Staggering Terms – Beginning in 2022

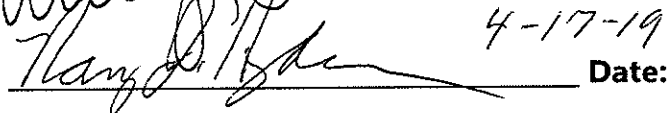
Commissioner Hyder brought up the subject of staggering terms but felt that the group needed to discuss the option with pros and cons and see if Charles Curtis could come to a Full Commission Meeting to further discuss if there was enough interest. There was general discussion regarding staggering vs. not staggering terms, which included adding the School Board and possibly the City of Crossville, and wanting as many people out to vote as possible. There are 90 Counties in Tennessee that conduct their elections like Cumberland County according to Mayor Foster. It seemed to be the general consensus of the group to "leave it alone". Commissioner Norris made a motion to decide if we want to discuss any further the possibility of staggering the terms. Commissioner Cooper Seconded the Motion. All Commissioners voted No. Meaning they did not wish to discuss staggering terms any further.

5. Adjournment: A motion was made by Commissioner Seiber to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jack Davis. The meeting was adjourned at 4:37 PM.

Minutes Prepared by Ginny Cole



Approval Signature for Public Record



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Date: