

Cherokee County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
February 3, 2020  
6:30 P.M.  
Cherokee County Courthouse

Members present: Roy Dickey, Chairman; C.B. McKinnon, Vice-Chairman; Cal Stiles, member; Dr. Dan Eichenbaum, member; and Gary Westmoreland, member.

Staff present: Randy Wiggins, County Manager; Candy Anderson, Finance Officer; Maria Hass, Assistant County Manager and Clerk to the Board; and, Darryl Brown, County Attorney.

Meetings are recorded by Local TV 4 and WKRC Radio Facebook Live.

**Call to Order**

**Ethics Statement**

Ethics statement read by Chairman.

**Invocation-Sheriff Palmer**

**Pledge of Allegiance**-Led by Dr. Dan Eichenbaum.

**Modification of Agenda**

Motion made by Commissioner Eichenbaum to add as item "e" under New Business, consideration of a resolution to request the State of N.C. remove John Glenn's Certificate of Need for Peachtree Assisted Living Project. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Voting in favor of the Motion was Commissioners Eichenbaum, Westmoreland, Dickey, and McKinnon. Voting against the Motion was Commissioner Stiles. Motion passed.

**Agenda Adoption**

Motion made by Commissioner McKinnon to adopt the agenda as modified. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed unanimously.

**Anti-Litter Participant Recognition**

Gary Chamberlain, spokesman for the N.C. Litter-Free Coalition, along with Barbara Hughes, Randy Verolla and Jim Sullivan spoke in support of the anti-litter efforts and the benefit of keeping our communities clean. The Board recognized the group of participants that were in attendance and shared their appreciation for all who are involved in the efforts. Mr. Chamberlain said that he would like the Board of Commissioners to make the recognition an annual event.

## **Public Forum**

Thom Carter came before the Board to invite the Board members to meetings of the Mountain Patriots and the monthly Awake America Prayer Meetings.

## **Minutes**

Motion made by Commissioner Stiles to approve the January 6, 2020 board meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Commissioner Eichenbaum. Motion passed unanimously.

## **Finance and Budget**

Motion made by Commissioner Stiles to approve a budget revision for Cooperative Extension's Steps for Health Grant (No county match). Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Commissioner McKinnon to approve a budget revision for use of fund balance for voting machine privacy canopies. Motion seconded by Commissioner Eichenbaum. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Commissioner Westmoreland to approve a budget revision for a waste reduction and recycling grant (\$833 county match). Motion seconded by Commissioner Stiles. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Commissioner McKinnon to approve a budget revision for the DSS Low Income Energy Assistance Program Grant (No county match). Motion seconded by Commissioner Eichenbaum. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Commissioner McKinnon to seek additional bids for right-of-way clearing of the four airport towers and to also include in the solicitation, any communication towers, as deemed necessary by the sheriff. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stiles. Motion passed unanimously.

## **New Business**

Motion made by Commissioner Westmoreland to approve the tax releases. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stiles. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Commissioner McKinnon to approve the tax refund report. Motion seconded by Commissioner Eichenbaum. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Commissioner McKinnon to approve replacement of the maintenance hangar doors at the airport. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Commissioner Eichenbaum to apply the same transfer policy to Graham County as it did Clay County. That policy states that Cherokee County EMS will no longer provide transfer services to Erlanger Western Carolina Hospital patients delivered to Erlanger WC by

Graham County EMS or any other service providing such services on behalf of Graham County EMS. The same exceptions shall apply and are for reference: 1. the patient is a Cherokee County Resident; 2. Cherokee County EMS originally transferred the patient to Erlanger WC; and 3. the patient meets flight criteria and flight services are unable to fly. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Commissioner Eichenbaum to approve submitting a resolution, which he will draft, to the State of North Carolina to remove the Cherokee County Certificate of Need currently held by John Glenn for his Peachtree Assisted Living Project. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Voting in favor of the Motion was Commissioners Eichenbaum, Westmoreland, Dickey, and McKinnon. Voting against the Motion was Commissioner Stiles. Motion passed.

### **Closed Session**

Motion made by Commissioner McKinnon to go into closed session pursuant to 143-318.11 (a) (6)- To consider persons for the tax collector position, which was recently vacated due to Evelyn Postell's retirement. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Open Session**

After returning to open session, a Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to appoint Tax Assessor, Eddie Allen to Tax Collector. Mr. Allen will serve dual roles and his tax collector appointment will run concurrently with his tax assessor appointment. Motion seconded by Commissioner Eichenbaum. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, a Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to adjourn. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed unanimously.

**THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON MARCH 25, 2020.**