

CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
February 15, 2018

The Cherokee County Board of Commissioners held a special called meeting on February 15, 2018 to discuss the Peachtree Manor Assisted Living Project; and, to discuss options for future legal counsel.

The following Commissioners were present for the meeting: Dr. Dan Eichenbaum, Chairman; Gary Westmoreland, Vice-Chairman; Roy Dickey, member; Cal Stiles, member; and, C.B. McKinnon, member. Also present: Randy Wiggins, County Manager; and Maria Has, Assistant County Manager and Clerk to the Board.

Present from the media: Local TV 4; WKRK Radio; and the Cherokee Scout newspaper.

The Chairman called the meeting to order.

Invocation was given by Randy Wiggins.

Pledge of Allegiance.

A Motion was made by Chairman Eichenbaum to add a public forum to the agenda, and to the agenda of future special called meetings; as requested by Mr. Henry Ristorcelli. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stiles. Motion passed unanimously.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Dickey to approve the agenda, as amended. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed unanimously.

During public forum. Henry Ristorcelli asked what was so pressing that the board could not wait until the February 19th meeting, instead of holding this special called meeting. Chairman Eichenbaum agreed that the meeting could have waited. Mr. Ristorcelli also questioned the special pay for such meetings.

Mr. John Glenn gave an update on the Peachtree Manor Project and presented documentation of progress on the project. The grant agreement has been extended, and Mr. Glenn said the plan is to have the assisted living facility completed and opened by February 2019. A Motion was made by Commissioner McKinnon to give Mr. Glenn until May of 2018 to begin construction of the facility. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stiles. Motion passed unanimously.

After discussion, a Motion was made by Chairman Eichenbaum to allow the county manager to develop Request for Proposal (RFP) for soliciting a county attorney. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed unanimously.

Sheriff Palmer came before the board to discuss legal services available to law enforcement. Sheriff Palmer said the law firm has multiple attorneys that can provide legal advice to the sheriff's office, via telephone, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The annual contract is \$10,642. He said the firm will provide after-hour legal advice, and the times when the county attorney is not available. The board told Sheriff Palmer to submit the proposal for the February 19, 2018 meeting.

A Motion was made by Commissioner McKinnon to dissolve the recently appointed Building and Grounds Committee. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to adjourn. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:05 P.M.

**THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON MARCH 19, 2018.**