

Cherokee County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 17, 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 WKRK Radio Facebook Live.

Call to Order

Ethics Statement

Invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

Modification of Agenda

Motion made by Commissioner Stiles to add a budget revision for repairs to the Marble Community Center roof. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Adoption

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

Public Forum-No comments.

Minutes

Motion made by Commissioner Stiles to approve the January 21, 2020 board meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed unanimously.

Finance and Budget

Motion made by Commissioner Stiles to approve a budget revision for use of federal detention center funds to cover increase in operating expenses and replace a temperature booster in the kitchen. Motion seconded by Commissioner McKinnon. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Commissioner McKinnon to approve a budget revision for receipt of additional low income energy assistance program funds, with no county match. Motion seconded by Commissioner Eichenbaum. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Commissioner McKinnon to approve a budget revision for repairs to the Marble Community Center roof. Motion seconded by Commissioner Eichenbaum. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business

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

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

Motion made by Commissioner Westmoreland to approve the NCVTS report. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stiles. Motion passed unanimously.

County Manager Items

The county manager shared a request with the board from N.C. Department of Environmental Quality asking for the County's assistance with draining the reservoir at Tanglewood Dam. After discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner Eichenbaum to deny the request. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed unanimously.

After discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to cancel the March 2nd board meeting. Motion seconded by Commissioner McKinnon. Motion passed unanimously.

After discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to appoint Tax Assessor, Eddie Allen as the Tax Collector, effective today. Mr. Allen will serve dual roles and his tax collector appointment will run concurrently with his tax assessor appointment through December 2, 2023. Motion seconded by Commissioner McKinnon. Motion passed unanimously.

After discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner Westmoreland to approve Cost Estimate-Alternative 1 for Sewer System Upgrades at the Jackson Street property. The total cost is \$372,330, with Cherokee County providing \$186,165 and the Town providing \$186,165. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stiles. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Items

Commissioner Stiles asked the Board to consider having only one meeting a month.

Closed Session

Motion made by Commissioner Stiles to go into closed session pursuant to 143-318.11 (3) to consult with an attorney in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege, and 143-318.11 (6) to

consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, and conditions of appointment of an individual public officer or employee.143-318.11 (a) (6). Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed unanimously.

Open Session

After returning to open session, no action was taken on the personnel matter. A Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to sell the county's interest in the Andrews Industrial Park to the Town of Andrews for \$40,000. The Town will pay all recording fees and will pay Cherokee County July 1, 2020. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. 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.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.

THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON MAY 4, 2020.