

Cherokee County Board of Commissioners
Special Called Emergency Meeting
March 19, 2020
4:30 PM

The Cherokee County Board of Commissioners held an emergency meeting on March 19, 2020 for the purpose of discussing a State of Emergency Declaration related to the COVID-19 outbreak.

The following Commissioners were present for the meeting: Roy Dickey, Chairman; C.B. McKinnon, Vice-Chairman; Cal Stiles, member; and, Dr. Dan Eichenbaum, member. Commissioner Gary Westmorland attended via conference call.

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

Local media present: Local TV 4; WKRK; and the Cherokee Scout.

Board members took turns sharing their thoughts on Cherokee County issuing a State of Emergency declaration. Commissioners Dickey, McKinnon, Eichenbaum and Stiles said they are engaged and staying up to date on the happenings of COVID-19, but do not want to create more public anxiety and do not support an emergency declaration at this time. Commissioner Westmoreland said that he would like the board to go ahead and issue a State of Emergency for Cherokee County, saying that it is the right thing to do and that the county needs to show its citizens that it is concerned about them. Commissioner Westmoreland also said he would like the board to vote to set money aside to address COVID-19 related needs.

After all discussion, a majority of the Board did not feel the need for issuing an emergency declaration at this.

Commissioner Stiles made a Motion to adjourn. Commissioner Eichenbaum seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM.

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