

A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
CHEROKEE COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
April 2, 2018

The Cherokee County Board of Commissioners held a regularly scheduled meeting in the Commissioners Boardroom of the Cherokee County Courthouse in Murphy, North Carolina on the 2nd day of April, 2018 at 6:30 o'clock p.m.

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

Media present: Cherokee Scout, Local TV4, Fetch Your News, and WKRR. DVD copies of commission meetings may be purchased at Local TV4, or watched via the Facebook page of WKRR.

The invocation was given by Sheriff Palmer.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Eichenbaum.

Agenda Adoption:

A Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Forum:

During public forum, Ms. Linda Dubois complained about a free-roaming bull, saying that she has made four complaints to the sheriff's office, and now wants to know if the board of commissioners can help her resolve the situation. Sheriff Palmer told her that this meeting was an inappropriate place to discuss an investigation, but said that he would be glad to meet with her.

Ms. Aurelia Stone, manager of the Best Western hotel complained that local health and fire inspection laws do not apply to vacation rentals by owners (VRBO), and requested that the county adopt an ordinance or some local rules pertaining to VRBO's.

Mr. Gary Chamberlain came before the board to thank the board members who made personal financial contributions for the anti-litter campaign flyers, and also thanked Frankie Beal who volunteered and folded all of the flyers. The board thanked Mr. Chamberlain for all of his hard work.

Minutes:

A Motion was made by Commissioner Westmoreland to approve the March 19, 2018 Minutes. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.

Finance and Budget:

- A Motion was made by Commissioner Westmoreland to approve a budget revision for Smart Start Grant Revenues in the amount of \$591, with no county match required. Motion seconded by Commissioner McKinnon. Motion passed unanimously.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to approve a budget revision for an increase in state funds for health promotion in the amount of \$9,467, with no county match required. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.

Budget revisions are available for public inspection, in the office of the Finance Director.

Old Business: Concerning Lambert Road, Road Naming Process

After discussion, and following a request by Mr. Anthony McCray to change the name of Lambert Road back to the original name of Lower Vengeance Creek Road, a Motion was made by Commissioner McKinnon to keep Lambert Road, as the official road name; and, to require any future request for the road name change to follow the current 911 Addressing Ordinance. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

- Register of Deeds, Daphne Dockery, came before the board to discuss document recording cut-off time. A Motion was made by Commissioner McKinnon to table the item. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously. Ms. Dockery will gather additional information and come back to the board at a later date.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner Dickey to approve the tax releases. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed unanimously.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to approve the tax refund report. Motion seconded by Commissioner McKinnon. Motion passed unanimously.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner McKinnon to approve the February NCVTS report. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed unanimously.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner McKinnon to participate in the April 14-28, 2018 NCDOT Litter Sweep. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stiles. Motion passed unanimously.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to move the April 26th budget hearing to April 27th at 5:30 p.m. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner Westmoreland to schedule a budget work session for May 31st at 6:30 p.m. Motion seconded by Commissioner McKinnon. Motion passed unanimously.

- A Motion was made by Commissioner McKinnon to schedule a Special Meeting on June 28th at 6:30 p.m. for adoption of the FY18-19 budget ordinance. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Items:

During commissioner items, Commissioner Westmoreland said that he and the county manager had met with the two towns and Tri-County Community College and discussed infrastructure needs.

Commissioner Stiles said that there was a good turnout at the forest service meeting in Andrews on Friday and that many ideas were shared, concerning the forest service plan.

Commissioner McKinnon asked about the status of the MedTrans lease.

Closed Session:

A Motion was made by Commissioner Dickey to go into closed session pursuant to §143-318.11. (a) (6), to consider applications for the county attorney position. Motion seconded by Commissioner McKinnon. Motion passed unanimously.

During closed session, the board interviewed two applicants.

After returning to open session, a Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to appoint Darryl Brown as county attorney, and to approve a budget revision for professional services, not to exceed \$12,500 for the current fiscal year, and to approve the following provisions:

- \$5000 annual retainer-Due upon hiring, and again at the beginning of each fiscal year (July 1)
- \$2500 monthly (\$250 an hour for a guaranteed minimum of 10 hours per month)
- \$175 an hour for all hours over 10
- \$500 annual allocation for books relevant to county representation
- \$12,000 annual fee for on call counsel for sheriff's department (\$6000 payable at the beginning of the fiscal year and \$6000 payable at the beginning of the calendar year)
- County to cover the cost of travel and training for annual county attorney conference and annual sheriff's conference

Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the board, a Motion was made by Commissioner Westmoreland to adjourn. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.

**THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON MAY 10, 2018.**