

Cherokee County Board of Commissioners
Meeting Minutes of May 10, 2018

The Cherokee County Board of Commissioners meeting, rescheduled from May 6th, was held in the Commissioners Boardroom, also known as Multi-Purpose Room 342, of the Cherokee County Courthouse in Murphy, North Carolina on the 10th day of May, 2018 at 6:30 o'clock p.m.

Members present: 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; Maria Hass, Assistant County Manager and Clerk to the Board; and Darryl Brown, County Attorney.

Media present: Cherokee Scout, Local TV4, Fetch Your News, and WKRK.

DVD copies of commission meetings may be purchased at Local TV4, or watched via the Facebook page of WKRK.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, and members were advised of their duty under the Local Government Ethics Act.

Invocation given by Sheriff Palmer.

Pledge of Allegiance

Modification of Agenda

A Motion made by Commissioner Dickey to add a budget revision for insurance proceeds from a damaged patrol car. Seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed unanimously.

A Motion made by Commissioner Stiles to add Mr. John Glenn to the agenda to give an update on the Peachtree Assisted Living Facility project. Seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Adoption

A Motion made by Commissioner McKinnon to adopt the agenda as amended. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stiles. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Forum

During public forum, Gary Chamberlain talked about the anti-litter campaign and urged community leaders to participate.

Minutes

A Motion was made by Commissioner Westmoreland to approve the April 2, 2018 meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.

Budget and Finance

- A Motion was made by Commissioner McKinnon to approve a budget revision for use of fund balance to purchase a new CAT Compactor for the landfill. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to approve a budget revision for use of fund balance to purchase new scales for the landfill. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner Dickey to approve a budget revision for multiple capital items for the detention center, as requested by Mark Patterson. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Voting in favor of the Motion was Commissioners Dickey, Westmoreland, Eichenbaum and Stiles. Voting against the Motion was Commissioner McKinnon. Commissioner McKinnon suggested the request be reviewed and addressed in the upcoming budget worksession. Motion passed.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to approve the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC) Annual Plan and Funding for FY 18-19. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed unanimously.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner Westmoreland to approve a budget revision for use of insurance proceeds to replace a patrol car, which was totaled during a chase. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business

- A Motion was made by Commissioner Westmoreland to approve the tax releases. Motion seconded by Commissioner McKinnon. Motion passed unanimously.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to approve the tax refund report. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner McKinnon to approve the April 2018 NCVTS report. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.
- Eddie Allen presented the bids for the 2020 Tax Revaluation. After discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to award the bid to C.B. Ferriss, Inc. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner McKinnon to amend a previous Motion, for appointment of Linda May to the Joint Community Care Advisory Care Committee, to

include the term of one year. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed unanimously.

- Mr. Garry Whitaker, an attorney from Winston Salem, came before the board to give a presentation on a current multi-district opioid lawsuit, and to ask the board if Cherokee County wants to join the lawsuit. No action was taking by the board. The board said they would consult with the county attorney on the matter.
- Mr. John Glenn came before the board to give an update on the Peachtree Assisted Living Facility project. Mr. Glenn said that particulars are still being worked out with the lender. A Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to allow Mr. Glenn until December 31, 2018 to provide another update. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed unanimously.

County Manager Items

The county manager presented the FY18-19 recommended budget.

After discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to schedule a public hearing for the budget at the May 21st meeting. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed unanimously.

Closed Session

A Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to go into closed session, pursuant to §143-318.11 (a) (3) to preserve the attorney-client privilege. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.

During closed session, the board discussed the Brian Hogan lawsuit against DSS, with county-retained attorney, Sean Perrin.

After returning to open session, there was no action taken from matters discussed in closed session.

Adjourn

A Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to adjourn. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON JUNE 18, 2018.