

**Cherokee County Board of Commissioners
Work Session Meeting Minutes
May 11, 2026**

Board members present: Alan Bryant, Chairman; Ben Adams, Vice-Chairman; Mark Stiles, member; Dr. Jeana Conley, member; and Dr. Sue Lynn Ledford, member.

Others present: Randy Wiggins, County Manager; Candy Anderson, Chief Financial Officer; and Maria Hass, Assistant County Manager/Clerk to Board.

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Location: Cherokee County Courthouse, Room 342.

Note: Meetings are live streamed by Local TV4 and posted on the Local TV 4 Facebook page. A DVD is also available for check-out in the Office of the Clerk to the Board, until such time meeting minutes are drafted and posted.

Call to Order by Chairman

Invocation

Pledge

Ethics Statement read by the Clerk

Agenda Adoption

Motion made by Commissioner Adams and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to adopt the agenda, as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Budget Discussion

During budget discussion, the board heard from the following departments: Sheriff/Detention; EMS; Solid Waste; and Parks & Recreation. Each department shared their capital needs requests, and each department shared that recruitment and retention is difficult due to the county's outdated pay plan.

Other Discussion

Commissioner Ben Adams, Chairman of the Planning Committee, said he would be calling a future meeting of the Planning Committee, possibly for May 26th, following adjournment of the Commissioners regular meeting.

The Clerk was instructed to add a contract for legal services for the Office of the Sheriff to the May 26th agenda for consideration.

The Clerk was instructed to add a budget revision for a generator for EMS Station 2 to the May 26th agenda.

Motion made by Commissioner Adams and seconded by Commissioner Conley to approve applying for a Rural Health Transformation Grant for Paramedicine. There is no county match. Motion passed unanimously.

Closed Session

A Motion was made by Commissioner Bryant and seconded by Commissioner Ledford to go into closed session, pursuant to 143-318.11 (3): To consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney client privilege between the attorney and the public body, which privilege is hereby acknowledged.

Motion passed unanimously.

Open Session

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

Adjourn

Motion made by Commissioner Bryant and seconded by Commissioner Ledford to adjourn.

Motion passed unanimously.