

Cherokee County Board of Commissioners  
Budget Worksession  
June 3, 2020  
5:30 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.

*Also present:* WKRK Radio, Local TV4 and Cherokee Scout.

*Call to order and Ethics Statement by Chairman*

*Invocation and Pledge*

*911 Dispatch, Sheriff's Office and Detention Center Budget Discussion*

Chief Deputy Wood said that most of the department's request has stayed the same as in past years, with the exception of the radio communications improvement project. Representatives from Mobile Communications of America came before the board to present the project; along with representatives of Infinity Tech Solutions, and Motorola. Todd Robinson, engineer for Infinity Tech Solutions shared a PowerPoint and explained how the proposed project would improve and enhance communications for Cherokee County 911. The project would address current radio issues and greatly improve response times. Theresa Creasman, 911 Dispatch Supervisor, was also present and discussed the current radio situation and said that the communication upgrade would solve the issues that have been recently discussed.

Chief Deputy Wood discussed the Sheriff's budget request for patrol vehicles, saying those to be replaced have an average of 180,000 miles.

Jail Administrator, Shon Crisp, shared the need of a transport vehicle for involuntary commitments, and also the need to replace the detention centers current plumbing system with a remote system and the need to replace multiple plumbing fixtures. He said maintenance cannot get repair parts and fixtures, because the parts were almost obsolete when the detention center was built. Also discussed was the servicing of all the jail door locks, and the need for roof repairs. Cox Roofing has submitted a quote. Commissioner Dickey, former maintenance director, said he, nor Wells and West, and no one else has been able to solve the roof issue.

*Additional Budget Discussion*

The finance director shared a fund balance report. The County Manager discussed the need to adjust the counties pay plan. He said he had originally intended to include it in his recommended budget, but when the Covid pandemic hit, and not knowing what the financial impact to the budget will be, he did not include it. He also discussed Cherokee County Schools budget request

and how that request could impact county services and/or result in the need for a tax rate increase, should the board choose to fund the full request.

*Adjournment*

There being no further business, a Motion was made by Commissioner Westmoreland to adjourn. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stiles. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.

THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON OCTOBER 19, 2020.