

Cherokee County Board of Commissioners
Meeting Minutes
June 29, 2020
6:30 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 and Cherokee Scout.

Call to order and ethics statement by Chairman

Invocation and Pledge

Modification of Agenda

Motion made by Commissioner Stiles to add a Closed Session at the end of the agenda to receive an update from the county attorney on the Hogan vs. Cherokee County case. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Adoption

Motion made by Commissioner Eichenbaum to adopt the agenda as modified. Motion seconded by Commissioner McKinnon. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Forum-No public comments.

Minutes

Motion made by Commissioner McKinnon to approve the minutes of March 25, 2020. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Commissioner McKinnon to approve the minutes of April 6, 2020. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Commissioner McKinnon to approve the minutes of April 27, 2020. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.

Finance and Budget

After discussion and board member comments, a Motion made by Commissioner Stiles to adopt the FY20-21 budget. Motion seconded by Commissioner McKinnon. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Commissioner Stiles to approve the FY19-20 year-end budget revision. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Mr. Luke Raper submitted a request to the board to lease the livestock barn at Cherokee County Fairgrounds for storing his hay and hay equipment. Mr. Raper proposed to a long-term lease with an annual lease payment of \$2500. After discussion, no action was taken on the request.

Motion made by Commissioner McKinnon to approve the tax releases. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Commissioner Westmoreland to approve the tax refund report. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Commissioner Stiles to appoint the following persons to the Bear Paw Property Owners Association Board of Directors: David Black; Lydia Kennedy; Terry Miller; and Jerry Pezella. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Commissioner Eichenbaum to reappoint Erik Brinke and Larry Kernea to the Economic Development Commission for another four-year term. The appointments will expire June 30, 2024. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed unanimously.

After discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner Dickey to appoint Commissioner Westmoreland as the 2020 NCACC Voting delegate at the 2020 annual conference. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stiles. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Commissioner Stiles to accept the lone bid of \$125,000 for the old maintenance building, submitted by Ryan and Holly Christy. Motion seconded by Commissioner McKinnon. Motion passed unanimously.

County Manager Items

The county manager informed the board that the location survey for the Hiwassee Dam VFD has been received, and once it is recorded that information will be incorporated into the lease to be considered at the July 20th board meeting.

After discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner Dickey to cancel the July 6th meeting. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Items

Commissioner Westmoreland said that there is a leak in the courthouse atrium, which appears to be coming from the clock house tower. He said that he would like to have a roofing company assess it. It was determined that the maintenance department would contact a roofing company to assess and locate the leak.

Commissioner Stiles announced that Representative Corbin would be at the Grape Creek VFD tomorrow at 2:30 p.m. to present a \$5,000 grant award to the VFD. The county manager added that Brasstown VFD was also awarded a grant.

Commissioner McKinnon gave an update on the efforts being made by local resident Preston Mashburn and others to get the Hanging Dog Campground reopened.

Closed Session

Motion made by Commissioner Stiles to go into closed session. Motion seconded by Commissioner McKinnon. Motion passed unanimously.

During closed session, the board received an update from the county attorney on the Hogan vs. Cherokee County case.

Open Session

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

Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM.

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