

Cherokee County Board of Commissioners
Meeting Minutes

July 16, 2018
6:30 P.M.

Members present: Dr. Dan Eichenbaum, Chairman; Gary Westmoreland, Vice-Chairman; Cal Stiles, member; Roy Dickey, member; and C.B. McKinnon, member.

Staff present: Randy Wiggins, County Manager; Maria Hass, Assistant County Manager and Clerk to the Board; Candy Anderson, Finance Officer; and Darryl Brown, County Attorney.

I. Call to order-Chairman

The Chairman read the Board's ethics statement.

II. Invocation

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Modification of Agenda

Motion made by Commissioner Dickey to modify the agenda to add "Airport Terminal Access" as the first item of New Business. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed unanimously.

V. Agenda Adoption

Motion made by Commissioner Stiles to adopt the agenda as modified. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.

VI. Public Forum

1) Larry Thunderwolf Limon, veteran and commander of the local American Legion Post spoke in support of signage change at Konehete Park to recognize the county's veterans.

2) Jan Lukens, recent crime victim, made a complaint of lack of funding for Sheriff's Office. The Board told Mr. Lukens that they have provided everything that the sheriff has asked for. Mr. Lukens said that is not what he was told by Sheriff Palmer.

3) Frank Bailey, Grape Creek resident, also complained of lack of funding for sheriff's office. Sheriff Palmer confirmed that the Board has given him everything that he has asked for.

VII. Finance and Budget Items

- a) **Declared Surplus Property List (Informational Only)**-Presented to the Board by the Finance Director.
- b) **Approval of Pension Examination Engagement**-Motion made Commissioner McKinnon to approve. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.
- c) **Approval of Medicaid Agreed upon Procedures Engagement**-Motion made by Commissioner Westmoreland to approve. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.
- d) **Use of Designated Funds for Renovation of Rock Gym Bathrooms**-Motion made by Commissioner McKinnon to approve. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stiles. Motion passed unanimously.

VIII. New Business

a) Airport Terminal Access

Motion made by Commissioner McKinnon to approve installing a keypad lock on the airport terminal entrance door. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed unanimously.

b) Introduction and update by Mark Kimball-Erlanger Murphy Medical Center CEO

c) Oscar Valdes-Request for Veterans Sign at Konehete Park

Motion made by Commissioner McKinnon to table. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.

d) Gary Chamberlain-Revised Anti-Litter Proclamation

No action taken.

e) TCCC Request for Reimbursement of Cost of Heat Pump

Motion made by Commissioner Stiles to approve reimbursement. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Voting in favor of the Motion was Commissioners Stiles, Westmoreland, and Dickey. Voting against the Motion was Commissioners McKinnon and Eichenbaum. Motion passed 3-2.

f) Removal of EMS Ambulance Module and Transfer to Precision Rescue Vehicles in Exchange for Modification and Return of Chassis

Motion made by Commissioner McKinnon to approve. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stiles. Motion passed unanimously.

g) **Tax Releases**

Motion made by Commissioner Westmoreland to approve. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.

h) **Tax Refund Report**

Motion made by Commissioner Dickey to approve. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed unanimously.

i) **NCVTS Report**

Motion made by Commissioner Stiles to approve. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.

j) **Order Directing the Tax Collector to Collect Taxes Charged in the Tax**

Motion made by Commissioner McKinnon to approve. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stiles. Motion passed unanimously.

k) **Settlement for Current Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes for Fiscal Year 17-18**

Motion made by Commissioner McKinnon to approve. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed unanimously.

l) **Class Action Suit-RE: Payment in Lieu of Taxes**

Motion made by Commissioner Westmoreland to join suit. Motion seconded by Commissioner McKinnon. Motion passed unanimously.

m) **Release of Deed Liens of Community Development Block Grant Homes**

Motion made by Commissioner Stiles to allow the County Manager to release the Community Development Block Grant deeds, when the grant obligation has been met. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed unanimously.

n) **Michael Becketts-DHHS Update and Request for Additional Funding for DSS Positions**

Mr. Becketts asked the Board to increase the pay for the Assistant Director of Child Services position and Child Protective Services Supervisor position, and requested a new position of Quality Assurance Specialist.

IX. County Manager Items

- 1) The county manager announced Commissioner Stiles re-appointment to the State Water Infrastructure Board.
- 2) The county manager announced his re-appointment to the TVA Stewardship Committee.
- 3) The county manager announced that all of the county's volunteer fire departments passed inspections.

X. Chairman/Commissioner Items

- 1) Commissioner McKinnon announced that Congressman Meadows would be at the Brasstown Community Center on July 21st from 3-5 PM.
- 2) Commissioner Westmoreland said that the courthouse lantern repair should be complete by March or April.

XI. Closed Session- Pursuant to §143-318.11 (a) (3) and (6); to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the board, and to discuss a personnel matter related to DSS.

XII. Open Session

After returning to open session, a Motion was made by Commissioner Eichenbaum to approve a salary increase for the Assistant Director of Child Services position and the Child Protective Services Supervisor position, but to deny the request for a QA Specialist. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stiles. Motion passed unanimously

XIII. Meeting adjourned at 9:37 PM.

**THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON NOVEMBER 19, 2018.**