

Cherokee County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
August 19, 2019  
6:30 P.M.  
Cherokee County Courthouse

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

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**I. Call to Order**

**II. Ethics Statement**

Ethics statement read by Chairman.

**III. Invocation**

**IV. Pledge of Allegiance**

**V. Modification of Agenda**

Motion made by Commissioner McKinnon to add a budget revision for Cherokee County Schools request for use of sales tax for multiple projects as item "b" under Budget and Finance. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Commissioner Stiles to add bids for tennis courts as item "d" under New Business. Motion seconded by Commissioner Eichenbaum. Motion passed unanimously.

**VI. Agenda Adoption**

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

**VII. Public Forum**-There were no public comments.

**VIII. Minutes**

Motion made by Commissioner McKinnon to approve the minutes of July 15, 2019. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Commissioner Stiles to approve the minutes of August 5, 2019. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed unanimously.

## **IX. Finance and Budget**

Motion made by Commissioner Dickey to approve a budget revision for Cherokee County Schools request for use of Article 46 sales tax for multiple school projects. Motion seconded by Commissioner Eichenbaum. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Commissioner Stiles to approve a budget revision for Cherokee County Schools request for use of Article 46 sales tax for multiple school projects. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Commissioner Stiles to approve a budget revision for carry-forward of FY18-19 budgeted funds not fully expended. Motion seconded by Commissioner Eichenbaum. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Commissioner Westmoreland to approve Higdon Construction as the only qualified bidder for the Murphy tennis court paving and replacement project, and to approve additional funds for the project in the amount of \$26,365, utilizing any remaining playground equipment funds to help cover the cost. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stiles. Voting in favor of the Motion was Commissioners Westmoreland, Stiles, and Dickey. Voting against the Motion was Commissioners McKinnon and Eichenbaum. Motion passed.

## **X. New Business**

Debbie Denise Reese, 2020 Census Regional Partnership Specialist came before the Board to introduce herself and to share the history and purpose of the Census, and to share what her role is as the Regional Partnership Specialist. Mrs. Reese was accompanied by Murphy High School Cheerleaders who were dressed in patriotic colors and performed a "Census Count" song written by Mrs. Reese and her husband.

Dale Wade, 2020 Census job recruiter came before the Board to ask for the county's help in spreading the word that the Census is now hiring census takers.

Ricky Hill, of Hinton Rural Life Center, came before the Board to share what he and other community partners and leaders from Cherokee, Clay and Graham counties are doing in an effort to get a drug court in the area, in an effort to combat the substance abuse and addiction epidemic in our area. He said that he would bring information back to the board as it becomes available.

Motion made by Commissioner Stiles to table the request from Alcoholics Anonymous for waiver of the facility use fee for the Penland Senior Center, until the Board has an approved facility-use policy. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Commissioner Dickey to approve tax releases, as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Eichenbaum. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Commissioner McKinnon that tax refund reports be submitted in a larger, more legible, format, and that each refund has a clear explanation. Motion seconded by Commissioner Eichenbaum. Motion passed unanimously.

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

After much debate, a Motion was made by Commissioner Westmoreland to select the NCDOT Jackson Street property as the new site location for EMS Station 1, and to use funds remaining from the lantern restoration budget toward the EMS Station 1 project. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stiles. Voting in favor of the Motion was Commissioners Westmoreland, Stiles, and Dickey. Voting against the Motion was Commissioners McKinnon and Eichenbaum. Motion passed.

## **XI. Adjournment**

There being no further business, a Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to adjourn. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:37 PM.

THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON SEPTEMBER 16, 2019.