

Cherokee County Board of Commissioners
Meeting Minutes
September 20, 2018
6:30 P.M.

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 McKinnon to add to the agenda, a resolution requesting legislative action to establish a fair and equitable funding formula for funding of Tri-County Community College by Cherokee County, Clay County, and Graham County. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed unanimously.

V. Agenda Adoption

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

VI. Public Hearing-Reorganization of Health and Human Services

Motion made by Commissioner Dickey to open the public hearing. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed unanimously.

The following persons spoke against the Board of Commissioners assuming the role of the Board of Social Services: Robert Merrill, James Jallah, and Harry Maney.

Donna Ratzlaff suggested that the Board appoint all new members to the DSS Board, instead of the commissioners assuming the role.

Daunita Maennle spoke in support of the current DSS Board and support for Cindy Palmer.

Motion made by Commissioner Stiles to close the public hearing. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.

VII. Public Forum-None

VIII. Finance and Budget Items

a) FY 18 Year-End Budget Transfers

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

b) Carry-Forward of Prior Year Budgeted Funds

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

c) Budget Revision for Schools Use of Restricted Sales Tax for Multiple Projects (\$225,000)

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

d) Budget Revision for Schools Use of Restricted Sales Tax for Multiple Projects (\$69,705)

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

e) Budget Revision for Schools Use of Designated Article 46 Sales Tax for Local Match for School Resource officer Grant (\$103,444)

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

f) Budget Revision for Use of Designated Funds to Repair Cracks in DSS Parking Lot

Motion made by Commissioner Stiles to approve. Motion second by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed unanimously.

g) Budget Revision for Carry-Forward of FY18 Funds to Purchase of 2019 Chevy Silverado for Parks and Recreation

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

h) Budget Revision for Purchase of 2019 Chevy Silverado for DSS

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

i) **Approval of Health Department CPT Code Fees**

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

IX. New Business

a) **Request by Valley River Picklers for 2 Additional Pickle Ball Courts**

Motion made by Commissioner Stiles to approve at no cost to the county. Motion seconded by Commissioner McKinnon. Motion passed unanimously.

b) **Licensing Agreement for Occupancy and Use of TVA Land for Pedestrian Bridge at Konehete Park-Authorize County Manager to Sign**

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

c) **Licensing Agreement between County and Ranger VFD for Use of Water Tank and Fire Hydrant at Industrial Park in Ranger**

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

d) **Request by Ranger VFD for Use of White House at Industrial Park in Ranger for Fire and Rescue Training Exercise.**

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

e) **Request for Financial Assistance for Paving of S Curve on Oakland Lane**

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

f) **Approval of FY2019 Cherokee County Transit Rural Operating Assistance Program Grant**

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

g) **Resolution in Opposition of House Bill 320**

Motion made by Commissioner Stiles to approve, and add as a legislative goal. Motion seconded by Commissioner McKinnon. Motion passed unanimously.

h) **Resolution to Declare Real Property as Surplus and Allow for Electronic Notice of Sale on GovDeals**

Motion made by Commissioner McKinnon to declare a tax foreclosure, known as Lot 16 of Bear Creek Subdivision, as real property surplus and advertise the property via electronic notice on GovDeals.com. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.

i) **Laney Construction Proposal for EMS Station 1 Equipment Shed**

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

j) **Request to Purchase Utility Vehicle with Med Bed for Emergency Management**

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

k) **Approval of 2019 County Holiday Schedule**

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

l) **Tax Releases**

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

m) **Tax Refund Report**

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

n) **NCVTS Report**

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

o) **FBO Lease Discussion**

Motion made by Commissioner Westmoreland to table. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stiles. Motion passed unanimously.

p) **Health and Human Services Reorganization Discussion**

Motion made by Commissioner McKinnon for the Board of Commissioners to dissolve the current DSS Board and for the Board of Commissioners to assume the role of DSS Board. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Voting in favor of the Motion was Commissioners Eichenbaum, McKinnon, Westmoreland and Dickey. Voting against the Motion was Commissioner Stiles. Motion passed 4-1.

Motion made by Commissioner McKinnon to approve a resolution of the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners exercising its powers to assume control of Cherokee County Department of Social Services Board, and that as mandated by NCGS 108A-7, the DSS Board meetings shall coincide with the first regular meeting of the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners in each calendar month. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Voting in favor of the Motion was Commissioners McKinnon, Westmoreland, Eichenbaum, and Dickey. Voting against the Motion was Commissioner Stiles. Motion passed 4-1.

q) Resolution establishing fair and equitable mechanisms to govern annual funding appropriations and board of trustee appointments by Cherokee, Clay and Graham counties to Tri-County Community College

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

X. County Manager Items

Motion made by Commissioner McKinnon to approve the Town of Andrews use of Heritage Park for the New Year's Eve opossum drop. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.

XI. Chairman/Commissioner Items

Commissioner McKinnon gave an update on Hanging Dog Campground and said that they haven't given up on the campground. Commissioner Westmoreland said that TVA will be paving the parking area at the boat ramp.

Commissioner Westmoreland gave an update on the courthouse lantern project.

XII. Closed Session-Pursuant to §143-318.11 (a) (3) and (a) (4) to discuss a personnel matter and an economic development matter.

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

XIII. Open Session

After returning to open session, a Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to approve a resolution supporting a One NC Fund grant and a NC Rural Center Building Reuse Grant for Moog Components Group to assist with their expansion project. The county will provide the required five (5) percent match in the amount of \$6,250.00 for the Building Reuse grant; and, will provide a one dollar (\$1.00) match for every three dollars (\$3.00) of the NC One Fund grant, for a total match of \$16,667.00. The \$16,667.00 will be paid over three (3) years in the amount of \$5,555.56 per year. Motion seconded by Commissioner McKinnon. Motion passed unanimously.

XIV. Adjournment-Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

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