

Cherokee County Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes

October 1, 2018

6:30 P.M.

Cherokee County Courthouse

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

“Members of the County Board of Commissioners are advised, hereby, of their duty under the Local Government Ethics Act”.

II. Invocation

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Modification of Agenda

Motion was made by Commissioner Dickey to add “Emergency Management Equipment Shed” as item “m” under New Business. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed unanimously.

V. Agenda Adoption

Motion made by Commissioner Stiles to approve the agenda as amended. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed unanimously.

VI. Public Forum-None

VII. Finance and Budget Items

a) Clerk of Courts Requests for New Desks and Chairs

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

b) Budget Revision for Repair of Generator at the Health Department

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

c) Budget Revision for Receipt of Additional Smart Start Grant Funds

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

d) Approval of EMS Services Fees

Motion made by Commissioner McKinnon to approve the following service fees:

ALS NE A0426	\$650.00
ALS E A0427	\$850.00
BLS NE A0428	\$500.00
BLS E A0429	\$550.00
ALS 2 A0433	\$850.00
Specialty Care A0434	\$1,000.00
Urban Mileage or Rural Mileage 18+ A0425	\$15.00
Rural Mileage 1-17	\$15.00
Treat-No Transport	\$275.00

Motion seconded by Commissioner Stiles. Motion passed unanimously.

VIII. New Business

a) Introduction of New DSS Director, Amanda McGee

b) T a x Releases

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

c) Resolution Seeking Grant Funds to Assist Moog Components Group Expansion

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.

d) Valletown Fire and Rescue-Request for Funding Assistance for the Purchase of Technical Rescue Equipment

Motion made by Commissioner Dickey to provide \$5,095 from rescue funds to Valletown Fire and Rescue for rescue equipment. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stiles. Motion passed unanimously.

e) Hiwassee Dam VFD Request for Matching Funds for Rescue Grant

Motion made by Commissioner Stiles to provide \$8,865 to Hiwassee Dam VFD for grant match. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed unanimously. In the event that the Department is not awarded the grant, they will come back before the board to request additional funds.

f) Request to Modify Glass Recycling Plan

Motion made by Commissioner Stiles to modify the County's glass recycling plan. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.

g) Proposed Texana Convenience Site

Motion made by Commissioner Stiles to allow the County Manager to begin negotiations for the purchase of land for relocating the Texana convenience site. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Voting in favor of the Motion was Commissioners Stiles, Westmoreland, Dickey and Eichenbaum. Voting against the Motion was Commissioner McKinnon. Motion passed 4-1.

h) Lease Renewal for Probation and Parole Offices

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

i) TVA Office Lease at Department of Social Services

Motion made by Commissioner Stiles not to renew the TVA lease. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.

j) NCDOT Standards for New EMS Station 1 Drive

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

k) NCACC Legislative Goals

Motion made by Commissioner McKinnon to adopt the following legislative goal:

Legislative action by one or more of the following means to transfer responsibility for school funding from the county board of commissioners to the local board of education a) Legislation allowing local boards of education the authority to levy property taxes in the same manner as county board of commissioners; b) Legislation allowing county boards of education taxing authority in those counties where the Board of County Commissioners agree, or where the Board of County Commissioners and Board of Education agree; c) Referendum allowing voters to decide whether local boards of education should have local taxing authority, and referendum to be held at the same time as any other State or county general election.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Commissioner Westmoreland to adopt the following legislative goal:

Voter-approved sales tax up to a maximum of 2¢ dedicated to school construction.

Motion seconded by Commissioner McKinnon. Motion passed unanimously.

l) Jail Medical Plan

Motion made by Commissioner Dickey to approve the jail medical plan as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stiles. Motion passed unanimously.

m) Emergency Management Equipment Shed

Motion made by Commissioner Dickey to approve the proposal from Laney Construction in the amount of \$71,920. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stiles. Motion passed unanimously.

IX. County Manager Items

The county manager said that the Valley River Humane Society (VRHS) has requested a work session with the board. The county manager will ask VRHS to attend the October 15th meeting.

X. Chairman/Commissioner Items

Commissioner Stiles shared his concerns with the proposed airport lease as it is written, saying that the county should be keeping the revenue on the county-owned hangars.

XI. Closed Session-Motion made by Commissioner Stiles to go into closed session, pursuant to 143-318.11 (a) (3) and (5). Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.

While in closed session the Board discussed the terms of a proposed lease of the pool and

wellness center; and also discussed a personnel matter with Sheriff Palmer.

XII. Open Session

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

XIII. Department of Social Services Meeting

- a) Brief Overview of the Social Services: Organizational Chart
- b) Monthly Statistical Report-August
- c) Memorandum of Understanding: What it is and how it works
- d) Adult Services Presentation-Daunita Maennle
- e) Medicaid for Families Presentation-Renee McLean

After discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to adopt the following legislative goal:

Require banks and financial institutions to provide requested banking information within seven days or less to the Department of Social Services on behalf of their clients who have provided a written release to Department of Social Services.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.

XIV. Adjourn-Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

**THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON DECEMBER 3, 2018.**