

CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION
12 OCTOBER 2023 @ 6:30 PM
CHEROKEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, MURPHY, NC

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Stiles at 6:30 pm.

Present were: Chairman Cal Stiles, Commissioner Jan Griggs, Commissioner Ben Adams, Commissioner Randy Phillips, Commissioner Dan Eichenbaum, County Manager Randy Wiggins, CFO Candy Anderson, County Attorney and acting clerk, Darryl Brown. Press coverage was provided by the Cherokee Scout and Local TV4.

Chairman Stiles paraphrased the substance of the Commission Ethics statement.

The invocation was offered by Commissioner Adams.

The Chair lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

A Budget Revision was offered to accept funds to purchase Additional Covid Vaccines. The motion was made to adopt by Commissioner Adams, Commissioner Griggs seconded. The measure passed unanimously.

Preston Mashburn made a written request for a license to use the Mountain Folk Center sale barn facility on December 9 for the "Night in Bethlehem" program. The matter was proposed contingent on the proof of Special Event Insurance by Mr. Mashburn. Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve. Commissioner Eichenbaum seconded the motion. The measure passed unanimously.

County Manager Randy Wiggins presented the Board regarding options for the renovations of the Armory. Options included getting hard specifications from an architect and design-build. Options were discussed regarding moving Emergency Management, 911 addressing, Emergency Operations Center & Code Enforcement. Department heads appeared and showed support for the move(s). Code Enforcement officer Jon Crist suggested that his department would need 1500-1800 square feet of space.

The County Manager introduced that the first order of business for the new proposed Senior/VA Center for which the County received a \$3.5 million grant, was to select a site to build. He suggested that the Board move to a closed session to discuss the negotiation of price and material terms of a proposed contract for the purchase of real property and other attachments thereto. Commissioner Phillips made the motion to go into closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11. Commissioner Eichenbaum seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The Board met in closed session.

Upon returning to open session, Lynn Hamby appeared before the Board to discuss problems regarding access and the use of the Hiwassee Dam Community Center. After Board discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Phillips that access by the Hiwassee Dam Community Club be revoked, charge of

the building be turned over to Senior Services and the locks changed immediately. Commissioner Griggs seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Phillips, seconded by Commissioner Eichenbaum. By unanimous vote the Board adjourned at 8:22 pm.