

Cherokee County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 21, 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: Maria Hass, Assistant County Manager and Clerk to the Board; Candy Anderson, Finance Officer; and Darryl Brown, County Attorney.

Meetings are recorded by Local TV 4 and WKRC Radio Facebook Live.

I. Call to Order

II. Ethics Statement

Ethics statement read by Chairman.

III. Invocation

IV. Pledge of Allegiance

V. Agenda Adoption

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

VI. Public Forum

Aurelia Stone asked the Board to consider adopting a land-use ordinance to prevent overgrazing of pastures and run-off in streams. She suggested the ordinance require two acres of land for first horse, and one acre for each additional horse.

VII. Minutes

Motion made by Commissioner McKinnon to approve the minutes of September 16, 2019, following amendment. Motion seconded by Commissioner Eichenbaum. Motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Finance and Budget

Motion made by Commissioner Stiles to approve a budget revision for Cooperative Extension to use hay-cutting revenues for their volunteer awards ceremony. Motion seconded by Commissioner Eichenbaum. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Motion made by Commissioner Stiles to approve a budget revision for use of federal forfeiture funds and sheriff's designated funds for new K-9 and K-9 officer training expenses. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.

IX. New Business

Annette Ensley, owner of Double 00 Farms, came before the Board to request the Board establish an Animal Control Ordinance Board in an effort to help the sheriff and the county broaden the current animal control ordinance, so that it would be more enforceable. She discussed the NC General Statutes surrounding illegal treatment of animals and a petition for cost of care. Ms. Ensley thanked the Board for supporting an animal control officer within the sheriff's department. The Board thanked MS. Ensley for coming.

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

Motion made by Commissioner Dickey to approve the tax refund report. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stiles. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Commissioner Westmoreland to table the request by Mike Lindsay for an airport hangar lease extension. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously. The extension request will be brought back before the Board at their November 18th board meeting.

Motion made by Commissioner McKinnon for county administration to send a letter to the USFS instructing them that they are to enter into the current land-use agreement with Gayland Trull, instead of Cherokee County, for staging fire-fighting aircraft at the east-end of the airport. Motion seconded by Commissioner Eichenbaum. Voting in favor of the Motion was Commissioners McKinnon, Eichenbaum, Westmoreland, and Dickey. Voting against the Motion was Commissioner Stiles. Motion passed.

The assistant county manager presented a landfill update, highlighting that the county expects to receive the NC Department of Environmental and Natural Resources (NCDENR) permit to start filling Cell 2 by November 18th, and to have final (NCDENR) approval for Cell 1 by December 31st.

Motion made by Commissioner Stiles to approve a two-story/split level design for EMS Station 1. Motion seconded by Westmoreland. Voting in favor of the Motion was Commissioners Stiles, Westmoreland, and Dickey. Voting against the Motion was Commissioners Eichenbaum and McKinnon. Motion passed.

Motion made by Commissioner Stiles to utilize Cooperative Extension funds for improvements to the Konehete Park recreation office and meeting room. Motion seconded by Commissioner McKinnon. Motion passed unanimously.

X. 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 7:13 PM.

THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
ON NOVEMBER 18, 2019.