

***Cherokee County Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes***  
***November 8, 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**

The Chairman reminded members of their duty under the Local Government Ethics Act.

**II. Invocation**

**III. Pledge of Allegiance**

**IV. Modification of Agenda**

Motion made by Commissioner McKinnon to add "FBO Lease" as item "j" under New Business. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Commissioner Stiles to remove item "b" Budget Revision for Schools Request for Use of Sales Tax under Finance and Budget. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Eichenbaum to add "USFS Property for Campground" as item "k" under New Business. Motion seconded by Commissioner McKinnon. Motion passed unanimously.

**V. Agenda Adoption**

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

**VI. Public Forum-No comments.**

## **VII. Board of Social Services Reports and Updates**

Director Amanda McGee gave an update on DSS programs and shared statistical reports for each program. She also discussed the transition and projected implementation of the NC FAST system.

## **VIII. Minutes**

- a) *June 18, 2018*-Motion to approve by Commissioner McKinnon. Seconded by Commissioner Stiles. Motion passed unanimously.
- b) *June 21, 2018*- Motion to approve by Commissioner Westmoreland. Seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.
- c) *June 25, 2018*- Motion to approve by Commissioner Stiles. Seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed unanimously.
- d) *June 28, 2018*- Motion to approve by Commissioner Dickey. Seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed unanimously.

## **IX. Finance and Budget Items**

- a) Budget Revision for Emergency Management Grant (No county match)  
  
Motion made by Commissioner Westmoreland to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.
- b) Budget Revision for Rotary Contribution for Konehete Park ADA Swing Set  
  
Motion made by Commissioner Westmoreland to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.

## **X. New Business**

- a) *Tax Releases*-Motion made by Commissioner Dickey to approve. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed unanimously.
- b) *Tax Refunds*-Motion made by Commissioner Stiles to approve. Motion seconded by Commissioner McKinnon. Motion passed unanimously.
- c) *NCVTS Report*-Motion made by Commissioner McKinnon to approve. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stiles. Motion passed unanimously.
- d) *Wolf Creek VFD Request for Lease/Licensing Agreement*- Motion made by Commissioner Dickey to approve as amended. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stiles. Motion passed unanimously.

- e) *JCPC Membership Revisions*-Motion made by Commissioner Stiles to approve. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.
- f) *Resolution to NCDOT Requesting Abandonment of a Portion of Taylor's Creek Road*-Motion made by Commissioner Stiles to approve. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.
- g) *Broadband Committee Discussion*-Commissioner Stiles said that he would like the Board to form a Broadband Committee to begin planning for and pursuing grant funds. Motion made by Commissioner McKinnon to approve the following persons to serve on the Committee: Cal Stiles, Commissioner; Dr. Dan Eichenbaum, Commissioner; Randy Wiggins, County Manager; Paul Worley, Economic Development Director; Jeana Conley, Superintendent of CCS; and Tim Radford, owner of WKRK Radio. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.
- h) *NCDOT Division of Aviation Airport Safety/Maintenance Agreement (No cost to county)*-Motion made by Commissioner McKinnon to approve agreement. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.
- i) *NCACC Voting Delegate for Legislative Goals Conference*-Motion made by Commissioner Westmoreland to appoint himself as conference voting delegate. Motion seconded by Commissioner McKinnon. Motion passed unanimously.
- j) *FBO Lease*-After discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner McKinnon to approve the proposed FBO lease for one year, as drafted by Mr. Gayland Trull of Blue Ridge Mountain Flyers, LLC. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Voting in favor of the Motion was Commissioners McKinnon, Westmoreland, Dickey, and Eichenbaum. Voting against the Motion was Commissioner Stiles. Motion passed 4-1.
- k) *US Forest Service (USFS) Property for Hanging Dog Campground*-After discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner McKinnon to petition the USFS to convey 165+/- acres in and around Hanging Dog Campground for the purpose of reopening, maintaining, operating and expanding Hanging Dog Campground. Motion seconded by Commissioner Eichenbaum. Motion passed unanimously.

**XI. County Manager Items-None**

**XII. Chairman/Commissioner Items**

Commissioner Westmoreland gave an update on the Hanging Dog boat ramp paving project.

- XIII. Closed Session**-Pursuant to 143-318.11 (3), a Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to go into closed session in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the Board. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.

**XIV. Open Session**

After returning to open session, a Motion was made by Commissioner McKinnon to adjust the salary line of the jail administrator position by an increase of \$8,500. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed unanimously.

**XV. Adjourn**

Motion made by Commissioner McKinnon to adjourn. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

**THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON JANUARY 7, 2019.**