

Cherokee County Board of Commissioners
August 29, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Board members present: Dr. Dan Eichenbaum, Gary Westmoreland, Jan Griggs, Randy Phillips, and Cal Stiles.

Others present: Randy Wiggins, County Manager; Maria Hass, Asst. County Manager/Clerk to Board; Candy Anderson, Finance Director; and, Darryl Brown, County Attorney.

Time: 6:30 P.M.

Location: Cherokee County Courthouse, Room 342.

Call to Order and Ethics Statement

Members were advised of their duty under the Local Government Ethics Act.

Invocation

Invocation given by Randy Wiggins.

Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Chairman Eichenbaum.

Modification of Agenda

Motion made by Commissioner Westmoreland and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to add a resolution to the end of New Business. Motion passed unanimously

Agenda Adoption

Motion made by Commissioner Phillips and seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland to approve the agenda, as modified. Motion passed unanimously

Public Forum

Budget and Finance

a) Budget Revision for Schools Use of Sales Tax

Motion made by Commissioner Phillips and seconded by Commissioner Griggs to approve.
Motion passed unanimously.

b) Grant Capital Project Ordinance for Rock Gym HVAC and EMS Station 1 Permitting and Construction

Motion made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Griggs to approve.
Motion passed unanimously.

c) Budget Revision for Carry-Forward of Budgeted Funds

Motion made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Phillips to approve.
Motion passed unanimously.

New Business

a) Harry Hearne – Request to construct a pavilion with restrooms at the pickleball courts
Motion made by Commissioner Westmoreland and seconded by Commissioner Phillips to approve the request, contingent upon all legal concerns being addressed satisfactorily. Motion passed unanimously.

b) Nantahala Regional Library Interlocal Agreement Renewal
Motion made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Griggs to approve. Motion passed unanimously.

c) Tax Releases and Tax Refunds
Motion made by Commissioner Phillips and seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland to approve. Motion passed unanimously.

d) Chief Deputy Chris Wood - N.C. Highway Patrol Request to Lease Conference Room at Sheriff's Office
Motion made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland to approve. Motion passed unanimously.

e) Hanging Dog VFD – Request for Property Transfer
Motion made by Commissioner Griggs and seconded by Commissioner Phillips to approve. Motion passed unanimously.

f) Updates to Cherokee County Technology Use Policy
Motion made by Commissioner Griggs and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve. Motion passed unanimously.

g) Adopt 2023 Holiday Schedule
Motion made by Commissioner Griggs and seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland to approve. Motion passed unanimously.

h) Robin Caldwell, EMS Director- Update on Armory Renovations

i) Teresa Ricks, Tax Assessor – Discussion Concerning NCDOR Letter of Recommendation Concerning Revaluation

County Manager Items – N/A

Chair/Commissioner Items

Commissioner Griggs announced that the Anti-Litter in Action Coalition was named Organization of the Year by the Cherokee County Chamber of Commerce.

Commissioner Westmoreland shared a quote for a metal building to house DSS records.

Closed Session – Pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11 (3) attorney-client privilege. During closed session, the Board received information and legal advice concerning a land contract issue. No action was taken.

Open Session

After returning to open session, no action was taken.

Adjourn

Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Chairman Eichenbaum to adjourn.

Motion passed unanimously.