

JOINT WORKSESSION OF THE CHEROKEE COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
and  
THE CHEROKEE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD  
FEBRUARY 21, 2013

A joint worksession of the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners and Cherokee County School Board was held in multi-purpose room 312 of the Cherokee County Courthouse, on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2013 at 1:00 o'clock p.m.

The following commissioners were present for the meeting: Cal Stiles, Chairman; Lorraine Meltz, vice-Chair; and C.B McKinnon, member. Commissioners Steve Jordan and David Wood were absent.

Also present from the county: Randy Wiggins, County Manager; Maria Hass, Assistant County Manager and Assistant Clerk to the Board; and Candy Roberts, Finance Officer.

The following school board members were present: Winfield Clonts, Randy Barnett, Erik Brinke, Debbie Hogan, Wanda Arrowood, and Dave Ackerman.

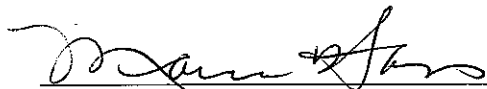
Also present from Cherokee County Schools were: Kenny Garland, Associate Superintendent; Gary Wright, Executive Director of School Operations; Shelley Hollingsworth, Chief Financial Officer; and, Flip Watson. Superintendent Stephen Lane joined the meeting via webcast.

The purpose of the Special Called Meeting was to discuss several areas of concern for consideration in the upcoming budget. The areas of concern were 1) Small Schools Funding; 2) Hiwassee Dam ball field; 3) Andrews High School Stadium; 4) Tri-County Early College; 5) District Security Issues; and, 6) Legislative concerns over the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC) proposal to remove school capital construction and funding from boards of education.

Each issue was discussed in depth. At the end of the meeting, Chairman Stiles suggested that the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners and the Cherokee County School Board draft a letter to the NCACC opposing the proposal to remove school capital construction and funding from local boards of education. Mr. Brinke said that he would get their attorney to start working on the letter.



Cal Stiles, Chairman



Maria Hass, Asst. Clerk to the Board