

A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
CHEROKEE COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
May 08, 2014

Preamble to Minutes read by Vice-Chair Meltz: "Members of the County Board of Commissioners are advised, hereby, of their duty under the Local Government Ethics Act to avoid conflicts of interest and the appearance of such conflict; and, further, are instructed to refrain from participating in any matter coming before this Board of County Commissioners with respect to which there is a conflict of interest or appearance of such conflict".

A Regular Meeting of the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners was held in the Commissioners Boardroom, also known as Multi-Purpose Room 342, of the Cherokee County Courthouse in Murphy, North Carolina on the 8th day of May, 2014 at 9:00 o'clock a.m.

The following Commissioners were present for the meeting: Lorraine M. Meltz, Vice-Chair; C.B. McKinnon, member; and Cal Stiles, member. Also present were the following: Randy Wiggins, County Manager; R. Scott Lindsay, County Attorney/Clerk to the Board; and Candy Roberts Anderson, County Finance Director. Commissioner Wood and Commissioner Jordan were absent. Maria Hass, Assistant County Manager/Assistant Clerk to the Board was out of town.

Present from the media was Joe Martin of the Cherokee Scout.

The invocation was given by Randy Wiggins.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by all.

The County Manager presented the recommended budget for FY14-15. It was noted that the board had mandated no use of fund balance, no tax increase, and no expansion of non-mandated programs. The recommended budget accomplished all of these requests.

The county manager said that he would have liked to have done something for the employee pay plan, but due to board directives and county needs, that he was unable to do so.

Commissioner Meltz asked questions about the charter school, and said that she believed that it should be treated like a private school and not receive state dollars.

The county manager said that he had hoped that the small schools funding from the state would return this year, but since it has not, it will be up to the board to fund based on their priorities. There was discussion about the schools lawsuit, and what level the average daily membership (ADM) needs to be to receive funding.

A Motion was made by Commissioner McKinnon to accept the county manager recommended budget as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stiles. Motion passed unanimously.

The board will hold additional budget work sessions before adopting the final budget.

There being no further business to come before the Board, a Motion was made by Commissioner McKinnon to adjourn. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stiles. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 o'clock a.m.

Lorraine Meltz, Vice-Chair

R. Scott Lindsay, Clerk to the Board