

A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
CHEROKEE COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
June 02, 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 2nd day of June, 2014 at 6:00 o'clock p.m.

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

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

The invocation was given by County Manager Randy Wiggins.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by all.

The Vice-Chair presided and the Assistant Clerk kept the Minutes.

Modification of Agenda:

A Motion was made by Commissioner McKinnon to modify the agenda to add the Andrews Urgent Care Lease. Motion seconded by Commissioner Jordan. Motion passed unanimously.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles add "Commissioner Items" to the agenda, following "Chairman Items". Motion seconded by Commissioner Jordan. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Adoption:

A motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to adopt the agenda. Motion seconded by Commissioner McKinnon. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Hearing for FY2014-15 Budget:

During the public hearing, someone asked if the additional funds given to Cherokee County Schools last year for the small schools fund shortfall was a loan. The board said it was not a loan. Commissioner McKinnon talked about last year's shortfall, and the county manager explained how schools qualify for the small schools funds. There were no other comments.

Approval of Minutes:

A Motion was made by Commissioner McKinnon to approve the meeting minutes of April 7, 2014 and April 21, 2014. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stiles. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Forum:

During public forum, there were several members of the public that spoke in opposition of the recently passed fracking bill.

Towanna Roberts, Health Director, gave an update on the Department of Defense's Appalachian Care Medical Mission that began today. She said that 293 people and 66 animals had been seen today at the different clinics around the county.

Chuck Grant encouraged the board to work toward a resolution for Hanging Dog Campground.

Finance and Budget:

Mrs. Anderson presented the Smoky Mountain Center Quarterly Update.

Old Business:

After discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner McKinnon to approve the Revised Cherokee County Voluntary Agricultural District Ordinance. Motion seconded by Commissioner Jordan. Motion passed unanimously.

A Motion was made by Commissioner McKinnon to appoint Audrey Carroll Hughes to the Registered Nurse position on the Board of Health. Motion seconded by Commissioner Jordan. Voting in favor of the Motion was Commissioners McKinnon, Jordan and Stiles. Commissioner Meltz opposed. Motion carried.

A Motion was made by Commissioner McKinnon to re-appoint Chris Dickey to the Board of Health in the general public member position. Motion seconded by Commissioner Jordan. Voting in favor of the Motion was Commissioners McKinnon, Jordan and Stiles. Commissioner Meltz opposed. Motion carried.

New Business:

After discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to approve a Governor's Crime Commission grant for the sheriff's office, which would allow for installation of panic buttons throughout county buildings and offices. Motion seconded by Commissioner Jordan. Motion passed unanimously.

After discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner Jordan to release the tax bills for Murphy Bible Church for the years of 2008, 2009, and 2010. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stiles. Motion passed unanimously.

After discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to also exempt and release taxes for Harshaw Chapel Church. Motion seconded by Commissioner McKinnon. Motion passed unanimously.

After discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to approve the tax releases and refunds as presented by Delenna Stiles. Motion seconded by Commissioner Meltz. Motion passed unanimously.

After a lengthy discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Jordan to approve a joint resolution of Graham County, Cherokee County, Swain County and the Eastern Band of Cherokee in support of moving forward with the A-9 section of the Corridor K project. Motion seconded by Commissioner McKinnon. Voting in favor of the Motion was Commissioners Jordan, McKinnon and Meltz. Voting against the Motion was Commissioner Stiles. During the discussion, Jamie Wilson, formerly with NCDOT spoke extensively about his knowledge of Corridor K and said that he worked on the Corridor K project for 25 years, and was the construction engineer. Mr. Wilson and a lady from the public suggested using the funds that remain to improve the roads that we have.

After discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to approve a Pricing Addendum to the Pool and Wellness Center agreement. Motion seconded by Commissioner Meltz. Motion passed unanimously.

After discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to approve a lease between Cherokee County and Andrews Urgent Care. Motion seconded by Commissioner McKinnon. Motion passed unanimously.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to make a permanent revision to the agenda format to include "Commissioner Items" after "Chairman Items", and to revise the board policy and procedures to reflect the change. Motion seconded by Commissioner Jordan. Motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Board, a Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to adjourn. Motion seconded by Commissioner Meltz. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:23 o'clock p.m.

Lorraine Meltz, Vice-Chairman

R. Scott Lindsay, Clerk to the Board