

A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
CHEROKEE COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
July 07, 2014

Preamble to Minutes read by Chairman McKinnon: "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 7th day of July, 2014 at 6:00 o'clock p.m.

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

Present from the media was a representative of the Cherokee Scout.

The invocation was given by R. Scott Lindsay.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by all.

Modification of Agenda: None

Agenda Adoption:

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

Public Forum:

Aurelia Stone, a resident of Peachtree, shared a New York ordinance prohibiting fracking, which she said was upheld by the appellate court. She suggested a zoning ordinance for Cherokee County as a means to suppress oil and gas exploration; and also suggested that Western North Carolina counties join with environmental agencies to sue the state of North Carolina over the recent bill.

Mike Davis signed up to speak regarding a board appointment, but since that was an agenda item to be addressed later in the meeting, he did not speak during public forum.

Commissioner Wood signed the Public Forum comment sheet, but had no comment when called upon.

New Business:

A Motion was made by Commissioner Jordan to approve the 4th of July fireworks permit. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stiles. Motion passed unanimously. A majority of the board had previously approved the permit, after being polled by the assistant county manager, so that the 4th of July activities could continue as scheduled. The fire marshal notified the county manager on June 25th that the Office of State Fire Marshal now requires a fireworks permit approved by the county board of commissioners. Since the commission would not meet again until this date, the board was polled for approval. This is simply an officially recorded approval.

After discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to approve a resolution for the

exchange of four horses, which have been in Cherokee County custody due to a criminal case, to Dana Luther and Equine Second Chances. The exchange is made in lieu of costs incurred for boarding and care of the horses from June 12, 2014 until this date, July 7, 2014, in the amount of \$1000.00. Motion seconded by Commissioner Jordan. Motion passed unanimously.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to approve the Bear Paw Service District Board of Directors, as submitted by the Bear Paw Property Owner's Association. Motion seconded by Commissioner Jordan. Motion passed unanimously. The following persons were appointed to the Service District Board: Mark Ackerman, Patrick Palmer, Andrea Folkertsma, Greg Brock, Andrew Ernst, David Dempsey, and Mark Songer.

The following applicants appeared before the board and expressed interest in the Social Services Board: Michael Davis, Julie Higdon, and Pat Ackerman. Lisa Twiggs also submitted an application, but did not appear at the meeting. The Board will make their appointment at their next meeting on July 21st.

The following applicants appeared before the board and expressed interest in the Hiwassee Valley Pool and Wellness Center Board: Sara Wilson and Charlene Cook. David Badger and Barbara Vicknair also submitted applications, but had notified the board that they had prior engagements and would be unable to attend the commission meeting. The Board will make their appointments at their next meeting on July 21st.

County Manager Items:

The county manager shared a certificate of appreciation with the Board that was received for the Board's support of the Appalachian Medical Mission event.

Chairman Items: None.

Commissioner Items:

After discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to appoint Commissioner McKinnon to the Southwestern Commission RPO, to replace Commissioner Wood as the voting member. Motion seconded by Commissioner Jordan. Voting in favor of the Motion was Commissioners Stiles, Jordan and McKinnon. Voting against the Motion was Commissioner Wood.

Commissioner Jordan said that he appreciated everyone that comes out for the meetings and those that are applying for the various boards. He said that he loves to see the participation.

Adjourn:

There being no further business to come before the Board, a Motion was made by Commissioner Jordan to adjourn. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stiles. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:26 o'clock p.m.



C.B. McKinnon, Chairman



R. Scott Lindsay, Clerk to the Board