

A SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
OF THE
CHEROKEE COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
September 08, 2014

A Special Called meeting of the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners was held at the Texana Community Center on the 8th day of September, 2014 at 7:00 o'clock p.m. for the purpose of discussing the location of the open green boxes. This meeting was scheduled following the August 18, 2014 meeting, when the board instructed the solid waste director to move the green boxes to a clearing across from Texana Community Center, and away from Earl McCullough and Dawn Colbert's home.

The following Commissioners were present for the meeting: C.B. McKinnon, Chairman; Cal Stiles, member; and Steve Jordan, member. Commissioner Meltz and Commissioner Wood were absent. Also present were the following: Randy Wiggins, County Manager; and, Maria Hass, Assistant County Manager/Assistant Clerk to the Board.

Present from the media was Matthew Osborne of the Cherokee Scout.

Dr. Dan Eichenbaum, candidate for District 4 commissioner, was in attendance; as well as, thirteen (13) community members.

Chairman McKinnon called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Eurial Turner, Texana Community Club president, welcomed the board members and thanked them for coming.

County Manager Randy Wiggins shared the history of the site, saying that the previous location was owned by a non-profit group that had given Cherokee County permission to place the green boxes there years ago. He explained that the non-profit is no longer active, as all members are now deceased. He said that there really is no one to contact concerning the green boxes on this piece of property. Mr. Wiggins shared that the reason for the recent re-location across from the community center was due to Mr. McCullough and Ms. Colbert's complaints, which were shared with the board on August 18th.

The board listened to each community member. Some had environmental concerns with the location of the boxes so close to the community center; as well as, being concerned with stormwater runoff. Others had concerns with the community center property, complaining that it is already a gathering for drug activity, and that the green boxes will create more traffic. Those members were encouraged to call the sheriff's department when they suspect or see questionable activities on the property. Ms. Dawn Colbert who had complained about the boxes previously being in her "front door", said that her family had given the property to the non-profit and that her mother had recently hired a lawyer to have the land returned to the family.

The board also discussed short-term solutions, such as a camera system and partial gating. After discussion, it was agreed between the board and the community that the green boxes would temporarily remain at the current location until an alternate site can be found.

Commissioner Jordan said he had to leave the meeting early. Since this would result in the lack of a quorum, a Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to adjourn. The Motion was seconded by Commissioner Jordan. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 o'clock p.m.

Community members remained to share other concerns with the remaining two board members, the District 4 commission candidate, administrative team and media representative.

_____, C.B. McKinnon, Chairman

_____, R. Scott Lindsay, Clerk to the Board