

A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
CHEROKEE COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
February 2, 2015

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 February, 2015 at 6:30 o'clock p.m.

The following Commissioners were present for the meeting: C.B. McKinnon, Chairman; Cal Stiles, Vice-Chairman; Dan Eichenbaum, member; Gary Westmoreland, member; and Roy Dickey, member. Also present were the following: Randy Wiggins, County Manager; Maria Hass, Assistant County Manager/Clerk to the Board; R. Scott Lindsay, County Attorney/Assistant Clerk to the Board; and Candy Roberts Anderson, County Finance Director.

Present from the media was Matthew Osborne of the Cherokee Scout; and Local TV4. DVD copies of commission meetings may be purchased at Local TV4.

Chairman McKinnon read the boards adopted ethics statement.

The invocation was given by Scott Lindsay.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by all.

Modification of Agenda: None

Agenda Adoption:

A Motion was made by Commissioner Dickey to adopt the agenda. Motion seconded by Commissioner Eichenbaum. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Forum:

- Lydia Long, of World Harvest Church North, and coordinator of “Awake America”, came before the board to invite board members to the local “Awake America” prayer meetings at the Nantahala Regional Library; and also to invite board members to a National Day of Prayer luncheon at World Harvest Church North in Fannin County, Georgia.
- Jim Bent, of Cherokee and Clay County Senior Games, came before the board to ask for permission to look for grants to fund four pickle ball courts at the tennis courts at Konehete Park. Mr. Bent said that he would pursue grants that did not require a county match. Board members told Mr. Bent that he could pursue grants for the proposed project, but requested that any grant agreement be brought before the board for review,

before applying for grant funds.

Approval of Minutes:

A Motion was made by Commissioner Eichenbaum to approve the regular meeting minutes of January 20, 2015. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed unanimously.

Finance and Budget Items:

After discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner Eichenbaum to table a budget revision for the grading of Martin's Creek School ball field, until the Board of Education could provide a detailed description of the project. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.

After discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to approve a budget transfer from the detention center budget to the sheriff's office budget to purchase a new patrol car. Motion seconded by Commissioner Eichenbaum. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

- After discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner Westmoreland to approve the tax releases and refunds as presented by Delenna Stiles. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.
- After discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to appoint Commissioner Eichenbaum to the Social Services Board following Robert Merrill's written resignation. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed unanimously. The board had previously appointed Commissioner Eichenbaum to the Social Services Board upon the receipt of Mr. Merrill's verbal resignation; however, the board felt that it would be more appropriate to appoint Commissioner Eichenbaum after receiving Mr. Merrill's written resignation.
- After discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner Eichenbaum to approve an "Authorizing Resolution" to allow Josh Carpenter, EDC director, to request grant assistance for the Peachtree Assisted Living Water Infrastructure Project from the Economic Infrastructure Grants Program. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stiles. Motion passed unanimously. This approval is contingent upon Mr. John Glenn, project manager, providing proof of an indemnity bond to protect the county from any liability or risk in the event that grant assurances are not met by Mr. Glenn's company.
- After discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to approve a resolution to place a plaque of the national motto "In God We Trust" on the wall of the commissioner's boardroom. Commissioner McKinnon explained that this is our nation's motto and it is on all of our U.S. currency. He said it was placed on the agenda following several requests. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.

County Manager Items:

The county manager announced that Commissioner McKinnon had recently been appointed as vice-chair of the Southwestern Commission Region A Rural Planning Organization; and that Commissioner Stiles was recently appointed as vice-chairman of the Southwestern Commission board.

The county manager asked the board to set another work session date. The board scheduled a work session for February 24th at 6:30 p.m.

Chairman/Commissioner Items: None

Adjourn:

There being no further business to come before the Board, a Motion was made by Commissioner Dickey to adjourn. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stiles. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:35 o'clock p.m.

These minutes were approved March 2, 2015.