

A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
CHEROKEE COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
May 18, 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 18th day of May, 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; Candy Roberts Anderson, County Finance Director; and, R. Scott Lindsay, County Attorney/Assistant Clerk to the Board.

Media present were 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 Chairman McKinnon.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by all.

Modification of Agenda:

A Motion was made by Commissioner Eichenbaum to add a budget revision for use of school sales tax for chiller repairs at Andrews Middle School. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to add to the agenda, discussion of use of building space for the foster child clothes closet. Motion seconded by Commissioner Eichenbaum. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Adoption:

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

Budget and Finance Item/s:

- After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to approve a budget revision in the amount of \$4,500.00 to help the Town of Andrews purchase a new lawn mower for Andrews Rec Park. The Town of Andrews will provide the remaining \$4,000.00 for the purchase. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed unanimously.
- After discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner Westmoreland to approve a budget revision for use of school sales tax in the amount of \$13,850.00 for chiller repairs at Martin's Creek Elementary School. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.
- After discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to approve a budget revision in the amount of \$15,000.00 for use of school sales tax for chiller repairs at Andrews Middle School. Motion seconded by Commissioner Eichenbaum. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

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

Stiles. Motion passed unanimously.

- After discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner Eichenbaum to approve the FY2015-16 Juvenile Crime Prevention Council Annual Plan. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stiles. Motion passed unanimously.
- After discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to allow the Department of Social Services to use a portion of the old Cooperative Extension office for the foster child clothes closet. Motion seconded by Commissioner Eichenbaum. Motion passed unanimously.

County Manager Items:

The County Manager presented the recommended FY 15-16 county budget with the following notable highlights:

- **No increase to the current property tax rate of 52 cents per \$100 of valuation**
- **No increase in fee schedules**
- **Maintains current service levels to our citizens**
- **No use of General Fund Balance**
- **An addition of \$91,198 to our General Fund Balance**

Mr. Wiggins said that he will continue to monitor legislative changes and budgetary proposals coming out of the Legislature and will communicate to the board any information which could affect our local budget, so that any necessary changes can be made to the recommended budget prior to adoption of the Budget Ordinance.

- The county manager also asked the board to set aside the dates of May 26th and June 4th for budget worksessions. A Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to set budget worksessions for May 26th and June 4th at 6:30 p.m. Motion seconded by Commissioner Eichenbaum. Motion passed unanimously.
- The county manager also announced that the public hearing on the budget is scheduled for June 1st, during the regular board meeting.

Executive Session:

A Motion was made by Commissioner Dickey to go into executive session, pursuant to §143-318.11 (a) (5). Motion seconded by Commissioner Eichenbaum. Motion passed unanimously. During executive session, Basil Yap and Bobby Walston of the NCDOT Division of Aviation came before the board to address the safety needs and the importance of securing the Runway Protection Zone through acquisition or easement of the Wood property at Western Carolina Regional Airport. After returning to open session, there was no action taken on the items discussed in closed session. The board thanked Mr. Yap and Mr. Walston for coming and said they will consult back with the Division at the time they are ready to pursue such projects.

Adjourn:

There being no further business to come before the Board, a Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to adjourn. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 o'clock p.m.


C.B. McKinnon, Chairman


Maria Hass, Clerk to the Board