

A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE  
CHEROKEE COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
July 20, 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 20th day of July, 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; Candy Roberts Anderson, County Finance Director; and, R. Scott Lindsay, County Attorney/Assistant Clerk to the Board. Maria Hass, Assistant County Manager/Clerk to the Board was on vacation.

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 Commissioner Dickey.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by all.

**Agenda Modification:**

A Motion was made by Commissioner Eichenbaum to add an agenda item to discuss the county fair project. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Dickey to add an agenda item to discuss settlement for pool parking lot. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stiles. Motion passed.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Westmoreland to add an executive session to the agenda. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stiles. Motion passed.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Eichenbaum to remove item "b" under new business from the agenda. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed.

**Agenda Adoption:**

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

**Public Forum: None**

**Approval of Minutes:**

A Motion was made by Commissioner Westmoreland to approve the minutes of June 1<sup>st</sup> and June 30<sup>th</sup>. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stiles. Motion passed.

**Finance and Budget:**

A Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to approve a budget revision for use of sheriff's designated funds to purchase concealed weapons folders and to upgrade the fingerprint system. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed.

**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 Eichenbaum. Motion passed.

- A Motion was made by Commissioner McKinnon to approve the Michael Baker Engineering, Inc. Scope of Work for Phase 2 of the Airport Obstruction Removal project. This approval is contingent upon grant dollars still covering the project, in the event that the county cannot meet all of the requirements for the certification approach, due to inability to secure or acquire all easements related to the project. The project was presented by airport manager, Ed Marshall, and engineers Jason Elliott and Jim Farthing. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stiles. Motion passed.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner Eichenbaum to approve the 2016 holiday calendar for county offices. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner Dickey to approve a right-of-way request from Duke Power at Andrews Industrial property, so that they can place a three-phase primary closer to the fish plant. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed.
- The board reviewed pool and wellness center board applications for Thomas Nelson and Joseph Liguori. Mr. Liguori was in attendance and gave a brief introduction. Mr. Nelson was out of town, but had appeared at a prior board meeting for introduction.
- After discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner Dickey to approve the revised draft of the Spotlight Ordinance and move forward with scheduling a public hearing. Motion Seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed.
- Commissioner Eichenbaum presented a PowerPoint presentation concerning the upcoming county fair; which is to be held October 23-25. He shared the dates and a timeline of events. He said there would be carnival rides and exhibitions, crafters, food vendors, antique tractors, antique cars, and barrel racing. Friday will be student day for Cherokee County Schools; Saturday night will offer an outdoor concert with bluegrass and country stars; and, Sunday will be church day with various pastors, gospel singers and church lunch. He said that they will be going out into the county to encourage participation. He said that general admission tickets would be \$10 and children free. He said that it would be an annual event, occurring the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in October. After the presentation, Commissioner Eichenbaum discussed the need for power drops and improvements to the bathroom facilities. He said that there is \$24,000 in the Mountain Folk Center budget, and asked the board to approve an additional \$4,000 to make the necessary improvements. A Motion was made by Commissioner Westmoreland to approve a budget revision for the use of contingency funds in the amount of \$4,000 to cover the additional costs. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed.
- After further discussion, Commissioner Eichenbaum requested an additional \$30,000 from contingency for additional funds to secure entertainment for Saturday night. He said that it is his hope to get these items covered by sponsorship money, but needs the seed money to move forward. A Motion was made by Commissioner Westmoreland to approve the additional \$30,000. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Voting in favor of the Motion was Commissioners Westmoreland, Dickey, Eichenbaum and McKinnon. Voting against the Motion was Commissioner Stiles. Motion passed.
- After discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to decline a settlement offer in the amount of \$20,000 from McClam and Associates, Inc. for damages to the parking lot at the Hiwassee Valley Pool and Wellness Center. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed. The board felt like the contractors who created the damage needed to repair the parking lot and make the county whole.

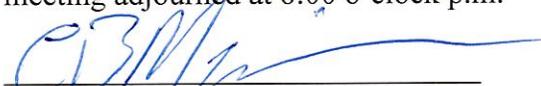
#### **Closed Session:**

A Motion was made by Commissioner Westmoreland to go into closed session, pursuant to §143-318.11 to discuss a personnel matter. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed. During closed session, the board reviewed and discussed the application of a candidate for the DSS Director position.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to return to open session. Motion seconded by Commissioner McKinnon. Motion passed. After returning to open session, no action was taken on matters discussed in closed session.

#### **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 8:00 o'clock p.m.



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C.B. McKinnon, Chairman



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Scott Lindsay, Assistant Clerk to the Board