

A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
CHEROKEE COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
February 15, 2016

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 15th day of February, 2016 at 6:30 o'clock p.m.

The following Commissioners were present for the meeting: C.B. McKinnon, Chairman; Dan Eichenbaum, Vice-Chairman; Cal Stiles, member; Gary Westmoreland, member; and Roy Dickey, member. Also present were the following: Randy Wiggins, County Manager; Maria Hass, Assistant County Manager and 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.

The Chairman read the boards adopted ethics statement.

The invocation was given by Sheriff Derrick Palmer.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by all.

Agenda Modification:

A Motion was made by Commissioner Dickey to add the following items to the agenda: 1) Budget revision for Use of Schools Sales Tax dollars as item "c", under Finance Items; 2) Lewis and Clark Circus Proposal as item "a" under New Business; 3) NCVTS Report as item "d" under New Business; and 4) Request by Sheriff Palmer to purchase an SUV, instead of a patrol car, as item "g" under New Business. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed.

Agenda Adoption:

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

Public Forum: None

Approval of Minutes:

A Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to approve the meeting minutes of January 4, 2016 and January 19, 2016. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed.

Budget and Finance:

- The finance director gave a report for the month ending January 31 for the Hiwassee Valley Pool and Wellness Center. The Center had a cash flow of \$3,072.26.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner Dickey to approve a budget revision for receipt of insurance proceeds and payment received from Mr. Charles Forrister for repairs to the fence at the Mountain Folk Center, due to a fallen tree. Motion seconded by Commissioner Eichenbaum. Motion passed.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to approve a budget revision for use of school sales tax for Andrews Elementary School environmental well testing and report fees; and for an HVAC burner at Andrews High School. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed.

New Business:

- A Motion was made by Commissioner Eichenbaum to enter into an agreement with Lewis

and Clark Circus to hold a circus at the county's Heritage Park in Andrews. The Circus will pay a fee to the county of \$600, for the two-day event. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed.

- A Motion was made by Commissioner Dickey to approve the revised drug and alcohol policy for Cherokee County Transit, as submitted by transit director, Mike Catuto. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stiles. Motion passed.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner Westmoreland to approve the tax refund report. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to approve the NCVTS Refund Report. Motion seconded by Commissioner Eichenbaum. Motion passed.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner Westmoreland to approve the request for tax releases. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed.
- After discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to approve Sheriff Palmer's request for the development an animal containment area at the sheriff department's shooting range, to be used for housing large seized animals. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed.
- After discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner Dickey to approve Sheriff Palmer's request for use of an additional \$1,000 from the animal control budget line for kennels at the sheriff's department shooting range. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stiles. Motion passed.
- After discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to approve a grant agreement between Cherokee County and NC Department of Commerce for an economic development grant for Team Industries. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner Dickey to approve Sheriff Palmer's request to purchase an SUV, instead of a previously approved patrol car, for the sheriff's department. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed.

County Manager Items:

The county manager share a revised purchasing policy with the board, asking them to review for submission at the next meeting. The revision includes a policy for vendor registration.

Chairman/Commissioner Items:

Commissioner Westmoreland asked the county manager for an update on the courthouse lantern project. Mr. Wiggins said that he and Commissioner Dickey would be meeting with a structural engineer on Thursday, February 18th, and would update the board, following that meeting.

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. The regular meeting adjourned at 7:00 o'clock p.m.

A work session follows this meeting and will be reflected in separate minutes.

THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON APRIL 18, 2016.