

A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
CHEROKEE COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
May 2, 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 2nd day of May, 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 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 Commissioner Dickey.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by all.

Agenda Modification:

A Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to add two items to the agenda, under New Business: 1) Andrews Urgent Care Lease, as item "g"; and 2) Marine Corp League 4th of July Celebration, as item "h". Motion seconded by Dickey. Motion passed.

Agenda Adoption:

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

Public Hearing on Fiscal Year 16-17 Budget:

A Motion was made by Commissioner Dickey to open the floor for public comments on the FY16-17 county budget. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed.

There was no public comment.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Eichenbaum to close the public hearing. Motion seconded

by Commissioner Stiles. Motion passed.

Public Forum:

No one spoke during public forum.

Finance and Budget:

- A Motion was made by Commissioner Eichenbaum to approve a budget revision for a landscaping trailer for Parks and Recreation. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to approve a budget revision for Use of School Sales Tax funds for a heat pump at Andrews Elementary School and a sewage pump at Hiwassee Dam School. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to approve a budget revision for jail food revenues and expenditures. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed.

Budget revisions are available for public inspection, in the office of the Finance Director.

New Business:

- David Vowell, with the Cherokee County Arts Council, came before the board to request funding for the Arts Council in the FY 16-17 budget. Mr. Vowell gave a history of the past five years and the progress that has been made, and the benefits to Cherokee County from the arts.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to approve the Request for Tax Releases. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner Westmoreland to approve the Tax Refund Report. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed.
- There was no action taken on the Wildlife Resource Commission Beaver Management Program.
- After discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to purchase seven SHURE gooseneck microphones for the commissioner's boardroom. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Voting in favor of the Motion was Commissioners Stiles, Dickey, McKinnon, and Eichenbaum. Voting against the Motion was Commissioner Westmoreland. Commissioner Westmoreland said that he felt like the current microphones are sufficient. Motion passed.
- After discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to approve a resolution authorizing upset bids for real property at 39 Peachtree Street. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed.
- After discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to approve a renewal lease for Andrews Urgent Care. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed.
- After discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner Dickey to approve the Marine Corp League as the events planner for the 2016 4th of July Celebration. Motion seconded by Commissioner Eichenbaum. Motion passed.

County Manager Items:

- The county manager said that the Hanging Dog Campground is now open.

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

THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON JUNE 6, 2016.