

A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE  
CHEROKEE COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
June 20, 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 20th day of June, 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, 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 Randy Wiggins.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by all.

**Agenda Modification:**

A Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to remove item "k" under New Business (Lease with Ranger VFD), until the county attorney could finalize the lease; but approve the use of the Hwy 294 Rescue Squad Building, prior to execution of lease. 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:**

- Aurelia Stone, manager of the local Best Western, shared concerns about the recently passed quarter-cent sales tax referendum. Mrs. Stone was upset that the resolution did not designate that the tax would be used only for funding schools. The county manager explained that the resolution could not designate funds for a specific purpose, but that the intent of the current board is to use the sales tax for education.

## **Finance and Budget:**

- A Motion was made by Commissioner Westmoreland to adopt the FY16-17 County Budget Ordinance. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stiles. Motion passed.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner Dickey to approve the end of year budget revision. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to approve a budget revision for the additional county primary election. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to purchase the Cherokee County Rescue Squad building on Hwy 294. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner Westmoreland for use of contingency funds to replace the HVAC at EMS Station 1. Motion seconded by Commissioner McKinnon. Motion passed.
- The finance director presented the Hiwassee Valley Pool and Wellness Center financial report for the month ending May 30. The Center has a positive cash flow of \$5,090.81.

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

## **New Business:**

- Janes Stiles came before the board for consideration of reappointment to the Area Agency on Aging Council. The appointment will be placed on the July 5<sup>th</sup> meeting agenda.
- Commissioner Eichenbaum agreed to serve another term on the Board of Social Services. The appointment will be made at the July 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- Erik Brinke came before the board for consideration of reappointment to the Economic Development Commission. Robert Hay and Larry Kernea also applied for reappointment, but were not in attendance. Appointments will be placed on the July 5<sup>th</sup> meeting agenda.
- Sara Wilson, applicant for the Hiwassee Valley Pool and Wellness Center Board was out of town and unable to attend. The appointment will be placed on the July 5<sup>th</sup> meeting agenda.
- Leo Phillips came before the board for consideration of appointment to the Tri-County Community College Board of Trustees. The appointment will be placed on the July 5<sup>th</sup> meeting agenda.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner Dickey to approve the NCVTS report. Motion seconded by Commissioner Eichenbaum. Motion passed.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner Eichenbaum to approve the Tax Release report. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner Dickey to approve the Tax Refund Report. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed.
- After discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to approve an amendment to the detention center Health Services Agreement. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed.
- Following the recently approved sales tax referendum by Cherokee County voters, a Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to approve a resolution to levy an additional

quarter-cent sales and use tax. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed. The commissioners agreed that during their tenure as a board, that the additional tax would be used to fund education. However, any future board could use the funds for any budgeting needs. The resolution will be sent to the NC Department of Revenue, along with the certified vote results, and could be implemented as soon as October 1, 2016.

- A Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to dispose of a 2003 International ambulance and a 2004 Ford ambulance, by placing on GovDeals. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed.

#### **Chairman/Commissioner Items:**

Commissioner Dickey said that a crane would be at the courthouse in the morning to allow assessment of damage to the courthouse dome.

Commissioner Stiles said that he would like to revise the commissions Board Appointment Policy. Commissioner McKinnon suggested that as an item for the board's next worksession.

#### **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 7:12 o'clock p.m.

THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON AUGUST 1, 2016