

A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE  
CHEROKEE COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
July 5, 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 5th day of July, 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 was 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 Pastor Turner of Murphy First Baptist Church.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by all.

**Agenda Modification:**

A Motion was made by Commissioner Dickey to remove item "c" under New Business (Hangar Lease Agreement-James Claypool). 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:**

- During public forum, Pastor Eddis Dockery of Boiling Springs Baptist Church, came before the board to read a pastoral proclamation for God's biblical standard for marriage. The proclamation is attached herein, and made a part of these minutes.
- A local landscaper came before the board to express his desire to see reactivation of the railroad.

## **New Business:**

- Gary Chamberlain came before the board to discuss anti-litter efforts and discuss the America the Beautiful and Bag Ready Jobs-Empowering our Nation's Youth project. Mr. Chamberlain encouraged the board and members of the public to get involved in litter pick up.
- Andy Ernst and Don Jones, business tenants at Western Carolina Regional Airport, came before the board to complain about the county's property and liability insurance requirement for airport tenants; and, to ask the board to waive the requirement. Mr. Ernst and Mr. Jones refused to sign current tenant leases, due to the requirement. The county attorney advised the board against a waiver, sharing the potential liability to the county and taxpayers, and potential legal ramifications of doing so. Commissioner McKinnon said he would like to meet with Mr. Jones and Mr. Ernst, along with the county attorney and county manager to discuss the issue. No action was taken.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner Westmoreland to re-appoint Commissioner Eichenbaum to the Social Services Board. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to re-appoint Jane Stiles to the Area Agency on Aging Council. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner Westmoreland to re-appoint Erik Brinke, Robert Hay and Larry Kernea to the Economic Development Commission. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to re-appoint Sara Wilson to the Hiwassee Valley Pool and Wellness Center Board. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner Eichenbaum to appoint Leo Phillips to the Tri-County Community College Board of Trustees. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner Dickey to approve the Bear Paw Property Owners Association Board of Trustees, as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stiles. Motion passed.
- Commissioner McKinnon was designated as the voting delegate for the 2016 NC Association of County Commissioners annual conference.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to award a bid to Stilwell Enterprises, Inc. for the Peachtree Manor Water Infrastructure Project. Stilwell Enterprises, Inc. was the only bidder for the project. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner Westmoreland to approve the Tax Release report. 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.
- After discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner Dickey to approve a Public Health Memorandum of Agreement between Cherokee County and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed.

**Chairman/Commissioner Items:**

Commissioners Eichenbaum and Westmoreland expressed their thanks to Commissioner McKinnon for going up in a crane to view the courthouse dome damage.

**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 CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON AUGUST 22, 2016.**