

A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
CHEROKEE COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
August 1, 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 1st day of August, 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 Eichenbaum to add item "i" (Resolution on the Revision of the Land Management Plan for the Nantahala and Pisgah Forests) under New Business; and to add item "c" (Budget Revision for Lena Martin settlement). Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed.

Agenda Adoption:

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

Public Forum: None

Finance and Budget:

- A Motion was made by Commissioner Westmoreland to approve compensation in the amount \$50/day x 62 days, for a total of \$3,100 for interim health director duties. Motion seconded by Commissioner Eichenbaum. Motion passed.

- The finance director presented the Hiwassee Valley Pool and Wellness Center financial report for the month ending June 30. The Center has a positive cash flow of \$1,615.07.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner Eichenbaum to approve a budget revision in the amount of \$39,850.00 for settlement of the Lena Martin case. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Voting in favor of the Motion was Commissioner's Eichenbaum, Westmoreland, Dickey and McKinnon. Voting against the Motion was Commissioner Stiles.

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

New Business:

- Miss Aisha Booze-Hall was recognized as the 2016 NCACC Youth Delegate for Cherokee County. Aisha will represent Cherokee County at the 2016 NCACC annual conference as the youth delegate. Aisha is a member of the Cherokee County 4-H Teen Leadership Council and was chosen by her 4-H director to represent Cherokee County. This is Aisha's second year in being chosen to represent Cherokee County. The Board expressed their thanks to Aisha for representing Cherokee County again this year, and said that they were impressed with her service. No board action necessary.
- Linda May came before the Board to ask for permission to have an HVAC unit installed at the Bellview Community Center. Mrs. May said that the community club has about \$3,000.00 to pay on the unit, and they will finance the remaining \$2,600.00. She said that she needs permission from the County, since it is a county-owned facility. Commissioner Stiles made a Motion to use funds from the community center budget to assist with half of the cost, as has been customary with capital projects for county-owned centers. This will free the community club from the burden of financing. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner Dickey to appoint Matthew Williamson to the Nantahala Regional Library Board. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner Eichenbaum to approve a resolution opposing the U.S. Refugee Resettlement Program. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner Dickey to table Item "e"-Solid Waste Site Camera System. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed.
- The county manager presented a letter from attorney Ellen Davis, who represents Valletown Rural Fire Department. The fire department owns a substation at 5301 Junaluska Road, and no longer has a need for the property. Ms. Davis said that the fire department wanted to first offer Cherokee County the opportunity to purchase the property, before they put the property up for sale. The Board took no action on the offer to purchase.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner Dickey to approve the current tax releases. Motion seconded by Commissioner Eichenbaum. Motion passed.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to approve the Tax Refund Report. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner Eichenbaum to approve a resolution on the Revision of the Land Management Plan for the Nantahala and Pisgah Forest. Motion seconded by

Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed.

County Manager Items:

After discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to allow the Cherokee County Saddle Club to place two power poles and lights at the Mountain Folk Center arena. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed.

After discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to move the August 15th board meeting to August 22nd. Motion seconded by Commissioner Eichenbaum. Motion passed.

The county manager corrected inaccurate information published in the Cherokee Scout about his travel allowance. He said that the annual allotment is \$3,600.00, not \$36,000.00.

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 6:50 o'clock p.m.

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