

A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
CHEROKEE COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
November 21, 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 21st day of November, 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/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, and the clerk kept the minutes of the meeting.

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 a budget revision for the schools use of sales tax. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Adoption:

A Motion was made by Commissioner Eichenbaum to adopt the agenda, as amended. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Forum:

There was no public comment.

Minutes:

A Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to approve the amended minutes of August 1, 2016 and the regular minutes of September 19, 2016. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.

Finance and Budget:

- The finance director presented the Hiwassee Valley Pool and Wellness Center financial report for the month ending October 31st. The Center has a negative cash flow of \$1,358.98, which will be covered by the Hiwassee Valley Recreation Foundation.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to approve a budget revision for assist with the cost of installing a new HVAC unit at the Bellview Community Center. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner Eichenbaum to approve a budget revision for an increase in State funding for STD prevention expenses at the health department. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed unanimously.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner Westmoreland to approve a budget revision for schools use of sales tax for three (3) separate heating issues. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.

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

New Business:

- Elizabeth Crisp came before the board to request use of the Heritage Park in July 2017 for the WNC Wagon Train. After discussion, Commissioner Eichenbaum told Ms. Crisp that he would contact her next week to schedule a time to meet, to discuss possible locations. A Motion was made by Commissioner Eichenbaum to table the request until after he could meet with Ms. Crisp. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stiles. Motion passed unanimously.
- After discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to approve a drug storage system for EMS, as presented by EMS Director, Doug Mills. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed unanimously. The finance director said that the cost would be covered by additional revenues received from EBCI contract calls.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner Dickey to approve the tax releases. Motion seconded by Commissioner Eichenbaum. Motion passed unanimously.

County Manager Items:

The county manager told the board that the dome on the Pool and Wellness Center was damaged, due to a malfunction in the pressure gauge, which caused the dome to tear. He said that it has been filed with the insurance, but there is a \$1,000.00 deductible to be met. The county manager asked the board if it was agreeable to cover that cost, since the facility is county-owned. The board agreed to cover the cost.

Commissioner Items:

There were no commissioner items.

Public Forum:

There was no public comment.

Closed Session:

A Motion was made by Commissioner Dickey to go into closed session. Motion seconded by Commissioner Eichenbaum. Motion passed unanimously.

During closed session, the DSS Director met with the board to discuss personnel matters and legal concerns.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Eichenbaum to return to open session. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stiles. Motion passed unanimously.

There was no action taking from matters discussed in closed session.

Adjourn:

There being no further business to come before the Board, a Motion was made by Commissioner Eichenbaum to adjourn. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stiles. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 o'clock p.m.

THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING ON JANUARY 3, 2017.