

A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE  
CHEROKEE COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
October 3, 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 3rd day of October, 2016 at 6:30 o'clock p.m.

The following Commissioners were present for the meeting: C.B. McKinnon, Chairman; Dr. Dan Eichenbaum, Vice-Chairman; Cal Stiles, member; Gary Westmoreland, member; and Roy Dickey, member. Also present were the following: Randy Wiggins, County Manager; 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 assistant clerk kept the minutes of the meeting.

The invocation was given by Randy Wiggins.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by all.

**Agenda Modification:**

A Motion was made by Commissioner Dickey to add the JCPC student appointment to the agenda. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stiles. Motion passed unanimously.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Eichenbaum to add Steve Jordan to the agenda to request a release of Solid Waste late fees. Motion made by Commissioner Stiles. Motion passed unanimously.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to add a budget revision for the Peachtree Manor project. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.

**Agenda Adoption:**

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

**There were no comments during the first public forum.**

**Minutes:**

A Motion was made by Commissioner Westmoreland to approve the worksession minutes of the September 12th 2016. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.

**Finance and Budget:**

- A Motion was made by Commissioner Eichenbaum to approve a budget revision for carry-forward of budgeted funds for the 911 CAD software upgrade. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed unanimously.
- Steve Jordan submitted a request asking the board to waive solid waste penalties and interest fees in the amount of \$2,730. Commissioner Stiles commented that the 1.5% interest seems a little excessive when compared to a .75% interest on late property tax bills. Commissioner Stiles made a Motion to change the late fee interest rate to .75% for Solid Waste, to coincide with the late fee of .75% interest on real property; and to waive half of Mr. Jordan's fees, for a new balance due of \$1,365.00. Motion seconded by Commissioner Eichenbaum. Motion passed unanimously.

- A Motion was made by Commissioner McKinnon to approve the budget revision for the Peachtree Manor waterline extension grant, contingent upon verifying that Mr. Glenn would be responsible for providing the required match. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stiles. Motion passed unanimously.

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

**New Business:**

- Miss Morgan Mathis appeared before the board to introduce herself and share her interest in serving on the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council.
- A request was submitted by Ms. Debra Black for a waiver of tax penalties in the amount of \$82.59. A Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to waive the penalties. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed unanimously.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner to appoint Ms. Denise Bowden to the Nantahala Regional Library Board. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stiles. Motion passed unanimously.
- Michael Bradberry and Rob Burns, Board of Health applicants, came before the board for introductions.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner Eichenbaum to approve the amended AWOS lease, contingent upon a change in the termination clause of 120 days, instead of 60 days; and contingent upon approval by the Wood family. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to approve a hangar lease for Mr. Jack Ley. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed unanimously.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner Dickey to approve the tax releases. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed unanimously.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner Eichenbaum to approve the Tax Refund Report. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed unanimously.

**County Manager Items:**

The County Manager told the board that he had received two bids for the courthouse lantern project. He said that Hoover and Associates submitted a bid for \$172,152.00 and Cannon Roofing submitted a bid for \$88,000.00. Mr. Wiggins recommended that the board choose Cannon Roofing as lowest bidder. After discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to approve Cannon Roofing as lowest bidder for the lantern project. Motion seconded by Commissioner Eichenbaum. Motion passed unanimously.

**Commissioner Items:**

Commissioner McKinnon congratulated Cherokee County Schools for the rise in school scores.

Commissioner McKinnon announced that Commissioner Eichenbaum would not be in attendance for the October 17<sup>th</sup> meeting and suggested having the regular meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup>, only for the purpose of a scheduled public hearing for the 2017 transit grants. The county manager also suggested placing the two board of health applicants on the October 17<sup>th</sup> agenda, in case they were not notified of tonight's meeting. Commissioner Stiles suggested that the board also consider adding any item that may come up prior to the 17<sup>th</sup> meeting, if it is not controversial. Commissioner McKinnon made a Motion to hold the October 17<sup>th</sup> meeting for only the purposes stated above, and to move the November 7<sup>th</sup> meeting to Thursday November 10<sup>th</sup>, so that the two commissioner candidates could have November 7<sup>th</sup> to campaign and get out additional signage before the election on Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Eichenbaum reminded those in attendance of the upcoming county fair.

**Public Forum:**

A member of the public inquired about the, previously discussed, courthouse lantern project, and the ladder removal.

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

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