

A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
CHEROKEE COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
April 3, 2017

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 April, 2017 at 6:30 o'clock p.m.

The following Commissioners were present for the meeting: Dr. Dan Eichenbaum Chairman; Gary Westmoreland, Vice-Chairman; Cal Stiles, member; C.B. McKinnon, member; and Roy Dickey, member. Also present were the following: Randy Wiggins, County Manager; Candy Anderson, Finance Director; and Scott Lindsay, County Attorney.

Present from the media was the Cherokee Scout and Local TV4.

The Chairman presided, and Assistant Clerk kept the minutes.

The invocation was given by Sheriff Palmer.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by all.

Agenda Modification:

A Motion was made by Commissioner Westmoreland to table the Pool and Wellness Center Application, and Pool and Wellness Center Financial Report. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Westmoreland to re-advertise and re-open the Tourism Development Authority (TDA) Application window for two additional weeks. Motion seconded by Commissioner McKinnon. Commissioner Westmoreland said there were some questions concerning someone's qualifications to serve, and after speaking with county attorney it was determined that they were eligible to serve and that he would like to re-open the applications for that reason. Commissioner Stiles expressed concern of additional expense of advertising, and saying that several applicants were in attendance for the purpose of introductions. Voting in favor of the Motion was Commissioners McKinnon, Westmoreland, Eichenbaum and Dickey. Voting against the Motion was Commissioner Stiles.

Agenda Adoption:

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

Public Forum:

Meridith Jorgensen, director of Cherokee County Chamber of Commerce, on behalf of Southwest Commission and the Rural Center, invited board members to a roundtable meeting, concerning

agriculture, on May 9th at Brothers Restaurant.

Minutes:

A Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to approve the meeting minutes of March 20, 2017, as amended. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.

Finance and Budget:

- A Motion was made by Commissioner McKinnon to approve a budget revision for carryover of grant funds for HERO/ICAC grant. This is a grant awarded to the Sheriff's Office to assist in combating crimes directed toward the exploitation of children. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stiles. Motion passed unanimously.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to approve a budget revision for receipt of additional timber funds. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed unanimously.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner Westmoreland to approve a budget revision for the FY17-18 Juvenile Crime Prevention Council funding plan. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.

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

New Business:

- After discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner McKinnon to amend the county's policy on term limits for county-appointed boards. The current policy states that "no member shall serve more than two consecutive terms". The amended policy removes that limitation. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed unanimously.
- There were several Tourism Development Authority applicants in attendance who introduced themselves.
- As noted above, the Pool and Wellness Center Application was tabled until the next board meeting. There was one application received, and the applicant was out of town.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to approve the tax releases. Motion seconded by Commissioner McKinnon. Motion passed unanimously.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner Westmoreland to approve the Tax Refund Report, with exception of Todd Allen for years of 2014, 2015, and 2016, until further information is received from tax collector. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.
- The board approved the NCVTS report.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner Westmoreland to allow friends of Mr. Richard Parker to purchase a 16 foot sign for the airport terminal to replace the 5 foot sign, which was previously approved by the Board. Motion seconded by Commissioner McKinnon. Motion passed unanimously. Mr. Parker, or friends of Mr. Parker shall be responsible for the cost of the sign, and the sign must match the other terminal signage.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner McKinnon to approve a request by Mr. Paul Dorn, who lives at the end of Healey Fields Road. Due to the county's access of this road for airport tower maintenance, the board agreed to assist with road maintenance as follows:

Pay \$180 to Mr. Dorn for the current fiscal year and first half of fiscal year 2017; and pay \$120 annually beginning with the next fiscal year. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.

- A Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to approve a resolution requesting restoration of the statutorily authorized 40% of lottery funds to counties. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed unanimously. The resolution will be sent to Cherokee County legislators.

County Manager Items:

The county manager gave an update on meeting with the U.S. Forest Service, concerning the Hanging Dog Campground. In an effort to keep the campground open for another year, he said the county could share in the labor cost and garbage pickup a couple times per week, at an estimated cost of \$3,750. A Motion was made by Commissioner McKinnon to move forward with re-opening the campground for another year. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed unanimously. Mr. Wiggins added that the county would also like beach area at the campground, in the future. He said that the USFS is considering opening a second area, due to the anticipated visitors for the 2017 solar eclipse.

After discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to approve a lease renewal for Andrews Urgent Care, at the same rate and term of \$600 a month for one year. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Items: None

Public Forum: None

Adjourn:

There being no further business to come before the Board, a Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to adjourn. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:05 o'clock p.m.

THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON APRIL 17, 2017.