

A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
CHEROKEE COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
May 15, 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 15th day of May, 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 and Assistant Clerk.

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 Randy Wiggins.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by all.

Agenda Modification:

A Motion was made by Commissioner Westmoreland to add a budget revision for schools use of sales tax to support and enhance summer camp. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Westmoreland to add a budget revision for schools use of sales tax for multiple school projects. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stiles. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Adoption:

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

Public Hearing for FY 2017-18 Budget:

A Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to go into the public hearing to receive comments on the county manager's recommended budget. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed unanimously.

During public hearing, Tom Bennet inquired about the landfill, the courthouse lantern, and annual loan payments.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Dickey to close the public hearing. Motion seconded by

Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Forum:

Joan Posey, applicant for the Tourism Development Authority, came before the board for introduction, since she was unable to attend the last meeting.

Finance and Budget:

- The finance director shared the Pool and Wellness Center financial report ending April 30, 2017, saying that the Center currently has a current positive cash flow.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner McKinnon to carry forward the Honeybee Loss Prevention Grant. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner Westmoreland to approve a reimbursement request from Tri-County Community College for a new roof on their storage shed. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner McKinnon to approve the updated health department fees for immunizations and CDL physicals. Motion passed by Commissioner Stiles. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Old Business:

After board discussion concerning the courthouse dome, a Motion was made by Commissioner McKinnon to accept the fee proposal of WM Building Envelope Consultants, Inc. in the amount of \$7,750.00, for professional investigation and review of the courthouse dome roof system. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stiles. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

- A Motion was made by Commissioner McKinnon to approve the revised Tourism Development Authority resolution. The revision states that, if there are individuals who meet both qualifications for the one-third (1/3) rule and the one-half (1/2) rule, then the board of county commissioners may choose to allow for At-Large membership for any remaining seat on the Authority. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner Eichenbaum to appoint the following persons to the Tourism Development Authority for a term of three (3) years: Sandra Daley, Joan Posey-Neumann, Steve Dickey, and Mike Sheidy. Motion seconded by Commissioner McKinnon. Motion passed unanimously.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner Westmoreland to appoint Phylis Blackmon to the Tourism Development Authority for a term of two (2) years. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner Westmoreland to appoint Joshua Vaught to the Tourism Development Authority for a term of two (2) years. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner Westmoreland to appoint Steve Coleman to the Tourism Development Authority for a term of two (2) years. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.

- A Motion was made by Commissioner McKinnon to appoint Sandra Daley as Chair to the Tourism Development Authority. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner McKinnon to appoint Dr. Grady Hester to the Board of Health for a three-year term. Dr. Hester will serve in the Veterinarian position. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.
- Silas Shields, president of Culberson Community Development Club came before the board to seek approval to use the Culberson Community Center for revitalization of the Culberson Community Development Club. A Motion was made by Commissioner Dickey to approve the request; and to approve the by-laws, with an amendment reflecting membership to persons at least 18 years of age, with the exception of youth delegates. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stiles. Motion passed unanimously.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner McKinnon to approve the tax releases. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed unanimously.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner McKinnon to approve the Tax Refund Report. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to approve a recreation project request for removal and replacement of the Andrews Press Box Staircase and removal and replacement of damaged ceiling tiles in concession area. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously. The ceiling tile damage is due to a leak and has been cited as an issue by the health department. The Town of Andrews will share in 50% of the cost. Cherokee County's portion is \$1,480.00.

County Manager Items: None

Commissioner Items:

- Commissioner Stiles asked the board to consider funding for the Arts Council, during the upcoming budget.
- Commissioner McKinnon asked the public to use and support the Hanging Dog Campground.

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 Dickey. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:08 o'clock p.m.

THESE MEETING MINUTES WERE APPROVED AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON JUNE 5, 2017.