

A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE  
CHEROKEE COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
June 5, 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 5th day of June, 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; Maria Hass, Assistant County Manager and Clerk to the Board; 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 Sheriff Palmer.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by all.

**Agenda Modification:**

A Motion was made by Commissioner Dickey to add the 2017-18 slate of officers for the Bear Paw Service District Board. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. 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 Forum:** No public comments.

**Minutes:**

A Motion was made by Commissioner McKinnon to approve the meeting minutes of May 1, 2017 and May 15, 2017. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.

**Finance and Budget:**

- A Motion was made by Commissioner McKinnon to approve the 2016-17 Audit Contract, and Management Letter. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stiles. Motion passed unanimously.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to approve a budget revision for funds donated to the pool and wellness center for the purchase of a flag. Motion seconded by

Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed unanimously.

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

**New Business:**

- 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 Stiles to approve the Tax Refund Report. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner McKinnon to approve the NCVTS report. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed unanimously.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner McKinnon to approve firework permits for the Town of Andrews and the Town of Murphy for 4<sup>th</sup> of July events. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stiles. Motion passed unanimously.
- The board reviewed the Board of Health applications for Michael Bradberry and Chris Dickey. The board will make appointments at their June 26<sup>th</sup> board meeting.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner McKinnon to appoint Commissioner Westmoreland to the Tourism Development Board in an Ex-Officio position. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner Dickey to appoint Commissioner Stiles to the Commissioner seat on the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed unanimously.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner Westmoreland to approve an amended resolution of support, requesting adequate funding for mental health, developmental disabilities, and substance abuse services. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner McKinnon to approve the 2017-18 slate of officers for the Bear Paw Service District Board, as presented by the Bear Paw Property Owners Association. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.

**County Manager Items:** None

**Commissioner Items:**

- After discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to schedule a community meeting on Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the Cherokee County Courthouse, to receive public comment on the use of US Forest Service land and roads in Cherokee County. This information will then be shared with USFS. Advertisement is to include radio, website and social media. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.

**Public Forum:** No public comments.

A Motion was made by Commissioner McKinnon to revise the boards Rules of Procedures, removing the second public forum from the agenda. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.

**Closed Session:**

A Motion was made by Commissioner Dickey to go into closed session to discuss a personnel matter and consult with the county attorney on a legal matter. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed unanimously.

While in closed session, the board discussed a personnel matter, and also instructed the county attorney on a matter concerning negotiations of real property.

After returning to open session, there was no action taking on the personnel matter.

A Motion was made by Commissioner McKinnon directing the county attorney to file a partition proceeding with regard to the Andrews Industrial Park, seeking a partition of the property which is jointly owned by the County and the Town of Andrews. Motion seconded by Commissioner Eichenbaum. Motion passed unanimously.

**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 8:00 o'clock p.m.

**Budget Work Session:**

A brief budget work session immediately followed the meeting.

A Motion was made by Commissioner McKinnon to appropriate \$15,000 from the county's general fund for bathroom projects at Konehete Park. This would remove the budgeted projects from the 2017-18 county manager recommended budget. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stiles. Motion passed unanimously. Commissioner McKinnon said he thinks that the work can be accomplished by the county's maintenance department.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Dickey to schedule a budget work session on Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed unanimously.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to adjourn. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.

THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON JUNE 26, 2017.