

A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE  
CHEROKEE COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
July 17, 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 17th day of July, 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 Clerk kept the minutes.

The invocation was given by Commissioner C.B. McKinnon.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by all.

**Agenda Modification:**

A Motion was made by Commissioner Westmoreland to add a request by Commissioner Westmoreland to reimburse Richard Parker for the Special Event Insurance Policy he purchased for holding his recognition ceremony at the airport. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Voting in favor of the Motion was Commissioners Westmoreland, Dickey, McKinnon and Eichenbaum. Voting against the Motion was Commissioner Stiles. Motion passed.

A Motion was made by Commissioner McKinnon to add a resolution for a Hiwassee Dam Volunteer Fire Department. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stiles. Motion passed unanimously.

**Agenda Adoption:**

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

**Public Forum:**

- Aurelia Stone asked the board to read resolutions at the meeting they are presented and then vote at following meeting. She said this will allow citizens the opportunity to comment prior to the board taking action.

**Minutes:**

A Motion was made by Commissioner Westmoreland to approve the meeting minutes of June 26, 2017. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.

**Finance and Budget:**

- The finance director shared the June 30, 2017 financial report for the Hiwassee Valley Pool and Wellness Center. The Center has a negative balance of \$4,551.54, which will be covered by the Hiwassee Valley Recreation Foundation.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles a budget revision for a HVAC unit at the Fain Mountain repeater equipment room. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed unanimously.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner McKinnon to approve the fiscal year 17-18 Bear Paw budget. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed unanimously.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner McKinnon to reimburse Richard Parker \$391.20 for a Special Event insurance policy that Mr. Parker purchased for his recognition event at the airport. Motion seconded by Commissioner Eichenbaum. Voting in favor of the Motion was Commissioners Westmoreland, Dickey, McKinnon and Eichenbaum. Voting against the Motion was Commissioner Stiles. Motion passed.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to approve a financing resolution for Hiwassee Dam Volunteer Fire Department. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. 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 Settlement of Current Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes for Fiscal Year 16-17. Motion seconded by Commissioner McKinnon. Motion passed unanimously.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner Dickey to direct the Tax Collector to collect taxes charged in the tax records. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed unanimously.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to approve the NCVTS report. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner McKinnon to approve the tax releases. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stiles. Motion passed unanimously.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to approve the Tax Refund Report. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.
- Tax Assessor Eddie Allen, gave an overview of the new GAP billing rule (NCGS 105-330.3 (2)). No action taken.
- The Board took no action on the Area Agency on Aging Council Appointment. A Motion was made by Commissioner Westmoreland to re-advertise the volunteer position. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.
- Ms. Judy Herr and Mr. Houston Allman, applicants for the Area Agency on Aging Council, came before the board for introductions. No action taken.
- Ms. Ashlee Dance, applicant for the volunteer RN position on the Board of Health, came

before the board for an introduction. No action taken.

- A Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to appoint Karen Underwood to the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council to replace Nancy Chastain, who is retiring. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed unanimously.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to appoint Commissioner Westmoreland as the board's NCACC Voting Delegate for the upcoming annual conference in Durham. Motion seconded by Commissioner McKinnon. Motion passed unanimously.
- Sande Kimball came before the board on behalf of Map Solution Inc. to ask the board to buy an advertisement on a county map. A Motion was made by Commissioner Westmoreland to purchase and ad. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stiles. Voting in favor of the Motion was Commissioner Westmoreland. Voting against the Motion was Commissioners McKinnon, Dickey, Eichenbaum and Stiles. The Motion failed.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to approve the Courthouse Dome Evaluation Proposal by WM Building Envelope Consultants. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed unanimously.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner Westmoreland to close county offices on August 21<sup>st</sup>, due to the influx of traffic and visitors, and to treat the day as a holiday, for payroll purposes. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.
- Mayor Nancy Curtis and Mr. Zach Stockbridge came before the board to request permission to charge out of town eclipse enthusiasts for reserved space at the Heritage Park in Andrews. A Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to approve the Town of Andrews request to charge for reserved space at the Heritage Park, and to extend the approval also for the Town of Murphy at Konehete Park. Motion seconded by Commissioner McKinnon. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **County Manager Items:**

A Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to approve a request by Barbara Hughes for the county to provide toilet paper, paper towels and assistance in keeping the restrooms clean during the August 21<sup>st</sup> eclipse events at Konehete Park in Murphy; and to approve the same for the Town of Andrews, if requested. Motion seconded by Commissioner McKinnon. Motion passed unanimously.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Westmoreland to allow the parks and recreation staff to work during the eclipse events at the park. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stiles. Motion passed unanimously.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Dickey to recess the regular meeting for a public safety forum on the eclipse event. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed unanimously.

During the forum, Robin Caldwell, emergency management director, shared a PowerPoint highlighting county and multi-agency planning for the eclipse event. She said that the county and other partnering agencies have been proactive in the planning process.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to reconvene the regular meeting. 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. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed unanimously.

After returning to open session, the board took no action on matters discussed in closed session.

**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.

These minutes were approved at a regular meeting of the Cherokee County  
board of commissioners on August 15, 2017.