

A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
CHEROKEE COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
August 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 August, 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 Sheriff Palmer.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by all.

Agenda Modification:

A Motion was made by Commissioner McKinnon to add the NCVTS Report to the agenda. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed unanimously.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to add the Hiwassee Valley Pool and Wellness Center Financial Report to the agenda. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed unanimously.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Westmoreland to add to the agenda, a budget revision for the schools use of designated sales tax. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Dickey to add to the agenda, a budget revision for Tri-County Community College for use of Capital Outlay funds. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed unanimously.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to add to the agenda, Addendum 1 of the courthouse lantern project. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. 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.

Public Forum:

The Chairman opened the floor for public forum. Four people signed up and spoke on various topics. There were no additional requests to speak from other members of the public.

Minutes:

A Motion was made by Commissioner Westmoreland to approve the meeting minutes of July 17, 2017. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stiles. Motion passed unanimously.

Finance and Budget:

- A Motion was made by Commissioner Dickey to approve a budget revision for EMS to replace a damaged LUCAS device. Replacement Cost will be covered by insurance. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed unanimously.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to approve a budget revision for schools use of sales tax for multiple schools projects. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed unanimously.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner Dickey to approve a carry-forward of Southeast Industrial Development grant funds for a housing study. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed unanimously.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to approve a budget revision for the detention center for the repair of a cracked boiler manifold. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed unanimously.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner Westmoreland to approve a budget revision for the detention center for replacement of an HVAC unit. Motion seconded by Commissioner McKinnon. Motion passed unanimously.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner McKinnon to approve an additional budget revision for schools use of sales tax for multiple schools projects. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.
- The finance director shared the financial report for the Hiwassee Valley Pool and Wellness Center. The Center has a net balance of \$5,997.72 after deferred memberships. No action required.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner Dickey to approve a budget revision for Tri-County Community College for the use of Capital Outlay for reimbursement of the cost of roof replacement on the Enloe Building. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

- Kylan Bunch, Hayesville High School aviation student came before the board to request permission to host a Pancake Fly-In at Western Carolina Regional Airport on October 14, 2017. Kylan presented a brief slide presentation which showed his plan for marketing the airport and raising funds for the Hayesville High School Aviation Program. A Motion was made by Commissioner Eichenbaum to grant the request and to front Kylan \$100 for the cost of supplies, to be reimbursed by proceeds from the event. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stiles. Motion passed unanimously.
- Mike and Mary Maul came before the board to request support for No Wake Zone at Bear Paw Marina. A Motion was made by Commissioner Westmoreland to table the request. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.
- Waylon Hill came before the board to give an update on the Feral Cat Program at Logan's Run. Mr. Hill asked the board for help in spreading the word and in recruiting volunteers in their districts.
- Carol Lackland from the Pregnancy and Parenting Clinic came before the board to request permission to place a 30" x 24" sign on the fence at Konehete Park Playground to create awareness of the program and its resources to women in the community. A Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to approve the request. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed unanimously.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to adopt 2018 State Holiday Schedule. Motion seconded by Commissioner McKinnon. 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 Stiles to approve the Tax Refund Report. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to appoint Judy Herr and Houston Allman to the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed unanimously.
- Ms. Barbara Riling, applicant for the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council, came before the board for an introduction.
- There was no action taken on the Board of Health appointment for the RN position.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner Westmoreland to re-appoint Paige Brinke to the Hiwassee Valley Pool and Wellness Center Board. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.

- A Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to approve the Health Department Fee Schedule for birth control methods and drug screenings. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to approve asbestos abatement for the four homes on the airport property and the caretaker's house at the Cherokee County Fairgrounds. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed unanimously.
- After discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner Dickey to turn the homes over to Tri-County Community College for student burn exercises and to remove the Mountain Folk Center sign at the Fairgrounds. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed unanimously.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner Westmoreland to award the EMS Station 4 Bid to Laney Construction, as lowest bidder. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to approve the NC Vehicle Tax System Report. Motion seconded by Commissioner McKinnon. Motion passed unanimously.
- After discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to approve Addendum 1 of Lantern Repair Project and set a bid deadline date of September 7th at 1 p.m. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.

County Manager Items:

The county manager announced that Commissioner McKinnon is the new District 17 director for the NCACC.

The county manager announced that Commissioner Stiles is the new Vice-Chairman of the NC Association of Regional Council of Governments.

Closed Session:

A Motion was made by Commissioner Dickey to go into closed session, pursuant to §143-318.11 (a) (5) and (6) to discuss negotiations of land acquisitions and a personnel matter. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed unanimously.

While in closed session, the board discussed different options for acquisition of property or the relocation of EMS Station 1, and also discussed a renewal contract for the county manager.

After returning to open session, a Motion was made by Commissioner Dickey to allow the county manager to negotiate with potential property owners for the relocation of EMS Station 1. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed unanimously.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to approve an updated employment agreement for the county manager. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Voting in favor of the

Motion was Commissioners Stiles, Dickey, Eichenbaum and Westmoreland. Voting against the Motion was Commissioner McKinnon. Commissioner McKinnon said that it was nothing personal against the county manager and that he is doing a good job, but said he doesn't agree with employment agreements.

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.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Clerk to the Board

THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON SEPTEMBER 18, 2017