

A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
CHEROKEE COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
November 20, 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 20th day of November, 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, FetchYourNews.com, and Local TV4.

The Chairman presided, and Clerk kept the minutes.

The invocation was given by Mark Thigpen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by all.

Agenda Modification

A Motion was made by Commissioner Dickey to add "Water tie-in for EMS Station 4" as item "h" under New Business. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Adoption

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

Public Forum

Henry Ristorcelli asked the board to allow for a public forum at all special called meetings of the board. The board took no action on the request.

Minutes

A Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to approve the November 6, 2017 meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed unanimously.

Finance and Budget

- A Motion was made by Commissioner Westmoreland to approve a budget revision for use of schools sales tax for multiple projects as requested by Cherokee County Schools. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business

- 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 Stiles to approve the Tax Refund Report. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed unanimously.
- The board was presented with a quarterly update of the Tourism Development Authority.
- The board agreed to move forward with the change order for the doors at EMS Station 4, as approved at the last meeting.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner Dickey to appoint David Williams to the Tri-County Community College Board of Trustees. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stiles. Motion passed unanimously.
- Board of Health applicant and registered nurse, Leslie Harris, came before the board for a brief introduction.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to approve a budget revision for clearing of right of ways for county airport towers and communications towers. The low bid was awarded to Marvin Guffey at \$16,875.16. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed unanimously.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner Dickey to approve contractor tie-in and water tap at the new EMS Station 4. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Items:

Commissioner Westmoreland commented that the Texana Community Center playground is looking good.

Closed Session:

A Motion was made by Commissioner McKinnon to go into closed session, pursuant to §143-318.11 (5) regarding a contractual/lease matter. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.

While in closed session the board discussed terms of negotiation for a private lease of the Hiwassee Valley Pool and Wellness Center.

Open Session:

After returning to open session, A Motion was made by Commissioner Dickey to publish notice of the proposed lease for 30 days, and instructed the county attorney to draft the lease based on the board's discussion in closed session. Commissioner Stiles said that he would support the motion, but that he has concerns that the lease doesn't stipulate a certain level of service to be provided, such as keeping the pool open during winter months. Motion seconded by Commissioner McKinnon. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjourn:

There being no further business to come before the Board, a Motion was made by Commissioner Dickey to adjourn. Motion seconded by Commissioner McKinnon. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.