

A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
CHEROKEE COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
April 16, 2012

Preamble to Minutes read by Chairwoman Meltz: "Members of the County Board of Commissioners are advised, hereby, of their duty under the State Government Ethics Act to avoid conflicts of interest and the appearance of such conflict; and, further, are instructed to refrain from participating in any matter coming before this Board of County Commissioners with respect to which there is a conflict of interest or appearance of such conflict".

A Regular Meeting of the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners was held in the first floor boardroom of the Cherokee County Courthouse Annex in Murphy, North Carolina on the 16th day of April, 2012 at 5:30 o'clock p.m.

The following Commissioners were present for the meeting: Lorraine M. Meltz, Chair; David Wood, Vice-Chair; and Steve Jordan, Commissioner. Also present were the following: Randy Wiggins, County Manager; Candy Roberts, County Finance Officer; and Maria Hass, Assistant County Manager/Assistant Clerk to the Board. R. Scott Lindsay, County Attorney/Clerk to the Board was out of town.

Present from the media was Dwight Otwell of the Cherokee Scout.

The invocation was given by Commissioner Steve Jordan.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Wood.

The Chairman presided and the Clerk kept the Minutes.

Budget Revisions/Finance Items:

After discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner Wood to approve a budget revision for a Pool and Wellness Center Grant in the amount of \$3,592.00. Motion seconded by Commissioner Meltz. Motion passed unanimously.

After discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner Meltz to approve a budget revision for use of Sheriff's designated fund balance in the amount of \$3,322.00 to purchase 14 gas masks for tactical team. Motion seconded by Commissioner Jordan. Motion passed unanimously.

After discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner Meltz to approve a Capitol Project Budget in the amount of \$225,000.00 for a N.C. Rural Center grant award for the Cherokee County Health Department for renovations, expansion, and the purchase of a mobile unit for the Andrews Health Center. Motion seconded by Commissioner Wood. Commissioner Jordan voted against.

After discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner Jordan to approve a budget revision for the use of fund balance in the amount of \$6,733.00 to purchase courthouse furniture. Motion seconded by Commissioner Meltz. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Minutes:

A Motion was made by Commissioner Wood to approve the meeting minutes of March 05, 2012; March 19, 2012; April 02, 2012; and, amended minutes of April 18, 2011. Motion seconded by Commissioner Meltz. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

- After presentation of January, February, and March 2012 Tax Releases and Refunds by Will Roberts, a Motion was made by Commissioner Wood to approve as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Jordan. Motion passed unanimously.
- After discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner Jordan to approve a resolution renaming the Hot House Community Center as Wolf Creek Community Center. Motion seconded by Commissioner Wood. Motion passed unanimously.
- After discussion and presentation by David Rozendale and Jane Swan, a Motion was made by Commissioner Jordan to approve a resolution requesting the North Carolina Department of Transportation name a bridge in Andrews, N.C. in the vicinity of Junaluska Creek in memory of Dave Swan and Frank Swan. Motion seconded by Commissioner Wood. Motion passed unanimously.
- Leia Hays and Dana Luther came before the board to complain about people dumping on Tatham Gap Road, along the historic Trail of Tears. They explained that a group of volunteers had recently cleaned up the trail, and the county supported with landfill use and use of county trucks. Ms. Hays said that the county was going to provide signage, but the signs have not been installed yet. Mr. Wiggins told her that the signs should be installed soon, and suggested that she also contact NCDOT and the USFS to ask for their assistance also.
- The county manager told the Board that Roger Swanson had agreed to release all restrictions on the Sheriff's office property, and construct an additional road for the county, off of reservoir road. In exchange for the restriction release and road construction, he asks the county to deed Triple S drive back to Mr. Swanson. After discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner Wood to accept this offer. Motion seconded by Commissioner Meltz. Motion passed unanimously. Mr. Wiggins said that when the county attorney returns, that he will have him get with Gerald Collins, attorney for Mr. Swanson, to complete paperwork.

County Manager Items:

The county manager presented a \$5.00 fee schedule for GIS/Mapping custom data reports. A Motion was made by Commissioner Wood to approve the fee. Motion seconded by Commissioner Jordan. Motion passed unanimously.

The county manager said that there are some individuals that are interested in buying 12 pallets of the rock at the Mountain Folk Center. He suggested that the board allow for the sale of the 12 pallets at \$75.00 each. He also suggested that the board sell the remaining small pallets at \$25.00 each and the remaining large pallets at \$50.00 each to try and move the rock quicker; due to the need for use of that space at the Mountain Folk Center. Mr. Wiggins said that the purchasing officer could also advertise the rock on GovDeals. A Motion was made by Commissioner Wood to approve the sale of these pallets for the suggested cost. Motion seconded by Commissioner Meltz. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Forum:

During public forum, Callie Moore with the Hiwassee River Watershed Coalition said that they

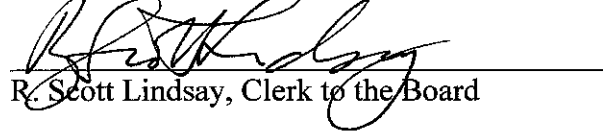
had completed the planting of 2,266 trees at the Valley River Heritage Park in Andrews. The county manager asked her about the status of the plan at the Ranger Community Center to address runoff issues. She said that there were septic field line issues, so they are developing a new plan, and that it is probably a better plan than before.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 o'clock p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Lorraine M. Meltz", written over a horizontal line.

Lorraine M. Meltz, Chairman

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "R. Scott Lindsay", written over a horizontal line.

R. Scott Lindsay, Clerk to the Board