

A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
CHEROKEE COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
June 18, 2012

Preamble to Minutes read by Chairman 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 Meeting Room on the first floor of the Courthouse Annex Building in Murphy, North Carolina on the 18th day of June, 2012 at 5:30 o'clock p.m.

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

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

The invocation was given by Randy Wiggins.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Scott Lindsay.

The Chairman presided and the Clerk kept the Minutes.

Budget Revisions/Finance Items:

- After discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner Meltz to approve the applications for use of lottery funds proceeds in the amount of \$82,632.55 for the following Cherokee County Schools projects: a) MHS vocational building for the health occupation program expansion; b) Martin's Creek Elem/Middle School Simplex alarm system repair; c) Lighting upgrade for MHS and Hiwassee Dam gym; d) Stabilization of MMS; e) Hiwassee Dam School HVAC repairs; f) AHS HVAC repairs; g) Martin's Creek Elementary/Middle HVAC repairs; h) Murphy Elementary HVAC repairs; i) Andrews Elementary HVAC repairs; and, j) Ranger Elementary/Middle HVAC repairs. Motion seconded by Commissioner Jordan. Motion passed unanimously.
- After discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner Wood to approve a budget revision in the amount of \$231,185.00 for the charter school litigation payment. Motion seconded by Commissioner Meltz. Commissioner Jordan voted "no".
- After discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner Wood to approve a budget revision in the amount of \$631,209.00 for waterproofing the courthouse. Motion seconded by Commissioner Meltz. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

- Philip Moore came before the Board to request the County donate a permanent conservation easement to the Land Trust for Little Tennessee for 8.45 acres of county property along the Valley River on 19/74/129, and to request approval for submission of a Farmland Forever Fund grant by the Land Trust for Little Tennessee. Persons from the Cherokee County 9-12 group were in attendance and opposed this request, saying that this is exactly the type of activity that they are fighting, in their opposition to Agenda 21. Commissioner Jordan agreed with the 9-12 group and opposed the request saying that the county could do these things, without the help of the land trust. Commissioner Meltz

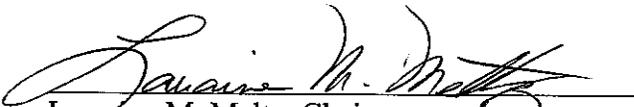
agreed. Commissioner Wood disagreed with Commissioner Jordan and Commissioner Meltz, saying that he has worked hard and spent a lot of hours trying to see this project come to fruition, and that he supports the request. After much heated discussion, no action was taken on the matter.

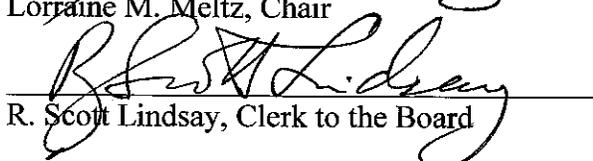
- A Motion was made by Commissioner Wood to appoint Michelle Spies to the Economic Development Board. The Motion died for lack of a second. A Motion was made by Commissioner Meltz to appoint the following persons to the Cherokee County Economic Development Commission for a four-year term: Erik Brinke, Larry Kernea, and Robert Hay. The appointments are effective July 1, 2012; and will expire June 30, 2016. Motion seconded by Commissioner Jordan. Commissioner Wood voted "no".
- After discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner Jordan to appoint Commissioner Lorraine Meltz to the Tri-County Board of Trustees. Motion seconded by Commissioner Meltz. Commissioner Wood voted "no".
- After discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner Meltz to re-appoint Terry Jones to the Hiwassee Valley Pool and Wellness Center Board. Motion seconded by Commissioner Jordan. Motion passed unanimously.
- After discussion a Motion was made by Commissioner Meltz to re-appoint Eddie Adams to the Hiwassee Valley Pool and Wellness Center Board. Motion seconded by Commissioner Jordan. Commissioner Wood voted "no".
- After discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner Meltz to approve the Western Carolina Regional Airport Transportation Improvement Plan. Motion seconded by Commissioner Jordan. Motion passed unanimously.
- After discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner Meltz to appoint the following persons to the 2012 Bear Paw Service District Board of Directors: Jack Smith; Jim Kelley; Dave Jacobs; Arthur Lecours; Ron Taylor; Dave Black; and Jim Awbrey. The appointments are effective July 1, 2012, and expire June 30, 2013. Motion seconded by Commissioner Jordan. Motion passed unanimously.
- After discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner Wood to approve the Bear Paw Service District Budget and tax rate as submitted by Dave Jacobs, Finance officer for Bear Paw Service District. Motion seconded by Commissioner Meltz. Motion passed unanimously.
- Dr. Dan Eichenbaum came before the Board to request that the Board de-fund Southwestern Commission and the Mountain Landscapes Initiative. A Motion was made by Commissioner Jordan to de-fund Southwestern Commission. The Motion died for lack of a second.

Public Forum: There were no public comments.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 o'clock p.m.


Lorraine M. Meltz, Chair


R. Scott Lindsay, Clerk to the Board