

A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
CHEROKEE COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
May 7, 2012

Preamble to Minutes read by Chairman Meltz: "Members of the County Board of Commissioners are advised, hereby, of their duty under the Local 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 7th day of May, 2012 at 8:30 o'clock a.m.

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

The Chairman presided and the Clerk kept the Minutes.

Budget Revisions/Finance Items:

- After discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner Jordan to approve the following budget revisions: a) Additional State funds for DSS, in the amount of \$ 5,000.00; b) A grant from the Cherokee Preservation Foundation in the amount of \$20,000.00 to develop a Youth Council; and c) Additional State funds for the Health Department, in the amount of \$1,580.00. Motion seconded by Commissioner Wood. Motion passed unanimously.
- After discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner Meltz to approve a Health Department grant from the North Carolina Office of Rural Health, in the amount of \$350,000.00. Motion seconded by Commissioner Wood. Commissioner Jordan voted "no".
- The finance director presented the Smoky Mountain Center Fiscal Monitoring Report.

Minutes:

A Motion was made by Commissioner Wood to table the Minutes of June 20, 2011 and April 16, 2012. Motion seconded by Commissioner Jordan. Commissioner Meltz opposed.

New Business:

- After discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner Jordan to allow Doug Clement, Extension Director, to send a letter of acceptance to the Tedesco family, who donated a Kubota tractor and attachments to the Cherokee County Cooperative Extension program. Motion seconded by Commissioner Wood. Motion passed unanimously.
- After discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner Wood to approve the updated Cherokee County Transit Fare Schedule. Motion seconded by Commissioner Jordan. Motion passed unanimously.
- After discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner Wood to approve a Veteran's Administration grant and regional Memorandum of Understanding for Cherokee County Transit. The grant will provide a new computer and scheduling system, and will provide

mobile data terminals and locators for each transit vehicle. Motion seconded by Commissioner Jordan. Motion passed unanimously.

- After discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner Meltz to approve a resolution requesting the N.C. General Assembly to meet the “maintenance of effort” requirement for the release of Help America Vote Act (HAVA) funds; and appropriate funds to the State Board of Elections for the upcoming budget year. Motion seconded by Commissioner Jordan. Motion passed unanimously.
- After lengthy discussion and disagreement, a Motion was made by Commissioner Jordan to table the Western Carolina Regional Airport Transportation Improvement Plan. A meeting will be scheduled with the airport commission and airport consultants to explain the plan and purpose to the Board of Commissioners. Motion seconded by Commissioner Meltz. Motion passed unanimously.
- Jerry Pullium was on the agenda to present a plan for the Valley River Heritage Park entrance; however, he did not show up. The County Manger presented Mr. Pullium’s plan. A Motion was made by Commissioner Wood to vote “no” to the proposed plan. Motion seconded by Commissioner Meltz. Motion passed unanimously.

County Manger Items:

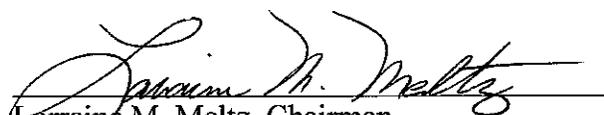
- The county manager informed the Board that he had received notification from the NCDOT that there would not be a suitable site along the NCDOT right-of-way on Hwy 294, for the location of garbage collection facilities.
- Mr. Wiggins announced that the Clerk of Court and Mapping/GIS offices are now relocated into their new space in the courthouse addition. He said that the Register of Deeds office will be moved early this week, and that the furniture has been scheduled for May 29th, and the remaining county offices will be moved following the delivery of furniture.
- Announced that there will be a special called meeting on May 31st at 9:00 a.m. to present the FY 12-13 budget message; and will then hold the Public Hearing on the budget at the regularly scheduled June 18th meeting.
- Discussed rent on the Cherokee County School central office; which is owned by Cherokee County.
- Announced that the bids are in for waterproofing on the courthouse, and there is a meeting set for next week. He said the concern is to protect the investment of building.
- Mr. Wiggins told the Board that he had received a request from Dallas McMillan of the probation office to release the State early of their lease responsibility at the Davis building. After discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner Wood to allow the probation office to vacate immediately and prior to their lease expiration of October 30th. Motion seconded by Commissioner Jordan. Motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Wiggins reminded the Board that Silas Allen would be retiring soon. He said that Mr. Allen would like to remain on a part-time basis to oversee the 2012 NCDOT Big Sweep, and the WCRA Stormwater Management Plan. The matter was tabled until the next board meeting.

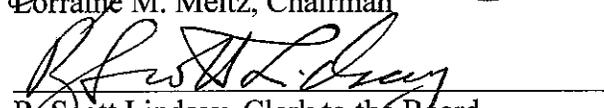
Public Forum:

During public forum, the following items were discussed:

- Ron Smith questioned the safety of the airport. He made the statement that it is one of the most difficult airports to fly into.
- The Board received an invitation to the Unaka Community Center to see all the things that have been accomplished.
- C.B. McKinnon, candidate for commissioner, suggested using cameras to monitor dump sites, instead of having staffed sites. He also encouraged the Board to do away with the convenience site card system. He suggested assigning fines for violations, and publicizing the fines.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 9:55 o'clock a.m.


Lorraine M. Meltz, Chairman


R. Scott Lindsay, Clerk to the Board