

SPECIAL CALLED WORKSESSION  
OF THE  
CHEROKEE COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
June 11, 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 Special Called Meeting of the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners was called for the purpose of holding a budget worksession with the volunteer fire departments to discuss their tax rate, as it relates to their budgetary needs for their respective departments. The meeting was held in the Commissioners Meeting Room on the third floor of the Cherokee County Courthouse in Murphy, North Carolina on the 11th day of June, 2012 at 9:00 o'clock a.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; Maria Hass, Assistant County Manager/Assistant Clerk to the Board; and, Candy Roberts, County Finance Officer.

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

The Chairman presided and the Assistant Clerk kept the Minutes.

The county manager announced to those in attendance, that the scheduled worksession is to allow the volunteer fire departments the opportunity to address the Board concerning their fire tax rates, as it relates to their budgetary needs.

The following departments addressed the Board and asked for an increase in their tax rate:

- Murphy Rural VFD, represented by Chief Al Lovingood. Request tax rate increase of 10.0
- Hiwassee Dam VFD, represented by Chad McNabb. Request tax rate increase of 5.1
- Brasstown VFD, represented by J.D. Robinson. Request tax rate increase of 4.7
- Ranger VFD, represented by Larry Smith. Request tax rate increase of 3.8
- Peachtree VFD, represented by Betsy Lovingood. Request tax rate increase of 6.1

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

Meeting adjourned 11:00 o'clock a.m.

  
Lorraine M. Meltz, Chair

  
Maria Hass, Assistant Clerk