

A SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
OF THE
CHEROKEE COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
May 31, 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 Special Called 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 31st day of May, 2012 at 9:00 o'clock a.m.

The following Commissioners were present for the meeting: David Wood, Vice-Chairman and, Steve Jordan, Commissioner. Chair Lorraine M. Meltz was in Raleigh at the NCACC County Assembly Day. 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.

County Manager, Randy Wiggins, presented the proposed FY 2012-13 budget message, and stressed the importance of adopting a revenue neutral rate to balance the budget. Copies of the budget message are available for public viewing and inspection in the county manager's office, the finance office, and at each of the public libraries, located in Murphy and Andrews.

Commissioner Wood said that he was glad to see private property drop to reasonable values. Commissioner Jordan said that he is upset that commercial property values have increased; stating that they have doubled. Commissioner Jordan also said that unless the commercial values were dropped that he would not vote for adopting the budget in June.

Mr. Wiggins said that there will be several more budget workshops, and also budget worksessions with the volunteer fire departments, before the final budget is presented in June. He said that he is looking at June 28th for the date of final budget adoption.

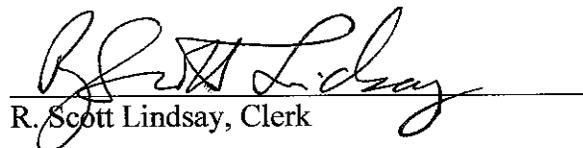
Dee Witting, owner of Peace Valley Campground, came before the Board to complain about a recent article in the newspaper concerning contaminated water near her campground. Ms. Witting was referred to the Cherokee County Board of Health and Health Director.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 o'clock a.m.



David Wood, Vice-Chair



R. Scott Lindsay, Clerk