

A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
CHEROKEE COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
July 1, 2013

Preamble to Minutes read by Chairperson Stiles: "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 Commissioners Boardroom, also known as Multi-Purpose Room 342, of the Cherokee County Courthouse in Murphy, North Carolina on the 1st day of July, 2013 at 6:00 o'clock p.m.

The following Commissioners were present for the meeting: Cal Stiles, Chairman, Lorraine M. Meltz, Vice-Chair; C.B. McKinnon, member; David Wood, member; and Steve Jordan, member. Also present were the following: Randy Wiggins, County Manager; Maria Hass, Assistant County Manager; and, R. Scott Lindsay, County Attorney/Clerk to the Board. Candy Roberts, County Finance Director was absent.

Present from the media was Joe Martin of the Cherokee Scout.

The invocation was given by Randy Wiggins.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by all.

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 Cherokee County Schools to use half-cent sales tax funds in the amount of \$29,574 for installation of an HVAC compressor at Ranger School and the purchase of two vehicles. Motion seconded by Commissioner McKinnon. Motion passed unanimously.
- After discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner Wood to approve advertising for sealed bids for .24 acres of property in Bear Paw, owned by Cherokee County. The board agreed that the minimum bid should be equal to the taxes owed and cost of advertising. Motion seconded by Commissioner McKinnon. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

- Valley River Humane Society was tabled until the July 15th board meeting.

New Business:

- After discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner Jordan to appoint Commissioner Meltz as the NCACC Voting Delegate for the NCACC Annual Conference in August. Motion seconded by Commissioner Wood. Motion passed unanimously.
- After discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner Meltz to approve a resolution restructuring the Board of Equalization and Review to conform to the boards recently adopted board policy. Motion seconded by Commissioner Wood. Motion passed unanimously.
- After discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner Wood and seconded by Commissioner Jordan to make the following commissioner appointments: Commissioner Cal Stiles appointed to Hiwassee Valley Pool and Wellness Center Board and Cherokee County Historical Museum Board; Commissioner Meltz to remain on the Tri-County Community College Board and Area Agency on Aging Council; Commissioner McKinnon appointed to Smoky Mountain Center Board and Juvenile Crime Prevention Council; Commissioner Wood to remain on Mountain Folk Center Board, Tourism Development Authority, and

Southwestern Commission RPO; Commissioner Steve Jordan to remain on Board of Health and Airport Advisory Board. Motion passed unanimously.

County Managers Items:

- After discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner McKinnon to approve a technical correction on the budget ordinance. Motion seconded by Commissioner Meltz. Motion passed unanimously.
- After discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner Meltz to approve an amended contract with Hiwassee Dam Volunteer Fire Department to include the Violet Fire Tax Service District. Motion seconded by Commissioner McKinnon. Motion passed unanimously.
- Erika Wood, Mountain Folk Center (MFC) committee member, came before the board to ask the board to support the MFC committee in seeking a grant from the Golden Leaf Foundation for a Kitchen/Cannery at the MFC. After discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner Jordan to allow the MFC committee to apply for grant funding. Motion seconded by Commissioner Meltz. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman's Items:

- Commissioner McKinnon said that Cherokee County needed a clear tax collection policy. Will Roberts, Tax Administrator, is to submit a draft policy to the board for review, and the board will then schedule a worksession to discuss and work through the draft policy.

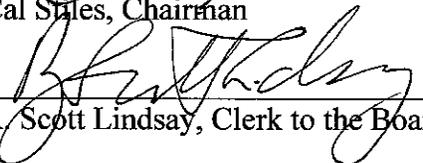
Public Forum:

- Tom Bennett asked how the county can adopt a budget, when the State has not adopted its budget. Mr. Wiggins said that the county has to have an adopted budget by June 30th, and that the budget is based on the best information that is available at the time.
- Someone asked if the casino had to send progress reports to the board of commissioners. The county manager said no.
- Someone asked why Local TV4 was not filming.
- Erika Wood thanked the board for supporting the Mountain Folk Center.

There being no further business to come before the Board, a Motion was made by Commissioner Wood to adjourn. Motion seconded by Commissioner Jordan. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 o'clock p.m.



Cal Stiles, Chairman



R. Scott Lindsay, Clerk to the Board