

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
OF THE  
CHEROKEE COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
JUNE 27, 2013

A Special Called Meeting of the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners was held on June 27, 2013 at 6:00 o'clock p.m. at the Hiwassee Dam Community Center, located at 7829 Hwy 294, Murphy, NC. The purpose of the special called meeting was to hold a public hearing to discuss fire protection options for the Violet area not serviced by a fire tax service district.

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

Present from the media was Dwight Otwell 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.

A Motion was made by Commissioner McKinnon to go into the public hearing. Motion seconded by Commissioner Jordan. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Stiles asked the county manager to update those in attendance with the latest information that has been received from Unaka Volunteer Fire Department (UVFD) and Hiwassee Dam Volunteer Fire Department (HDVFD) for providing fire protection and medical first response to the residents of the Violet area. The county manager shared the three options available to the Violet residents. 1) The county can contract with UVFD to provide fire protection and medical first response to the Violet area for a tax rate of 2.9 cents; 2) the county can contract with HDVFD to provide fire protection, medical first response and rescue services to the Violet area for a tax rate of 5.1 cents; or, 3) do nothing.

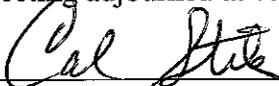
The UVFD would agree to contract with the county to provide services to the Violet area for a tax rate of 2.9 cent; but would not commit to building a substation at this time. It could be an option in the future, should enough members of the Violet area show interest and agree to become trained volunteers. The Unaka option would not provide an insurance benefit at this time, but would allow for fire protection and medical first response.

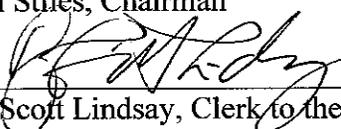
HDVFD would agree to contract with the county to provide services to the Violet area for a tax rate of 5.1 cent. This option would qualify residents within the affected area for a Class 10 rating and they could then purchase homeowner's insurance. There would also be the potential of those properties within 5 or 6 road miles of the Bear Paw station to eventually be added to HDVFD Class 7 and Class 9 insurance districts.

There were 30 people in attendance. Out of those 30 people, seven (7) were in favor of the Unaka VFD option, and nine (9) were in favor of the Hiwassee Dam VFD option.

After listening to all comments and concerns, a Motion was made by Commissioner Wood to adjourn. Motion seconded by Commissioner McKinnon. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 o'clock p.m.

  
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Cal Stiles, Chairman

  
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R. Scott Lindsay, Clerk to the Board