

A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
CHEROKEE COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
September 16, 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 16th day of September, 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; R. Scott Lindsay, County Attorney/Clerk to the Board; and, Candy Roberts, County Finance Director.

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 Meltz to approve a budget revision for a Department of Public Safety Grant for an emergency planning exercise. Motion seconded by Commissioner Wood. Motion passed unanimously.
- After discussion a Motion was made by Commissioner Meltz to approve a budget revision to use sheriff's designated funds to purchase two MacBook Pro computers and software for the Sheriff's Department. Motion seconded by Commissioner Wood. Motion passed unanimously.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner McKinnon to approve a budget revision to transfer utility budget amounts to other departments, due to changes in the use of certain facilities. Motion seconded by Commissioner Meltz. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

- J.R. Dunkley, Chief of Culberson Volunteer Fire Department was on the agenda to update the board of the progress of a new Culberson Fire Department Building. Mr. Dunkley called and cancelled prior to the meeting, saying that he had to be at a meeting in Blue Ridge, Georgia.
- Jeri Ruth Roberts and Dr. Dave Ackerman came before the board to talk about the financial shape of Valley River Humane Society and provide additional information as requested by the board of commissioners.
- After discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner Wood to move forward with assisting Crystal Defalco in obtaining a No Wake Buoy for a cove on Lake Hiwassee. Motion seconded by Commissioner Meltz. Motion failed. Voting in favor of the Motion was Commissioners Wood and Meltz. Voting against the Motion was Commissioners Stiles, McKinnon and Jordan.
- After discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner Wood to move forward with the construction of the Hwy 294 convenience site at the recently purchased property at the corner of Hwy 294 and Candy Mountain Road. Motion seconded by Commissioner Meltz.

Voting in favor of the Motion was Commissioners Wood, Meltz, Stiles and McKinnon. Voting against the Motion was Commissioner Jordan. Commissioner Jordan tried to change his vote, but Motion had already carried.

New Business:

- Cherokee County Transit Director Mike Catuto came before the board to present a resolution of agreement between Cherokee County and NCDOT for funding assistance toward the purchase of vehicles for this fiscal year. A Motion was made by Commissioner Meltz to approve the resolution. Motion seconded by Commissioner McKinnon. Motion passed unanimously.
- The Opt-In Steering Committee appointments were tabled.
- Darrell Decker and Brian King of Cherokee County Rescue Squad came before the board to request a loan from the county in the amount of \$26,000.00 for a term of seven years at 3% interest to cover 10% of their 20% required down payment required for a building loan with the State Employees Credit Union. A Motion was made by Commissioner Wood to approve. Motion seconded by Commissioner McKinnon. Motion passed unanimously.

County Manager Items:

The county manager informed the board that Bart O'Sullivan has cancelled the 2013 Air Show, due to lack of anticipated sponsorship. He said that they may try again next year.

Public Forum:

- Richard Parker, former airport advisory board member said that he has been working in politics with the airport for years, and shared some history of how politics have played an important role in the airport. Mr. Parker also asked about his airport key that the board promised him. Mrs. Hass told Mr. Parker that she would have a key made and get it to Mr. Parker if that was still the pleasure of the board.
- Becky Heister, resident of the Big Rock community said that she was disappointed with the board's decision to move forward with the Hwy 294 convenience site at the corner of Candy Mountain Road.
- Rick Carter questioned the board about the new Opt-In program and cautioned the board to know what strings are attached before accepting or approving any plan.
- Tom Bennett asked if the camper trailer that was at airport had been moved and if power had been disconnected. Tim Wright, owner of the camper trailer was in attendance and said that everything had been removed.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Meltz to adjourn the meeting. Motion failed, due to lack of a second.

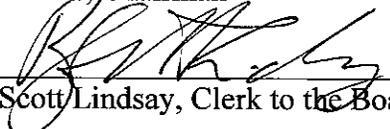
Commissioner McKinnon made a Motion to change the Native Species Policy for county property to exclude convenience sites. Motion seconded by Commissioner Jordan. Voting in favor of the Motion was Commissioners McKinnon, Jordan and Stiles. Voting against the Motion was Commissioners Wood and Meltz.

Commissioner Wood made a Motion to appoint Chuck Grant, former airport advisory board member as a pilot liaison for the airport. Motion failed, due to lack of a second.

There being no further business to come before the Board, a Motion was made by Commissioner Wood to adjourn. Motion seconded by Commissioner Meltz. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 o'clock p.m.



Cal Stiles, Chairman



R. Scott Lindsay, Clerk to the Board