

A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE  
CHEROKEE COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
August 19, 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 19<sup>th</sup> day of August, 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; and Steve Jordan, member. Commissioner David Wood was absent. Also present were the following: Maria Hass, Assistant County Manager; R. Scott Lindsay, County Attorney/Clerk to the Board; and, Candy Roberts, County Finance Director. Randy Wiggins, County Manager, was on vacation.

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

The invocation was given by Commissioner McKinnon.

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 McKinnon to approve a budget revision for repairs to a Transit van. Motion seconded by Commissioner Jordan. Motion passed unanimously.
- After discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner Meltz to approve a budget revision for Share the Warmth Program Revenue from a Duke Energy grant. Motion seconded by Commissioner Jordan. Motion passed unanimously.
- The budget revision for Use of Fund Balance for Airport Driveway was tabled until Commissioner Wood could be present.
- After discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner Meltz to approve a request by Cherokee County Schools for Use of Lottery Funds for Ranger School Debt Service Payment. Motion seconded by Commissioner McKinnon. Motion passed unanimously.
- After discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner Meltz to approve a budget revision to carry forward grant and restricted funds. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stiles. Motion passed unanimously.

**New Business:**

- After discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner Meltz to approve the 2014 County Holiday Schedule as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner McKinnon. Motion passed unanimously.
- After discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner Meltz to appoint Paige Sherrill to the Hiwassee Valley Pool and Wellness Center. Motion seconded by Commissioner Jordan. Motion passed unanimously.
- Jason Derreberry of the Andrews Rescue Squad came before the board to present updated information on a rescue vehicle that he had previously requested financial assistance for. He said that his board had found a 2002 Chevrolet Suburban for \$16,000.00. The board agreed to finance \$77,000. This would allow payoff to BB&T for 2006 Freightliner and the purchase

of the 2002 Chevy Suburban 2500. The interest rate would be 3% for six (6) years, and equate to an annual payment of \$14,214.01. The collateral for the loan will be the 2006 Freightliner VIN# 1FVACXDJ56HU63628 and 2002 Chevrolet Suburban 2500 VIN # 3GNGK26U12G261349

- Jack Lewis spoke in support of the former airport advisory board.

**County Managers Items:**

- Mrs. Hass gave an update on the airport. Mrs. Hass also answered a comment made in the Cherokee Scout by Chuck Grant, former advisory board member, that FAA regulations had not been cited in the recent airport report. Mrs. Hass said that everything was cited in the report, and also commented that Dion Viventi of the N.C. Division of Aviation, the county's FAA representative was at the previous meeting and no one questioned him of the validity of the report. Mrs. Hass stated that the report was compiled with assistance from the Division of Aviation and the county's Risk Management Group.
- Mrs. Hass said that the first meeting in September will be Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, due to the 2<sup>nd</sup> being a holiday.
- The county attorney presented a deed transfer request from Cherokee County Schools for the county to deed property back to the school system. A motion was made by Commissioner McKinnon to approve. Motion seconded by Commissioner Meltz. Motion passed unanimously.

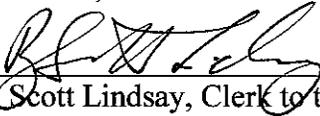
**Public Forum:**

- Several members of the public spoke in opposition of the Candy Mountain/Hwy 294 convenience site. Kathy Vetten of Exit Realty presented nine additional properties for potential alternative locations.
- Tim Wright of Wright's Aviation was upset because he had to move his residence off of airport property and that he could no longer perform non-aviation mechanics at the airport. He felt that he should be able to work on go-carts, autos and boats; and said that he was a night watchman. Mrs. Hass explained again that these things are against FAA rules and regulations.
- Jim Sharkey spoke concerning the recent airport issues, and wanted to know when the airport would be secured. He expressed concerns of leaving his aircraft at the airport.

There being no further business to come before the Board, a Motion was made by Commissioner Meltz to adjourn. Motion seconded by Commissioner McKinnon. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 o'clock p.m.



Cal Stiles, Chairman



R. Scott Lindsay, Clerk to the Board