

A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
CHEROKEE COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
April 21, 2014

Preamble to Minutes read by Vice-Chair 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 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 21st day of April, 2014 at 6:00 o'clock p.m.

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

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

The invocation was given by Mr. Hugh Williamson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by all.

Modification of Agenda:

A Motion was made by Commissioner McKinnon to modify the agenda to remove the NCACC Meeting in a Box, and to add Closed Session to discuss a personnel issue at the end of the agenda. Motion seconded by Commissioner Jordan. Motion passed unanimously.

Adoption of Agenda:

A Motion was made by Commissioner Meltz to approve the modified agenda. Motion seconded by Commissioner McKinnon. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Forum:

Member of the public, Ed Figueroa came before the board to discuss the following airport items: Fencing, obstruction removal, and expiring grant funds.

Member of the public, Shannon Greathead came before the board to complain that commission candidates and incumbent commissioners did not reply to her list of questions that she had previously submitted to each one. She requested a response prior to the May 6th primary election.

Budget Revisions/Finance Items:

- After discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to approve a budget revision for the expenditure of EMS unused capital budget to purchase two cardiac monitors, four stretchers, and four stair chairs. Motion seconded by Commissioner Meltz. Motion passed unanimously.
- After discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner McKinnon to approve a budget revision for use of fund balance to pay invoice for the boarding of horses in the Barnett criminal case. Motion seconded by Commissioner Jordan. Motion passed unanimously. Sheriff Lovin was in attendance and gave an update. Commissioner McKinnon said that he would like to get with Sheriff Lovin and look at viable options to reduce the cost of boarding by relocating the horses to a county-owned property, now that the horses are healthy. Sheriff Lovin said that the property at Pacesetters may be a viable option.

- After discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to approve a budget revision for use of school sales tax funds by Cherokee County Schools for UST compliance with NCDENR, a chemical feed pump at Hiwassee Dam School, Hiwassee Dam ball field irrigation, HVAC repairs, and nonrefundable state portion of sales tax paid on invoices for 13-14. Motion seconded by Commissioner Meltz. Motion passed unanimously.
- After discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner Meltz to approve a budget revision for USFS Timber Receipts to Cherokee County Schools. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stiles. Motion passed unanimously. Commissioner McKinnon suggested that since these were monies that we did not know that we would receive, that he would like to suggest that the school use the money for the last payment on the Andrews High School bleachers.

Old Business:

- A Motion was made by Commissioner McKinnon to approve the 2014 Cherokee County Community Child Protection Team as submitted at the April 7, 2014 meeting by Social Services Director, Donna Crawford. Motion seconded by Commissioner Meltz. Motion passed unanimously.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner Jordan to table the Cherokee County Voluntary Agricultural District Ordinance, since Commissioner Wood was absent, and all board members must be present to vote at first reading. Motion seconded by Commissioner McKinnon. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

- Danielle Smiley and Tessa Wright of Smoky Mountain Urgent Care of Bryson City came before the board on behalf of Dr. Randall Castor, to discuss the future Andrews Urgent Care at the old health department building. Dr. Castor has requested permission to place "Coming Soon/Opening Soon" signage at the facility and has also requested permission to do some minor renovations. A Motion made by Commissioner McKinnon to approve the request, pending approval of lease agreement. Motion seconded by Commissioner Jordan. Motion passed unanimously. The county attorney will draft a lease to include all agreed upon items between the board of commissioners and Smoky Mountain Urgent Care to be presented for approval at the board's next meeting.
- Shelly Foreman with Smoky Mountain Center was not in attendance to give update.
- Denise Coleman came before the board on behalf of the Evergreen Foundation to share the company's annual report and give an update. The Evergreen Foundation provides grant funding for Mental Health, Substance Abuse and Developmental Disability Programs and Services for the seven westernmost counties in North Carolina.
- After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner McKinnon to approve the tax releases and refunds, as presented by Delenna Stiles. Motion seconded by Commissioner Jordan. Commissioner Stiles abstained due to being a refund recipient. Motion passed.
- After discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner McKinnon to approve the 2014 National Day of Prayer Proclamation. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stiles. Motion passed unanimously.
- Andrews Mayor Nancy Curtis was not in attendance to present a resolution request by the Town of Andrews for bridge naming in memory of Joseph El-Khoury. A Motion was made by Commissioner McKinnon to table the resolution request. Motion seconded by Commissioner Jordan. Motion passed unanimously.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner McKinnon to table a Right-of-Way request by Duke Power. Motion seconded by Commissioner Jordan. Motion passed unanimously.
- Doug Clement came before the board to give an update on the Mountain Folk Center property and the repair needs of the facility; and also shared a request by D.R. Auctions

to lease the livestock barn for livestock auctions. No action was taken.

- After discussion, the board agreed to allow NCDOT to move forward with a survey of the Mountain Folk Center property that NCDOT has proposed to lease, which is above where they are currently located, so as not to interfere with other activities going on at the Mountain Folk Center. NCDOT is planning to construct a salt storage facility, and would like a long-term lease, since their level of investment in the facility would be between \$200,000 and \$300,000. Commissioner McKinnon suggested that maybe NCDOT would agree to help us maintain other areas of the Mountain Folk Center property with mowing and maintenance issues. Commissioner Stiles suggested that the DOT construct a turnaround area at the end of the access road.

County Manager Items:

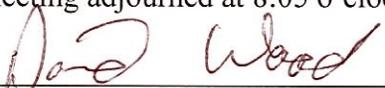
- A Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to reschedule the May 5th 6 p.m. board meeting to May 8th at 9:00 a.m. Motion seconded by Commissioner McKinnon. Motion passed unanimously.
- The county manager announced that the public hearing for the FY14-15 budget is scheduled for the June 2nd regularly scheduled board meeting.
- The county manager gave board members a draft schedule of possible budget worksession dates and asked the board to review. The board set May 13th, 14th and 15th for departmental budget meetings, and May 20th and 21st for additional potential dates.

Closed Session:

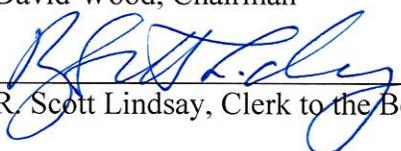
At 7:40 p.m., a Motion was made by Commissioner McKinnon to go into closed session to discuss a personnel matter. Motion seconded by Commissioner Meltz. Motion passed unanimously.

After returning to open session, there was no action taken on matters discussed in closed session.

There being no further business to come before the Board, a Motion was made by Commissioner Jordan to adjourn. Motion seconded by Commissioner Meltz. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 o'clock p.m.



David Wood, Chairman



R. Scott Lindsay, Clerk to the Board