

A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
CHEROKEE COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
March 13, 2014

Preamble to Minutes read by Chairman Wood: "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 Special Called Meeting of the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners was held in the Commissioners Boardroom of the Cherokee County Courthouse in Murphy, North Carolina on the 13th day of March, 2014 at 5:30 o'clock a.m.

The following Commissioners were present for the meeting: David Wood, Chairman; Lorraine M. Meltz, Vice-Chair; C.B. McKinnon, member; Cal Stiles, member; and Steve Jordan, member. 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, County Finance Director.

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.

Donna Tipton-Rogers, Bill Vespasian and Paul Worley came before the board to request additional funding in the amount of \$163,000.00 to cover operational costs for the remainder of this fiscal year. Mrs. Tipton-Rogers said that if they did not receive the funds that they would have to close programs, and have to close a building. No action was taken on the matter.

The board discussed releasing the tax penalties on a piece of property owned by Lisa Grant. The tax penalties resulted when Mrs. Grant replaced her singlewide mobile home with a doublewide mobile home, and failed to list it through the county tax office. The tax assessor discovered the change in the property and sent a new bill, which included penalties and interest. No action was taken on the matter.

The board also discussed establishing an Adult Entertainment Ordinance to regulate certain types of activities within Cherokee County, and reviewed a draft ordinance which was prepared by the county attorney. The board reviewed the draft ordinance page by page and discussed the definitions, application procedures, application fees, establishment license, performer license fees, and fines and penalties for violations. The county attorney was directed by the board to research North Carolina law and determine the extent of restrictive measures that a county can take to regulate such businesses; since they cannot be prohibited. Commissioner Stiles said that he would like for the county attorney to also see if we can prohibit the use, sale, or possession of alcohol at such establishments. The county attorney will revise the draft ordinance to be considered at a later date. No action was taken on the matter.

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 8:02 o'clock p.m.

David Wood, Chairman

R. Scott Lindsay, Clerk to the Board