

A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE  
CHEROKEE COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
August 3, 2015

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 3<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2015 at 6:30 o'clock p.m.

The following Commissioners were present for the meeting: C.B. McKinnon, Chairman; Cal Stiles, Vice-Chairman; Dan Eichenbaum, member; Gary Westmoreland, member; and Roy Dickey, member. Also present were the following: Randy Wiggins, County Manager; Candy Roberts Anderson, County Finance Director; R. Scott Lindsay, County Attorney/Assistant Clerk to the Board; and Maria Hass, Assistant County Manager/Clerk to the Board.

Media present were the Cherokee Scout and Local TV4. DVD copies of commission meetings may be purchased at Local TV4.

Chairman McKinnon read the boards adopted ethics statement.

The invocation was given by Sheriff Derrick Palmer.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by all.

**Modification of Agenda:**

A Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to add a budget revision under Finance and Budget, as item "e"-Use of School Sales Tax for Multiple Projects. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Eichenbaum to add a Flex Spending Resolution under New Business as item "e". Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed.

**Agenda Adoption:**

A Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to adopt the agenda. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed.

**Public Forum: None**

**Meeting Minutes:**

A Motion was made by Commissioner Dickey to approve the meeting minutes of July 6<sup>th</sup>. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed.

**Finance and Budget:**

- A Motion was made by Commissioner Eichenbaum to approve a resolution authorizing the budget officer and finance director to transfer monies within the same fund if necessary for FY15-16. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner Eichenbaum to approve a budget revision for use of contingency to upgrade the county's Shortel phone system. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner Dickey to approve a budget revision for use of sheriff's designated funds to purchase an additional patrol car. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stiles. Motion passed.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to approve a budget revision for acceptance of a grant from the Center for Public Health Quality for the health department. Motion

seconded by Commissioner Eichenbaum. Motion passed.

- A Motion was made by Commissioner Dickey to approve a budget revision for use of school sales tax funds for an ADA ramp and multiple chiller repairs at various schools. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed.

**New Business:**

- After discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to approve the tax releases and refunds, as presented by Delenna Stiles. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner Eichenbaum to enter into a Tent Use Agreement with BRMEMC for use of a BRMEMC Tent at the upcoming county fair. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to appoint Thomas Nelson to the Hiwassee Valley Pool and Wellness Center Board to replace Barbara Vicknair, who recently resigned. Mr. Nelson's term is effectively immediately and will expire June 30, 2017. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to appoint Joseph Liguori to the Hiwassee Valley Pool and Wellness Center Board to replace Terry Jones, who recently resigned. Mr. Liguori's term is effective immediately and will expire June 30, 2018. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner McKinnon to appoint Marla Kephart to the Hiwassee Valley Pool and Wellness Center Board to replace Tom Flinn. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed. Commissioner McKinnon said that Mr. Flinn had notified the board that he would be resigning in September anyway.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner Dickey to re-appoint Amy Davis to the Nantahala Regional Library Board for a six-year term. Mrs. Davis' term will expire August 31, 2021. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stiles. Motion passed.
- After discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner Dickey to approve a resolution adding a non-discriminatory clause to the county's flex spending plan. Motion seconded by Commissioner Eichenbaum. Motion passed.

**Chairman/Commissioner Items:**

Commissioner McKinnon said that he had met with the forest service concerning the Hanging Dog Campground, and there will be another meeting soon and that he will let the board know the outcome.

Commissioner Stiles said that Ms. Ramsey of Senator Burr's office told him that the Hanging Dog Campground will reopen next year.

Commissioner Stiles told the board that he had just received a response from Representative West concerning the tribal tax issue. All board members expressed a desire to see language added to the bill that would assure that counties do not have an obligation to provide services to tribal/trust property, where the county has no taxing authority. Commissioner Stiles said that he would forward the e-mail to the board, following the meeting.

The County Manager told the board that there has been no response from EBCI concerning the county's latest offer to provide EMS services, even though the board had requested a response from EBCI by July 20th. The board will address the issue at their August 17<sup>th</sup> board meeting.

**Closed Session:**

A Motion was made by Commissioner Dickey to go into closed session, pursuant to §143-318.11(6) to discuss a personnel issue. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stiles. Motion passed.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to return to open session. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed.

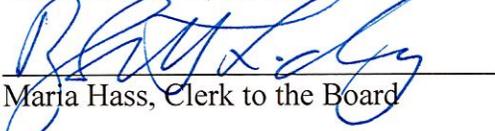
After returning to open session, no action was taken on matter discussed in closed session.

**Adjourn:**

There being no further business to come before the Board, a Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to adjourn. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 o'clock p.m.

  
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C.B. McKinnon, Chairman

  
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Maria Hass, Clerk to the Board