

A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
CHEROKEE COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
December 7, 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 7th day of December, 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; Maria Hass, Assistant County Manager and Clerk to the Board; Candy Roberts Anderson, County Finance Director; and, R. Scott Lindsay, County Attorney/Assistant Clerk to the Board.

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

The Clerk to the Board read the boards adopted ethics statement.

The invocation was given by County Manager, Randy Wiggins.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by all.

Organizational Meeting:

The Clerk presided and asked for nominations for Chairman for the ensuing year. A Motion was made by Commissioner Eichenbaum to re-appoint Commissioner McKinnon as board Chairman. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed.

Chairman McKinnon presided over the remainder of the meeting.

The Chairman called for nominations of Vice-Chairman. A Motion was made by Commissioner Westmoreland to appoint Commissioner Eichenbaum as Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed.

Agenda Modification: None

Agenda Adoption:

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

Public Forum: None

Finance and Budget:

- A Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to approve a budget revision for request of school sales tax for multiple school projects. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner Dickey to approve a budget revision for use of contingency funds in the amount of \$4,150 for additional dollars needed to purchase a horizontal baler for the landfill. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stiles. Motion passed.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner Eichenbaum to approve a budget revision to carry forward balances of the Cherokee County Preservation Grant and the Honeybee Loss Prevention Grant to FY 15-16, for monies not yet expended by Cooperative Extension. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed.

New Business:

- A Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to approve the NCVTS Refunds. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner Westmoreland to approve the tax refund report. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed.
- After discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner Eichenbaum to approve the request for tax releases. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner Eichenbaum to approve the Corporate Rate Policy for the Hiwassee Valley Pool and Wellness Center. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stiles. Motion passed.
- Superintendent of Schools, Jeana Conley, came before the board to give an update on a lawsuit filed by multiple school districts against the State of NC for withholding State misdemeanor confinement funds and fines and forfeiture funds which, per general statute, are to be returned to counties for local schools.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to re-appoint Ed Wood and John Shields to the Farmland Preservation Board. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed.
- After discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner Eichenbaum to allow local schools archery clubs to use a building at the Mountain Folk Center for their archery programs. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed.
- After discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner Eichenbaum to approve a budget revision accepting additional State funds for the Cherokee County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC). Motion seconded by Commissioner Stiles. Motion passed.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner Dickey to approve the JCPC certification, as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed.
- The county manager informed the board that Tax Assessor, Eddie Allen had received his certification as a N.C. Certified Tax Assessor, and that he had done so, a year earlier than anticipated. The county manager said that when Mr. Allen was hired, that he was appointed to a two-year term and that it was agreed that he would receive a \$5,000.00 salary increase, once certified. After discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to appoint Eddie Allen to a four-year term as County Tax Assessor. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed.
- A motion was made by Commissioner Westmoreland to approve a budget revision to allow for Mr. Allen's salary increase to take effect in the current fiscal year. Motion seconded by Commissioner Eichenbaum. Motion passed.

County Manager Items:

The board cancelled their December 21st meeting.

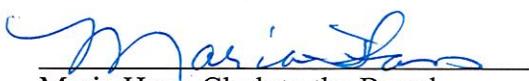
Chairman/Commissioner Items:

Commissioner McKinnon introduced Christine Standish and recognized her for being appointed to the North Carolina Appraisal Board. The board congratulated Ms. Standish.

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 7:00 o'clock p.m.


C.B. McKinnon, Chairman


Maria Hass, Clerk to the Board