

A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE  
CHEROKEE COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
October 19, 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 19th day of October, 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; 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.

Chairman McKinnon read the boards adopted ethics statement.

The invocation was given by Sheriff Derrick Palmer.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by all.

**Agenda Modification:**

A Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to add Sheriff Palmer to the end of New Business as Item (f) for an update on casino impacts, and a request for additional personnel. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed.

**Agenda Adoption:**

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

**Public Hearing for NCDOT Grants 5310 and 5311:**

A Motion was made by Commissioner Dickey to open the public hearing for public input of the 5310 and 5311 NCDOT grants for Cherokee County Transit. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stiles. Motion passed.

Mike Catuto, Transit Director, gave an overview of the transportation grants. There were no public comments.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Eichenbaum to close the public hearing. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Eichenbaum to approve the resolutions for NCDOT 5310 grant and NCDOT 5311 grant. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stiles. Motion passed.

**Public Forum:**

Colton Overcash, Western Regional Representative for Senator Thom Tillis, was in attendance, and introduced himself and said that Senator Tillis is looking to open a tri-county regional office.

### **Finance and Budget:**

- The finance director gave a financial update on the Hiwassee Valley Pool and Wellness Center through September 30th. No action required.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner Eichenbaum to approve a carry-over of prior fiscal year budgeted items. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner Dickey to approve a budget revision for use of contingency to purchase a maintenance contract for detention center security equipment. Motion seconded by Commissioner Eichenbaum. Motion passed.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to approve a budget revision for use of school sales tax funds for a handicap ramp, chiller repairs, compressor replacement, and sensor replacement. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed.

### **New Business:**

- After discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner Dickey to approve the Tax Collector Write-Off Report. Motion seconded by Commissioner Eichenbaum. Motion passed.
- After discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner Dickey to approve the Tax Collector Request for Releases. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed.
- After discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner Eichenbaum to approve the tax releases and refunds. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner Westmoreland to Stiles to approve the Tax Refund Report. Motion seconded by Commissioner Eichenbaum. Motion passed.
- Tri-County Community College Board of Trustee Applicants, Donna Bryant and Hugh Williamson, came before the board to introduce themselves and to express their interest in serving on the TCCC Board of Trustees.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to appoint Donna Bryant to the TCCC Board of Trustees. Motion seconded by Commissioner Eichenbaum. Motion passed. Mrs. Bryant will serve in the seat previously held by John Carringer.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner Eichenbaum to appoint Larry Kernea to the TCCC Board of Trustees. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Voting in favor of the Motion was Commissioners Eichenbaum, Westmoreland, Dickey, and McKinnon. Voting against the Motion was Commissioner Stiles. Commissioner Stiles said that since this appointment slot was originally advertised by Cherokee County Schools, that it should be re-advertised by the board of commissioners, now that it is a county commission appointment.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner Eichenbaum to appoint Hugh Williamson to the TCCC Board of Trustees, to replace Linda Ditmore, who was serving in a carryover capacity. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed.
- Sheriff Palmer came before the board to give an update on the impact of the casino, and to request additional personnel and vehicles. He said that he needs four additional deputies and two additional investigators, but since it is in the middle of the budget year, he is asking for two additional deputies and an additional investigator; half of his personnel needs. Sheriff Palmer also asked for approval to use federal forfeiture money to purchase two additional vehicles. A Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to allow the purchase of a 2008 Ford Expedition and a 2015 Ford Explorer. Motion seconded by Commissioner Eichenbaum. Motion passed. Commissioner McKinnon said that he would like to delay the personnel request, to allow time for the finance director to get an exact cost.

### **Chairman/Commissioner Items:**

Commissioner McKinnon gave an update on the Hanging Dog campground, saying that there was a tentative agreement reached with the USFS to re-open the campground next year.

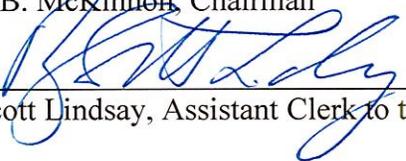
Commissioner Eichenbaum reminded citizens about the upcoming county fair, and gave an

overview of scheduled activities.

**Adjourn:**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 o'clock p.m.

  
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C.B. McKinnon, Chairman

  
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Scott Lindsay, Assistant Clerk to the Board