

A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD
OF COMMISSIONERS
June 6, 2016

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 6th day of June, 2016 at 6:30 o'clock p.m.

The following Commissioners were present for the meeting: C.B. McKinnon, Chairman; Dan Eichenbaum, Vice-Chairman; Cal Stiles, 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; 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 Chairman read the boards adopted ethics statement.

The invocation was given by Sheriff Palmer.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by all.

Agenda Modification:

A Motion was made by Commissioner Dickey to remove item "a" under New Business (Revision of Ag Ordinance); and replace it with "Approval for Change of Fireworks Display Date" for the Town of Andrews. Motion seconded by Stiles. Motion passed.

Agenda Adoption:

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

Public Forum:

- Gary Chamberlain came before the board to ask the board to get involved in community cleanup. Mr. Chamberlain asked the board to adopt a two-mile section of Hwy 19, near the casino.
- David Vowell came before the board, once again, to ask for support of the Cherokee County Arts Council.

Finance and Budget:

- A Motion was made by Commissioner Eichenbaum to approve a budget revision for the rental of a crane to assess the damage of the courthouse dome. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner Dickey to approve a FEMA grant for Emergency Management to replenish supplies and materials on the SMAT (State Medical Assistance Team) trailer. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stiles. Motion passed. There is no county match required for this grant.

Budget revisions are available for public inspection, in the office of the Finance Director.

New Business:

- A Motion was made by Commissioner Eichenbaum to revise the firework permit for the Town of Andrews for the date of July 2nd, instead of July 4th. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed.
- After discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner Westmoreland to appoint Lisa Williams to the Cherokee County Board of Health in the registered nurse position, to serve the remaining term of Audrey Hughes. The term will expire June 30, 2017. Motion seconded by Commissioner Eichenbaum. Motion passed.
- The Economic Development Commission appointments were tabled until the June 20th meeting.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner Westmoreland to approve the Request for Tax Releases. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed.
- A Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to approve the Tax Refund Report. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed.
- After discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner Dickey to approve revised contracts for the volunteer fire departments. The contracts now include rescue services. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stiles. Motion passed.
- Emergency Management director, Robin Caldwell came before the board to give an update on a recent Active Shooter Drill.
- Emergency Management director, Robin Caldwell came before the board to share a mutual aid agreement between Cherokee County and Clay County. This was an FYI only and no action was needed.
- After discussion, the board instructed the Sheriff to get additional quotes for the LED lighting project at the detention center, and be ready to proceed on July 1st.
- After discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to allow Hiwassee Dam VFD to apply for a rescue grant, and for the county to provide a \$25,000.00 match, if the grant is awarded. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed.
- The county manager shared a cost-share opportunity for the county to partner with IOI to make 1st responder tourniquets. Mr. Wiggins said that IOI is the manufacturer of tactical medical tourniquets, and that they have requested assistance in the amount of \$1,736.00 to manufacture 200 tourniquets. After board discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner Eichenbaum to approve the request. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.

County Manager:

The county manager gave an update on the maintenance hangar at the airport, saying that he had not heard from Wright's Aviation, concerning the airport maintenance hangar lease. With all efforts exhausted, Commissioner McKinnon suggested moving through the process, as we would do with any other tenant. The county attorney will file an ejectment proceeding.

Chairman/Commissioner Items:

Commissioner Eichenbaum expressed his concerns about the budget and providing money to special interest groups, such as the Cherokee County Soccer League and Senior Services congregate meals. He said that he was opposed to the board's recent action supporting the funding of these two programs and asked the board to reconsider their votes. Commissioners Stiles, Dickey and Westmoreland said that they stood by their initial decision. Commissioner's Eichenbaum and McKinnon both oppose.

Executive Session:

A Motion was made by Commissioner Dickey to go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter. Motion seconded by Commissioner Eichenbaum. Motion passed.

While in executive session, the board met with Board of Health members, Curtis Brown and Chris Dickey to discuss applications for the health director position.

After returning to open session, there was no action taken.

Adjourn:

There being no further business to come before the Board, a Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to adjourn. Motion seconded by Commissioner McKinnon. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 o'clock p.m.

THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED JULY 5, 2016