

Cherokee County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
January 21, 2020  
6:30 P.M.  
Cherokee County Courthouse

Members present: Roy Dickey, Chairman; C.B. McKinnon, Vice-Chairman; Cal Stiles, member; Dr. Dan Eichenbaum, member; and Gary Westmoreland, member.

Staff present: Randy Wiggins, County Manager; Candy Anderson, Finance Officer; and Darryl Brown, County Attorney.

Meetings are recorded by Local TV 4 and WKRK Radio Facebook Live.

**I. Call to Order**

**II. Ethics Statement**

Ethics statement read by Chairman.

**III. Invocation-Sheriff Palmer**

**IV. Pledge of Allegiance-Led by Dr. Dan Eichenbaum.**

**V. Modification of Agenda**

Motion made by Commissioner Eichenbaum to add a budget revision for Cherokee County Schools use of sales tax as item "e" under Budget and Finance. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stiles. Motion passed unanimously.

**VI. Agenda Adoption**

Motion made by Commissioner Westmoreland to adopt the agenda as modified. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stiles. Motion passed unanimously.

**VII. Public Forum-There were no public comments.**

**VIII. Finance and Budget**

Motion made by Commissioner Stiles to approve a budget revision to accept additional Juvenile Crime Prevention Council funds. There was no county match. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Commissioner Westmoreland to approve a budget revision for hiring an additional heavy equipment operator at the landfill. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stiles. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Commissioner Eichenbaum to approve the following health department fees:

CPT	Vaccine	Cost	BCBS	Crescent	Admin	Proposed Fee
90738	Japanese Encephalitis	\$296	260.98	161.8	\$15.00	\$311.00
90675	Rabies PrEP	\$285	294.53	208.22	\$15.00	\$300.00
90691	Typhoid	\$110	89.73	76.24	\$15.00	\$125.00

Motion seconded by Commissioner McKinnon. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Commissioner Stiles to set DSS Board meeting pay to match Board of Commissioners special meeting pay. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Commissioner Eichenbaum to approve a budget revision for Cherokee County School's use of sales tax for multiple projects. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stiles. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **IX. New Business**

Motion made by Commissioner McKinnon to approve the tax releases. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stiles. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Commissioner Westmoreland to approve the tax refund report. Motion seconded by Commissioner McKinnon. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Commissioner Stiles to approve the request from Nantahala Regional Library to use remaining budgeted capital funds to replace antiquated lighting. Motion seconded by Commissioner Eichenbaum. Motion passed unanimously.

No action was taken on the Hiwassee Dam VFD facility needs proposal.

Motion made by Commissioner Stiles to approve a proposal by McGill Associates for the new EMS Station 1 project, as presented by engineer Joel Storrow. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Voting in favor of the Motion was Commissioners Stiles, Westmoreland, and Dickey. Voting against the Motion was Commissioners McKinnon and Eichenbaum. Motion passed.

Motion made by Commissioner McKinnon that the County and Solid Waste Enforcement Officers use the magistrate as the first option for enforcing solid waste violations. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stiles. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board discussed landfill space issues associated with excessive bulky, non-compostable solid waste coming into the landfill. The landfill director is researching options and will report back to the Board at to future meeting.

#### **X. County Manager Items**

Motion made by Commissioner McKinnon to approve a tree removal project at Marble Community Center. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stiles. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Commissioner McKinnon to approve accepting a land donation from Ms. Anne Daley. The property, known as Lot 49 is located in Wilderness Lake Subdivision and adjoins the land previously donated by Ms. Daley to Cherokee County. Motion seconded by Commissioner Eichenbaum. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **XI. Commissioner Items**

Commissioner Westmoreland said that he would like to invite Mr. John Glenn to attend a future board meeting to discuss the Certificate of Need that Mr. Glenn holds for the Peachtree Assisted Living Project. The board agreed and asked the County Manager to reach out to Mr. Glenn.

Commissioner Eichenbaum talked about the Virginia gun rights rally and said that Commissioner McKinnon was there and also interviewed by MSNBC.

#### **XII. Closed Session**

Motion made by Commissioner McKinnon to go into closed session pursuant to 143-318.11 (a) (5i)-To discuss the price and other material terms of a contract or proposed contract for the acquisition of real property by purchase, option, exchange, or lease. Motion seconded by Commissioner Eichenbaum. Motion passed unanimously.

### **XIII. Open Session**

After returning to open session, a Motion was made by Commissioner Eichenbaum to send a letter to Mark Kimball, CEO of Erlanger Western Carolina Hospital, notifying him that Cherokee County is applying the same transfer policy to Graham County as it did Clay County. That policy states that Cherokee County EMS will no longer provide transfer services to Erlanger Western Carolina Hospital patients delivered to Erlanger WC by Graham County EMS or any other service providing such services on behalf of Graham County EMS. The same exceptions shall apply and are for reference: 1. the patient is a Cherokee County Resident; 2. Cherokee County EMS originally transferred the patient to Erlanger WC; and 3. the patient meets flight criteria and flight services are unable to fly. Motion seconded by Commissioner McKinnon. Motion passed unanimously.

### **XIV. Adjournment**

There being no further business, a Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to adjourn. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed unanimously.

**THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON FEBRUARY 17, 2020.**