Cherokee County Board of Commissioners
Special Called Meeting Minutes
April 14, 2026

Board members present: Alan Bryant, Chairman; Ben Adams, Vice-Chairman; Mark Stiles, member; Dr. Jeana Conley, member; and Dr. Sue Lynn Ledford, member.

Others present: Randy Wiggins, County Manager; Candy Anderson, Chief Financial Officer; and Maria Hass, Assistant County Manager/Clerk to Board.

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Location: Cherokee County Courthouse, Room 342.

Note: Meetings are live streamed by Local TV4 and posted on the Local TV 4 Facebook page. A DVD is also available for check-out in the Office of the Clerk to the Board, until such time meeting minutes are drafted and posted.

Call to Order by Chairman

Invocation

Pledge

Ethics Statement "Members of the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners are reminded and advised of their duties under state law and the Cherokee County Code of Ethics Resolution, as such may pertain of their personal actions and actions of the board".

Adopt Agenda
Motion made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Conley to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Work Session with the Tourism Development Authority (TDA)
Following discussion of the Tourism Development Authority board structure, and in consultation with Cherokee County Tourism Development Director and Town of Murphy and Town of Andrews representatives, a Motion was made by Commissioner Bryant and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve sending a resolution to the county's legislative representatives requesting amended legislation to restructure the Cherokee County Tourism Development Authority. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Commissioner Ledford and seconded by Commissioner Bryant to schedule a public hearing on May 4th to receive public input on the county's intent to adopt a resolution increasing the Cherokee County room occupancy tax by an additional two percent (2%), for a total room occupancy tax of six percent (6%), to take effect July 1, 2026. Motion passed unanimously.

Board of Commissioners Strategic Planning Discussion

- Commissioner Adams shared a Strategic Fire Service Planning document from Johnston County, NC and asked board members to take it and review. He shared concerns about the lack of volunteerism across the counties multiple fire departments and what that means for future fire protection services.

- Strategic Planning Discussion – Commissioner Ledford expressed the importance of the board developing a strategic plan, and suggested the board find a time for a meeting to specifically discuss strategic planning. Board members will check their calendars and coordinate with administrative staff.

Adjourn

Motion made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Conley to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.

THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON SEPTEMBER 16, 2026.