

Cherokee County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 15, 2019
6:30 P.M.
Cherokee County Courthouse

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

Staff present: Randy Wiggins, County Manager; Candy Anderson, Finance Officer; Maria Hass, Assistant County Manager and Clerk to the Board; and Darryl Brown, County Attorney.

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I. Call to Order

II. Ethics Statement

The Clerk reminded the Board of their duty under the Local Government Ethics Act.

III. Invocation

IV. Pledge of Allegiance

V. Modification of Agenda

Motion made by Commissioner Eichenbaum to remove item "f" under new business to item "a" under finance and budget. Motion seconded by Commissioner McKinnon. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Commissioner McKinnon to add a budget revision for the senior center as item "e" under budget and finance. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stiles. Motion passed unanimously.

VI. Agenda Adoption

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

VII. Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Commissioner Stiles to approve the minutes of April 1, 2019. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Finance and Budget Items

Wayne Sullivan of Municipal Engineering and Rob Ward, Cherokee County Solid Waste Director came before the Board to discuss urgent landfill space issues and construction planning.

Motion made by Commissioner McKinnon to approve a budget revision for use of contingency funds for landfill track hoe undercarriage replacement and repairs. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Commissioner Eichenbaum to allow Solid Waste Director, Rob Ward, to move forward with applying for tags, licensing and permitting for county solid waste and to take the steps that are necessary to manage the transfer of waste to out-of-county facilities, as necessary. Additionally, the Motion includes approving a budget revision for use of fund balance in the amount of \$140,000 to transfer waste to Advanced Disposal Services in Blue Ridge, Georgia, as needed through June 30, 2019. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stiles. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Commissioner Stiles to allow Mr. Ward to begin work for the permitting process to develop the landfill transfer station. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Commissioner Dickey to allow Mr. Ward to identify, and work with, the best-cost local contractor to manage the transfer of waste out of county. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board requested an update on solid waste developments at each board meeting.

Motion made by Commissioner Stiles to approve a budget revision to replace the HVAC at the senior center. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed unanimously.

IX. New Business

Motion made by Commissioner Eichenbaum to approve tax releases, as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Nantahala Regional Library Board of Trustees Applicants, Wendy Paige and Daniel Ferreira came before the board for brief introductions.

Tom O'Brien, of Industrial Opportunities, Inc. came before the board to educate and speak in support of National Day of Choice, which was being recognized the following day on April 16th. Mr. O'Brien also said that IOI celebrated its 45th anniversary in March of this year.

The county manager informed the Board that More than Enough Foster Care Ministry will be holding a prayer vigil on the courthouse steps on May 16, 2019 from 5-6 PM.

Motion made by Commissioner Stiles to adopt the 2019 National Day of Prayer Proclamation. Motion seconded by Commissioner Eichenbaum. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Commissioner Stiles to approve a resolution in opposition to Catawba Indian Nation building a casino in North Carolina. 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 3-2.

X. Chairman/Commissioner Items

Commissioner Stiles said that he spoke with the NCDOT Road Commissioner and that NCDOT had approved the property at the corner of Jackson and Peachtree Street for EMS Station 1, with the caveat that at any time the property ceases to be used for public purposes, it would revert back to DOT. Commissioner Westmoreland said it is a great location and that he appreciated Commissioner Stiles' efforts on obtaining the property.

XI. Adjournment at 7:50 PM.

**THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON MAY 6, 2019.**