Cherokee County Board of Commissioners
Meeting Minutes
May 26, 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".

Modification of Agenda
Motion made by Commissioner Ledford and seconded by Commissioner Conley to modify the agenda as follows:
1) Add DSS stipend discussion
2) Parks and Recreation Fee Policy for For-Profit Use
Motion passed unanimously.

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

Public Hearing for Comments on FY 27 Proposed Budget
- Motion made by Commissioner Bryant and seconded by Commissioner Ledford to open the public hearing. Motion passed unanimously.
- During public comments, Jan Griggs questioned Vincent Valuations and shared concerns of an issue with the firm in Pender County
- Motion made by Commissioner Adams and seconded by Commissioner Conley to close the public hearing. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment Period

Budget and Finance
Motion made by Commissioner Conley and seconded by Commissioner Adams to approve Cherokee County Schools request for use of Article 40/42 sales tax in the amount of $9,125 for HVAC Control software upgrade at Andrews Middle School and Martin's Creek. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Commissioner Conley and seconded by Commissioner Bryant that exempt DSS employees sitting with a child at the Cottage outside of normal working hours receive 1.5-hour stipend for each hour worked, and 4-hours for each holiday worked. Non-exempt employees would also receive the 4-hour stipend when working on a holiday. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business
Motion made by Commissioner Adams and seconded by Commissioner Bryant to appoint Sandra Daley as Chairperson of the Tourism Development Authority. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Commissioner Conley and seconded by Commissioner Ledford to appoint Commissioner Bryant to the Southwestern Rural Planning Organization (RPO). Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Commissioner Adams and seconded by Commissioner Bryant to appoint Commissioner Ledford to the VAYA Health Board. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Commissioner Ledford and seconded by Commissioner Conley to re-appoint Dr. Grady Hester to the Cherokee County Board of Health to serve in the Veterinarian Position. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Commissioner Ledford and seconded by Commissioner Conley to re-appoint Mike Bradberry to the Cherokee County Board of Health in the Community Member position. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Commissioner Bryant and seconded by Commissioner Conley to appoint Al Lovingood to the Tri-County Community College Board of Trustees. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Commissioner Adams and seconded by Commissioner Conley to approve the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC) Annual Plan and Certification. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Commissioner Ledford and seconded by Commissioner Bryant to approve the 2026 Juneteenth Proclamation. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Commissioner Adams and seconded by Commissioner Bryant to approve a resolution rescinding the July 2025 Residual Tax Value of Personal Property Policy and adopting the 2026 policy for Residual Tax Value of Personal Property. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Commissioner Adams and seconded by Commissioner Conley to approve the

Tax Releases, Tax Refund Report, and NCVTS, as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Commissioner Ledford and seconded by Commissioner Bryant that all resolutions being sent for legislative support will be available for public review for 30 days and a public hearing will be scheduled following end of review period. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Commissioner Bryant and seconded by Commissioner Conley to send a letter to SBA Communications Corporation requesting engagement and inventory review to bridge critical infrastructure gaps. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Commissioner Adams and seconded by Commissioner Conly to approve a Contract for legal services for the Office of the Sheriff. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Commissioner Adams and seconded by Commissioner Conley to adopt the Parks and Recreation Fee Policy for For-Profit Use. For-profit organizations will be required to pay Cherokee County 10% of receipts and provide proof of a $2 million insurance policy. Motion passed unanimously.

County Manager Items
The county manager gave an update on the landfill mechanic's building project.

Closed Session
Motion made by Commissioner Ledford and seconded by Commissioner Conley to go into closed session to prevent the disclosure of information that is privileged or confidential pursuant to the law of this State or of the United States or not considered a public record within the meaning of Chapter 132 of the General Statutes.

Open Session
After returning to open session, no action was taken on matters discussed in closed session.

Adjourn
Motion made by Commissioner Adams and seconded by Commissioner Bryant to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.

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