

Cherokee County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting Minutes
July 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; Maria Hass, Assistant County Manager and Clerk to the Board; and Darryl Brown, County Attorney.

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I. Call to Order

Ethics Statement read by the Chairman.

II. Invocation

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Agenda Adoption

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

V. Public Forum-There were no public comments.

VI. Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Commissioner McKinnon to approve the minutes of May 20, 2019. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Commissioner Stiles to approve the minutes of June 3, 2019. Motion seconded by Commissioner Eichenbaum. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Commissioner Stiles to approve the minutes of June 5, 2019. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.

VII. Finance and Budget

The Board received the "Declared Surplus Property Disposal" report from the finance officer. No action required.

Motion made by Commissioner Stiles to accept the GovDeals bid of \$5,973.75 for the tax foreclosure property at Bear Creek subdivision. Motion seconded by Commissioner Eichenbaum. Motion passed unanimously.

VIII. New Business

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

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

Motion made by Commissioner Dickey to approve the NCVTS report. Motion seconded by Commissioner McKinnon. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Commissioner Westmoreland to appoint Commissioner McKinnon as the voting delegate for the 2019 NCACC annual conference. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Commissioner Westmoreland to appoint Commissioner Stiles to the Cherokee County Tourism Development Authority in an ex-officio position. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Larry Parker came before the board for a brief introduction and to share his interest in serving on the Tri-County Community College Board of Trustees.

Motion made by Commissioner Dickey to reappoint Tom O'Brien and Bill Forsyth to the Cherokee County Economic Development Commission for a term of four years. Motion seconded by Commissioner Eichenbaum. Motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Evelyn Postell, Cherokee County Tax Collector, presented the "Settlement for Current Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes for Fiscal Year 2018-2019", stating that the County is at its highest collection rate ever, 97.78%. The total amount collected was \$17,913,982.90. The uncollected amount is \$407,400.81. The Board congratulated Mrs. Postell for her hard work and collection efforts.

Mrs. Postell then presented the Board with the "Settlement for Delinquent Real and Personal Property Taxes for Tax Years 2009-2017" for a total outstanding amount of \$481,554.19; and for the years of 2009-2015, Delinquent Registered Motor Vehicles, in the amount of \$71,890.46. The total delinquent balance for real, personal and registered motor vehicles is \$553,444.65.

Mrs. Postell then presented the Board with a list of uncollectable accounts and unknown property owners of delinquent accounts that have been turned over to the county attorney for legal reasons.

Motion made by Commissioner Dickey to accept and approve the Sworn Statement of the Tax Collector; accept and approve the settlement reports, as submitted; and, charge the Tax Collector with collection of all 2019 taxes. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Commissioner McKinnon to approve a Licensing Agreement for the location of a camper trailer at the landfill property for the construction foreman. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.

IX. County Manager Items

The county manager announced that Commissioner McKinnon had earned Practitioner status in the Local Elected Leaders Academy through the School of Government. Commissioner McKinnon said he was able to accomplish this through his frequent attendance at District 17 meetings.

The county manager notified the Board that the FBO airport lease would be expiring and coming up for renewal and said that if the Board was going to enter a lease longer than one year, that the terms would have to be advertised. Commissioner McKinnon said that he would the Board to consider a longer lease with Mr. Trull. The county manager will work with the county attorney to see what changes need to be made to the lease, and will then get with Mr. Trull for his review and changes before bringing it to the Board for approval.

X. Chairman/Commissioner Items

Commissioner Westmoreland said that he, Commissioner Dickey, and the county manager recently attended a meeting of the Association of Tennessee Valley Governments. He said that they shared concerns about getting the Hanging Dog Campground reactivated for public use.

Commissioner Eichenbaum announced that the Benghazi Memorial Ride from Hiawassee to the Cherokee County Band of Brothers Memorial Park will be held on September 28th. He also said that this would be held in conjunction with the Sheriff's Office Veterans Appreciation Day and asked the Board to approve paying for the special event insurance. Motion made by Commissioner Stiles to approve paying for the event insurance in the amount of \$313.50. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.

XI. Adjournment

There being no further business, a Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to adjourn. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.

THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON AUGUST 19, 2019.