

**Cherokee County Board of Commissioners**  
**Closed Session Meeting Minutes**  
**February 16, 2026**  
**6:30 P.M.**

**Board members present:** Alan Bryant, Chairman; Cal Stiles, Vice-Chairman; Dr. Dan Eichenbaum, member; Ben Adams, member; and Mark Stiles, member.

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

**Time:** 6:30 p.m.

**Location:** Cherokee County Courthouse, Room 342.

**Closed Session** – Pursuant to § 143 318.11 (1) 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; (4) To discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by the public body; and (6) To consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee; or to hear or investigate a complaint, charge, or grievance by or against an individual public officer or employee.

During closed session, the Board discussed the following:

- Contract Extension for County Attorney. The contract will be extended through July 1, 2029. Additionally, the county will add \$15,000 annually to the county attorney's base salary for additional services provided to Cherokee County DSS. All other terms and conditions of the June 26, 2023, contract will remain in force and effect. Motion made by Commissioner Cal Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Mark Stiles to approve the contract extension and additional salary, as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON APRIL 20, 2026.