Cherokee County Board of Commissioners
Budget Worksession Minutes
March 10, 2023

Board members present: Cal Stiles, Chairman; Jan Griggs, Vice-Chair; Dr. Dan Eichenbaum, member; Randy Phillips, member. Ben Adams, member, was absent.

Others present: Randy Wiggins, County Manager; Maria Hass, Asst. County Manager/Clerk to Board; Candy Anderson, Finance Director; and, Darryl Brown, County Attorney.

Time: 2:00 P.M.

Location: Cherokee County Courthouse, Room 342.

Call to Order

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

Budget Discussion
The following departments discussed budgetary needs/requests with the Board:

Solid Waste
Items discussed:
- 5-year analysis of capital needs
- Personnel changes – move part-time employee to full-time
- Capital needs – New Skid Steer; new front-loading trash truck Rotron blower; new piping for methane wells; transmission jack; welder; generator; poly sheeting rain cover; poured concrete pad at mechanics bay; camera system upgrade; mower; weed eater; leaf blower; pave convenience centers at landfill, Caney Creek, and Mountain Folk Center; and funding toward anticipated replacement cost of compactor.
- Unmanned Convenience Sites

After discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner Phillips and seconded by Commissioner Eichenbaum to close the Whitener Bend, Bear Paw and Violet green box sites, effective April 15, 2023.

- Tire disposal costs

After discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner Eichenbaum and seconded by Commissioner Griggs to approve an increase in tire disposal fees as follows, and effective immediately: Passenger $4.50; Large Truck $9.00; Off-road $18.00; and other $2.00. Motion passed unanimously.

Transit
- Install perimeter fence around fleet parking lot
- Wheel chair equipped van
- Other (general budget discussion, no significant change to budget)

Maintenance
Items discussed:
- Need to set aside $100,000 to address projects as they come up
- Health Department Floor Replacement

Cooperative Extension
Items discussed:
-Increase in office supplies
- Monochrome Printer/Copier
- 10 x 12 Storage building (to be located next to Rec office and meeting room)
- Increase bandwidth at meeting room
- 2 Laptops

Information Technology
Items discussed:
- Personnel (new position, pay grade change for a current employee, and cost of living allowance for all IT employees)
- Computer replacements, multiple IT-related needs over various departments
- Roll out of Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) $43,200
- Annual Adobe Licenses $27,000
- Vehicle need – 2023 Dodge ProMaster City Van $37,000, plus outfitting and maintenance
- Internet Connectivity $62,400

Other discussion
Cherokee County Schools budget hearing is scheduled for April 24th.

Adjourn
Motion made by Commissioner Phillips and seconded by Commissioner Griggs to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.

THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON JULY 15, 2024.