

**Cherokee County Board of Commissioners**  
**Special Called Meeting Minutes**  
**May 6, 2025**

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

**Call to Order by Chairman Eichenbaum**

**Invocation**

**Pledge**

**Ethics Statement**

The Clerk to the Board read the Ethics statement.

**Presentation of County Manager Recommended Budget**

The County Manager presented the FY26 County Manager Recommended Budget, with the following notable highlights:

- **No increase to the property tax millage rate of 61 cents**
- **No increase in fees**
- \$260,000 increase in contractual IVC (Involuntary Commitment) Transportation costs for a total of \$500,000 – a 108% increase
- \$153,176 increase in contractual Jail Medical expense for a total of \$378,800 – a 69% increase
- \$270,621 for a digital file scanning project for DSS reimbursed by State funds at 60% for a net cost of \$108,248
- \$585,340 increase in County contribution to medical insurance premiums for County employees
- \$400,000 appropriated as Contingency to address unexpected needs or opportunities
- An increase in the Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System (LGERS) contribution rate of 13.67% to 14.43% for general employees and \$15.04% to 16.08% for law enforcement officers. This resulted in an increase in retirement expense of approximately \$149,472.
- \$125,000 reduction in septic permitting revenues
- Major capital equipment replacements
- 69.1% (over two-thirds) of the general fund expenditures are allocated to the following functions:
  - o Public Safety – 30.0%
  - o Human Services – 25.9%

o Education – 13.2%

A copy of the full budget message is available in the Office of the Clerk to the Board and on the county's website. A public hearing on the recommended budget will be held on May 20<sup>th</sup>.

### **Budget Calendar**

After discussion, a Motion was made by Chairman Eichenbaum and seconded by Commissioner Mark Stiles to schedule a budget worksession on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Commissioner Cal Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Bryant to cancel the budget worksession scheduled for May 27<sup>th</sup>. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Adjourn**

Motion made by Commissioner Cal Stiles 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 JUNE 16, 2025.**