

Cherokee County Board of Commissioners
Meeting Minutes
August 2, 2021
6:30 p.m.
Cherokee County Courthouse

Members present: Dr. Dan Eichenbaum, Chairman; Jan Griggs, Vice-Chairman; Cal Stiles, member; Randy Phillips, member; and Gary Westmoreland, member.

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

Call to order and ethics statement by Chairman.

Invocation and Pledge

Agenda Adoption

Motion made by Commissioner Westmoreland to adopt the agenda, as submitted. Motion seconded by Commissioner Griggs. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Hearing on Proposed Road Names (Marshall Coleman Trail; Mills Farm Road; Arvel Williamson Drive; Blackhawk Mountain Drive; and Snowbird View Drive)

Motion made by Commissioner Phillips to open the floor to public comments. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed unanimously.

There were no public comments on the proposed road names.

Motion made by Commissioner Stiles to close the public hearing. Motion seconded by Commissioner Griggs. Motion passed unanimously.

Adopt Road Names

Motion made by Commissioner Griggs to adopt Marshall Coleman Trail, Mills Farm Road, Arvel Williamson Drive, Blackhawk Mountain Drive, and Snowbird View Drive as official road names. Motion seconded by Commissioner Phillips. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Forum-There were no public comments.

Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Commissioner Westmoreland to approve the meeting minutes of May 19, 2021 and May 26, 2021. Motion seconded by Commissioner Phillips. Motion passed unanimously.

Finance and Budget

- Motion made by Commissioner Westmoreland to approve a budget revision for renovations in the county admin suite to develop an additional office. Motion seconded by Commissioner Griggs. Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion made by Commissioner Phillips to approve a budget revision to purchase pharmaceutical security upgrades for EMS. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion made by Commissioner Phillips to approve a 3% COLA for county employees effective September 1st, and to re-designate courthouse lantern funds to go toward the COLA. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Voting in favor of the Motion was Commissioners Phillips, Westmoreland and Eichenbaum. Voting against the Motion was Commissioners Stiles and Griggs, due to the recently adopted pay plan update. Motion passed 3-2.

Budget revisions are available for inspection in the office of the County Finance Officer.

New Business

- Motion made by Commissioner Stiles to approve the tax releases and refunds, as submitted. Motion seconded by Commissioner Griggs. Motion passed unanimously.

There were no County Manager or Commissioner items.

Closed Session

Motion made by Commissioner Phillips to go into closed session, pursuant to 143-318.11 (a)(3), (a)(5) and (a)(6), more specifically as follows: 1) Consult with legal counsel concerning pending litigation; 2) Consult with the county attorney on a contractual matter; and 3) To discuss a personnel matter. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed unanimously.

The following matters were heard and discussed in closed session:

-The Board received an update from Attorney Sean Perrin on pending CVA cases.

-The Board discussed the pool and wellness center contract and re-negotiations of the contract for a long-term lease.

-The Board discussed a personnel matter within the tax office.

Open Session

After returning to open session, a Motion was made by Commissioner Phillips to publish a Notice of Intent to lease the pool and wellness center for a term of 20 years. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stiles. Motion passed unanimously.

Closed Session

Motion made by Commissioner Stiles to return to closed session to discuss additional personnel matters, and to discuss an additional contract matter. Motion seconded by Commissioner Phillips. Motion passed unanimously.

Open Session

After returning to open session, there was no additional action taken.

Adjournment

There being no further business, a Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to adjourn. Motion seconded by Commissioner Griggs. Motion passed unanimously.

THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON OCTOBER 18, 2021.