

Cherokee County Board of Commissioners  
August 29, 2022 Meeting Minutes

**Board members present:** Dr. Dan Eichenbaum, Gary Westmoreland, Jan Griggs, Randy Phillips, and Cal Stiles.

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

**Time:** 6:30 P.M.

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

**Call to Order and Ethics Statement**

Members were advised of their duty under the Local Government Ethics Act.

**Invocation**

Invocation given by Randy Wiggins.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Led by Chairman Eichenbaum.

**Modification of Agenda**

Motion made by Commissioner Stiles to add a resolution to the agenda at end of new business, concerning the recent 8¢ tax increase. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland.  
Motion passed unanimously.

**Agenda Adoption**

Motion made by Commissioner Phillips and seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland to approve the agenda, as modified. Motion passed unanimously

**Public Forum**

**Budget and Finance**

- a) Budget Revision for Schools Use of Sales Tax

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

- b) Grant Capital Project Ordinance for Rock Gym HVAC and EMS Station 1 Permitting and Construction

Motion made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Griggs to approve.  
Motion passed unanimously.

c) Budget Revision for Carry-Forward of Budgeted Funds

Motion made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Phillips to approve.  
Motion passed unanimously.

### **New Business**

a) Harry Hearne – Request to construct a pavilion with restrooms at the pickleball courts

Motion made by Commissioner Westmoreland and seconded by Commissioner Phillips to approve the request, contingent upon all legal concerns being addressed satisfactorily. Motion passed unanimously.

b) Nantahala Regional Library Interlocal Agreement Renewal

Motion made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Griggs to approve.  
Motion passed unanimously.

c) Tax Releases and Tax Refunds

Motion made by Commissioner Phillips and seconded by Commissioner Westmorland to approve. Motion passed unanimously.

d) Chief Deputy Chris Wood - N.C. Highway Patrol Request to Lease Conference Room at Sheriff's Office

Motion made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland to approve.  
Motion passed unanimously.

e) Hanging Dog VFD – Request for Property Transfer

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

f) Updates to Cherokee County Technology Use Policy

Motion made by Commissioner Griggs and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve.  
Motion passed unanimously.

g) Adopt 2023 Holiday Schedule

Motion made by Commissioner Griggs and seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland to approve. Motion passed unanimously.

h) Robin Caldwell, EMS Director- Update on Armory Renovations

i) Teresa Ricks, Tax Assessor – Discussion Concerning NCDOR Letter of Recommendation Concerning Revaluation

j) Commissioner Stiles presented a resolution stating that it is the intent of Cherokee County to abolish the 8¢ tax increase once the DSS lawsuit settlement payment is satisfied. Motion made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Eichenbaum to approve the resolution. Motion passed unanimously.

**County Manager Items – N/A**

**Chair/Commissioner Items**

Commissioner Griggs announced that the Anti-Litter in Action Coalition was named Organization of the Year by the Cherokee County Chamber of Commerce.

Commissioner Westmoreland shared a quote for a metal building to house DSS records.

**Closed Session** – Pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11 (3) attorney-client privilege.

During closed session, the Board received information and legal advice concerning a land contract issue. No action was taken.

**Open Session**

After returning to open session, no action was taken.

**Adjourn**

Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Chairman Eichenbaum to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.