

Cherokee County Board of Commissioners  
Minutes of Special Called Meeting  
November 8, 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; and Darryl Brown, County Attorney.

The county attorney attended as acting clerk, in the absence of the Clerk to the Board.

**Call to order and ethics statement by Chairman.**

**Invocation and Pledge**

**Modification of Agenda**

Motion made by Commissioner Stiles to add probation and parole office lease renewal after the EMS Station 2 discussion. Motion seconded by Commissioner Phillips. Motion passed unanimously.

**Agenda Adoption**

Motion made by Commissioner Phillips to adopt the agenda as modified. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed unanimously.

**Presentation by DSS Director**

After presentation and discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner Stile to approve an on-call after hour's team for DSS. Motion seconded by Commissioner Griggs. Motion passed unanimously.

**Discussion of Future Plans for EMS Station 2**

The Board discussed two different options for the station: 1) renovation and addition of current facility; and 2) new construction.

**Cherokee County Probation and Parole Office Lease**

Motion made by Commissioner Phillips to renew the N.C. Department of Public Safety Probation and Parole office lease. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed unanimously.

**Closed Session**

Motion made by Commissioner Phillips to go into closed session, pursuant to 143-318.11 (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. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stiles. Motion passed unanimously.

While in closed session, the Board interviewed an applicant for the Tax Assessor position.

### **Open Session**

After returning to open session, a Motion was made by Commissioner Phillips to hire Teresa Ricks as Cherokee County Tax Assessor, effective November 29th. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Commissioner Philips to contract with Worth of WNC, LLC for tax assessment consulting services. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Commissioner Stiles to hold a special on-site meeting at EMS Station 2 in Andrews on November 19th at 3:30 p.m. to discuss future plans for EMS Station 2 . Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Adjourn**

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 APROVED AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON JANUARY 3, 2022.