

Cherokee County Board of Commissioners
January 24, 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, Assistant County Manager and 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 Phillips and seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland to add a budget revision to the agenda for Cherokee County Schools request for use of Article 40 & 42 sales tax. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Adoption

Motion made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Griggs to approve the agenda as modified. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Hearing on Draft Noise Ordinance

Motion made by Commissioner Phillips and seconded by Commissioner Griggs to open the public hearing. Motion passed unanimously. The county attorney read a statement prior to public comments. The statement is attached as Appendix A of these minutes. Several members of the public attended and spoke during the public hearing. Motion made by Commissioner Griggs and seconded by Commissioner Phillips to close public hearing. Motion passed unanimously.

Budget and Finance

a) Budget Revision for Cherokee County Schools Request for Use of Article 46 Sales Tax

Motion made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Griggs to approve a budget revision for the use of Article 46 sales tax in the amount of \$23,249 for multiple school projects. Motion passed unanimously.

b) Budget Revision for Cherokee County Schools Request for Use of Article 40 & 42 Sales Tax

Motion made by Commissioner Phillips and seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland to approve a budget revision for use of Article 40 & 42 sales tax in the amount of \$721,500 to pay LS3P expense for consolidated high school. Voting on favor of the Motion was Commissioners Phillips, Westmoreland and Eichenbaum. Voting against the Motion was Commissioners Griggs and Stiles. Motion passed 3-2.

County Manager Items

After discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner Phillips and seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland to rescind a vote from the January 3, 2022 meeting approving an independent sound study of the crypto mining operation on Harshaw Road. Motion passed unanimously. It was decided that the county would engage with an engineering firm to conduct an independent sound study, after the ANKR mining construction project is complete.

Chair/Commissioner Items

Commissioner Westmoreland discussed the need for repairing the gears of the courthouse clock tower, as well as the need for plaster repairs in the courthouse rotunda. He will gather cost information and bring back to the Board at a future meeting.

Adjourn

Motion made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Griggs to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

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