

Cherokee County Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes

Meeting held on May 20, 2019 at 6:30 P.M.

Cherokee County Courthouse

Murphy, North Carolina.

Members present: Gary Westmoreland, Chairman; Roy Dickey, Vice-Chairman; Cal Stiles, member; Dr. Dan Eichenbaum, Member; and C.B. McKinnon, member.

Staff present: Randy Wiggins, County Manager; Candy Anderson, Finance Officer; and Darryl Brown, County Attorney.

Meetings can be viewed on the website of Local TV 4 and WKRK Radio's Facebook page.

I. Call to order

Board members were reminded of their duty under the Local Government Ethics Act.

II. Invocation-Given by Commissioner Dickey

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Modification of Agenda

Motion made by Commissioner McKinnon to remove item "d" **Local ABC Resolution Request** under New Business. Motion seconded by Commissioner Eichenbaum. Voting in favor of the Motion was Commissioners McKinnon, Eichenbaum, Dickey and Stiles. Voting against the Motion was Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed.

Motion made by Commissioner McKinnon to add **Disposition of Retiring K-9** as item "d" under New Business. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stiles. Motion passed unanimously.

V. Agenda Adoption-Motion made by Commissioner Eichenbaum to adopt the agenda as modified. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.

VI. Public Hearing on FY19-20 County Manager's Recommended Budget

Motion made by Commissioner McKinnon to open the floor for public comments. Motion seconded by Commissioner Eichenbaum. Motion passed unanimously.

The county manager shared with the Board and members of the public that the Home and Community Care Block Grant allotment for FY 20 for Cherokee County is \$318,169 and will be allotted as follows: Senior Center, \$168,629; DSS, \$85,906; and Transit, \$63,634. The required local match is \$35,352; for a total funding of \$353,520.91 for services for older adults.

There were no other public comments.

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

VII. Public Forum

Mike Sheidy, Town of Andrews Alderman, came before the Board to present a budget request for the County to share 50% of the cost for two Parks and Recreation projects: 1) Conversion of a tennis court to two pickle ball courts, to include a fence with two access gates, a portable net and marking for the court; and 2) New roof for pool house. The Board of Commissioners agreed to consider the request during the upcoming budget process.

VIII. Finance and Budget Items

a) Motion made by Commissioner Dickey to approve a budget revision for Cherokee County School's request for use of Article 46 sales tax for various school projects. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed unanimously.

b) Motion made by Commissioner Eichenbaum to approve the Health Departments updated fee schedule. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously. A copy of the fee schedule is attached and incorporated herein as a part of these minutes.

IX. New Business

a) VAYA Health update not available.

b) Motion made by Commissioner McKinnon to approve tax releases. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.

c) Motion made by Commissioner Stiles to approve tax refunds. Motion seconded by Commissioner Eichenbaum. Motion passed unanimously.

d) Motion made by Commissioner Stiles to approve the agreement for disposition of retiring K-9 "Gunner". Motion seconded by Commissioner Eichenbaum. During discussion, Commissioner McKinnon said that he was not in favor of the sheriff's office purchasing the dog and questioned the need for it several years ago when it was initially purchased. Sheriff Palmer wanted it noted that it was not purchased during his administration. Motion passed unanimously.

X. County Manager Items

The county manager told the Board that he had been contacted by the State DMV asking the County to consider taking over the license plate agency, due to the recent shutdown of the local LPA. After discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to decline. Motion seconded by Commissioner McKinnon. Motion passed unanimously.

XI. Chairman/Commissioner Items

After discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles to accept a proposal by McGill Associates for professional engineering services in the amount of \$10,000 for evaluation of proposed Jackson Street property for EMS Station 1. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Voting in favor of the Motion was Commissioners Stiles, Westmoreland, and Dickey. Voting against the Motion was Commissioners McKinnon and Eichenbaum.

XII. Adjourn

Motion made by Commissioner Eichenbaum to adjourn. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON JULY 15, 2019.