

Cherokee County Board of Commissioners
Budget Worksession Minutes
June 9, 2022

Board members present: Dr. Dan Eichenbaum, Gary Westmoreland, Jan Griggs, and Cal Stiles. Randy Phillips was absent due to illness.

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

Invocation

Given by Ben Adams

Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Chairman Eichenbaum

Closed Session

Motion made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Griggs to go into closed session to consult with the county attorney, regarding the current DSS lawsuit. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Griggs to return to open session. Motion passed unanimously.

Open Session

After returning to open session, no action was taken in closed session.

Budget Discussion

- Dustin Stalcup – IT Department (restructuring proposal w/ additional personnel and Adobe license)
- Jessica Mariano – Additional budget request (EMS promotional ladder pay increase)
- General budget discussion (impact of potential tax increase; use of fund balance over the current fiscal year; COLA; fuel cost and fleet; personnel needs; sink hole at horse arena; landfill equipment needs; Valley River Humane Society, request for increase in annual funding; Nantahala Regional Library, request for increase in annual funding; sales tax projection; and, EMS contract with EBCI)

Adjourn

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