

Cherokee County Board of Commissioners  
August 1, 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 (participated remotely).

**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 – N/A**

**Agenda Adoption**

Motion made by [Commissioner Stiles](#) and seconded by [Commissioner Griggs](#) to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

**Public Forum**

Cherokee County Chamber of Commerce Director, Sherry Raines, asked the board for permission to move the Charters of Freedom from Murphy's downtown pocket park to the courthouse. Chairman Eichenbaum recommended that she contact the donor, Vance Patterson.

[Jeff Tatham](#) shared his concerns about land-use planning.

**Meeting Minutes** – [1/10/22](#); [1/24/22](#); [2/7/22](#); [2/21/22](#); [2/25/22](#); [3/7/22](#); [3/21/22](#); and [7/18/22](#)  
Motion made by [Commissioner Griggs](#) and seconded by [Commissioner Phillips](#) to approve all minutes, as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

**Budget and Finance**

a) Budget Revision for Use of Contingency to Cover Additional Costs Associated with DSS Trailer Setup (\$2,500)

Motion made by [Commissioner Phillips](#) and seconded by [Commissioner Griggs](#). Motion passed unanimously.

b) Budget Revision for Covid Funds for Detention CENTER (\$89,488 - no county match)  
Motion made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Phillips. Motion passed unanimously.

c) Budget Revision for Additional State Funds to Provide a School Clothing Allowance to Foster Children (\$6,500; \$500.00 per qualified child – no county match)  
Motion made by Commissioner Westmoreland and seconded by Commissioner Griggs. Motion passed unanimously.

d) Budget Revision for Use of Sheriff's Designated Funds to Purchase Additional K-9 and Supporting Supplies and Equipment (\$25,380)  
Motion made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Phillips. Motion passed unanimously.

### **New Business**

a) Jennifer West – Transit Pilot Program - The purpose of the pilot program is to test the impact of providing non-medical (e.g., trips to farmers markets, gyms, parks, etc.) intervention transportation services to high-need Medicaid members.  
Motion made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Griggs. Voting against the Motion was Commissioners Eichenbaum and Phillips. Motion passed 3-2.

b) Doug Clement – Cooperative Extension Facility Needs Presentation  
Motion made by Commissioner Eichenbaum and seconded by Commissioner Griggs to designate up to 2.5 acres on the Marks Drive property for a new facility for Cooperative Extension services. Motion passed unanimously. Motion made by Commissioner Phillips and seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland to allow Mr. Clement to seek grant funds to cover the cost of facility construction. Motion passed unanimously.

c) Tax Releases, Tax Refund Report and NCVTS Report  
Motion made by Commissioner Westmoreland and seconded by Commissioner Phillips to approve tax releases, tax refunds, and NCVTS report. Motion passed unanimously.

d) Delenna Stiles – Presentation of Tax Collector Reports  
Motion made by Commissioner Westmoreland and seconded by Commissioner Phillips to accept and approve the 2021 tax collector's settlement report. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Commissioner Phillips and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to charge Tax Collector with collection of 2022 taxes. Motion passed unanimously.

e) Appoint Deputy Tax Collector  
Motion made by Commissioner Phillips and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to appoint Teresa Ricks as Deputy Tax Collector. Motion passed unanimously.

f) Solid Waste Fee Schedule Revisions (Residential Hauler - minimum \$4, up to 100lbs.; and, Commercial Hauler - minimum \$20, up to 500lbs.)  
Motion made by Commissioner Phillips and seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed unanimously.

g) NCACC Legislative Goals  
Informational only.

**County Manager Items - None**

**Chair/Commissioner Items**

After discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner Phillips and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to change the meeting schedule as follows:

- Move August 15<sup>th</sup> meeting to August 29<sup>th</sup>
- Move DSS meeting to August 30<sup>th</sup>
- Cancel the September 6<sup>th</sup> meeting
- Move October 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting to October 10<sup>th</sup>
- Move October 17<sup>th</sup> meeting to October 24<sup>th</sup>

Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Westmoreland announced that the county would be getting \$70,000 from the state to go toward a new stage at Konehete Park.

Chairman Eichenbaum announced the upcoming 10<sup>th</sup> annual Benghazi Ride and air show on September 24<sup>th</sup> at Western Carolina Regional Airport. Motion made by Commissioner Westmoreland and seconded by Commissioner Phillips to approve the use of the airport for the events. Motion passed unanimously.

**Adjourn**

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