

CHEROKEE COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES

January 10, 2000

The Cherokee County Commission met in regular session on the above date in the Commission Office. Those present: Phillip W. Jordan, Chairman, Dale Welsh District 1, Earl Westbrook, District 11, Kathryn Black, District III Harold Woodall, District IV. None were absent.

The chairman called the meeting to order and Wayne Cochran opened with prayer. Bills were reviewed and approved as per attached at month-end.

1. Motion by Earl Westbrook seconded by Harold Woodall to accept a road into the county system in the Coosa Cove Estates SD passed 4-0. Billy Joe Baker presented a check for 8,160.00 for paving to take place next year.
2. Motion by Kathryn Black seconded by Dale Welsh to acquire an ad in the Progress Edition of the Herald passed 4-0.
3. Steve Stone, NRCS, discussed the need for a canoe trail on Terrapin Creek. Access needs are needed at bridges on CR 71 and CR 8. County road right-of-ways could be used for access.
4. Motion by Dale Welsh seconded by Earl Westbrook to approve the exemptions regarding mandatory garbage pickup as presented by Wayne Cochran passed 4-0.
5. Motion by Dale Welsh seconded by Earl Westbrook to approve the agreement to pave, stripe, and guardrail CR 34 as per attached passed 4-0.
6. Motion by Harold Woodall seconded by Earl Westbrook to award the rental contract for the Reclaimer to Joe Money Machinery, Birmingham, as per attached passed 4-0.
7. Motion by Dale Welsh seconded by Earl Westbrook to name a bridge on CR 4 just off CR IO the "Daryl S. Ferguson Bridge" passed 4-0.
8. Motion by Harold Woodall seconded by Earl Westbrook to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting passed 4-0.
9. The Commission took under advisement increasing mileage rates from .22/mile to the state rate of 32.5/mile.
10. Motion by Dale Welsh seconded by Earl Westbrook to appoint the County Administrator as the county contact regarding Liability Insurance matters. A copy of a letter from the Insurance Company is attached.

11. The ACCA District Meeting at Noccalula Falls on January 11 was discussed.

12. Wayne Cochran briefed the Commission on testing and analysis at the Leesburg Landfill regarding budgeted expenditures. The site will probably be over budget since cessation of testing may not occur this year.

DATE	PRESENT	ABSENT
January 24, 2000	All	None

1 .Billy Baker and other local citizens discussed the Terrapin Creek Canoe Trail endeavor as referenced in the prior meeting. The group noted that an "after hours" problem may impact the area at CR 71 in a negative way if public access is allowed. Mr. Baker, Mr. Garrett and Mr. McDaniel own surrounding or nearby property and feel that a lack of control of the area will surface if access is allowed.

2. Motion by Kathryn Black seconded by Dale Welsh to approve the attached resolution regarding voting locations in the county for elections to be held in March, June, and November passed 4-0.

3. Motion by Harold Woodall seconded by Dale Welsh to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting passed 4-0.

DATE	PRESENT	ABSENT
February 14, 2000	All	None

The chairman called the meeting to order and Dale Welsh opened with prayer.

1. Chip Carden, Alabama Home Builders Association presented a plan whereby local builders may participate in acquiring a license. The license is for consumer protection with regards to home construction. The normal fee for the license is 205.00 but will be waived and builders will be grandfathered in for a year and will not be required to take a test provided the Commission adopts the policy. Bob Bishop and Terry Reynolds, local builders, were in attendance and spoke positively about the matter. No action was taken.

2. Motion by Harold Woodall seconded by Kathryn Black to accept a road into the county system as recommended by the engineer (CR 73 1) in the Chickasaw Ridge Estate SD off CR I IS passed 4-0. Florene Jordan is the owner and a check for 5,720.00 for paving the road in die future has been received.

3. Resolutions for the roads noted which qualify for funding of paving in the next fiscal year passed 4-0. Copies of the resolutions are attached.

CR18 Motion by Dale Welsh seconded by Earl Westbrook
 CRI4 Motion by Earl Westbrook seconded by Dale Welsh
 CR 20 & 5 Motion by Earl Westbrook seconded by Harold Woodall
 CR 69 Motion by Earl Westbrook seconded by Dale Welsh
 CR31 Motion by Kathryn Black seconded by Harold Woodall
 CR 30 Motion by Kathryn Black seconded by Earl Westbrook
 CR51&117 Motion by Harold Woodall seconded by Kathryn Black

4. Motion by Kathryn Black seconded by Harold Woodall to establish the local tax levy for FY 99/2000 the same as last year passed 4-0. Copy attached.

5. Motion by Harold Woodall seconded by Earl Westbrook to approve the Nutrition and Transportation contract with PUS passed 4-0.

6. Motion by Dale Welsh seconded by Kathryn Black to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting passed 4-0.

7. Motion by Dale Welsh seconded by Kathryn Black to revise and clarify the personnel policy regarding overtime as per attached passed 4-0.

8. The chairman advised all members that the Library Board has invited the Commission and the staff to lunch on February 28 following the next regular meeting.

DATE	PRESENT	ABSENT
February 28, 2000	All	None

The chairman called the meeting to order and Wayne Cochran opened with prayer.

Wayne Peek and Brent King asked the procedures to follow in order to secure construction activity at local schools. They wish to be allowed to bid on jobs. The chairman informed them of the methods whereby the county does work for the board of education and suggested they talk with board of education personnel for answers. The bid law was discussed briefly.

2 Motion by Kathryn Black seconded by Harold Woodall to purchase ads for 900.00 on WEIS concerning the 2000 Crappie Rodeo. Ads will start March 5 for six consecutive Sundays at 30.00/30-second ad. Motion passed 4-0.

3. Motion by Dale Welsh seconded by Earl Westbrook to approve the costs of water testing at the Leesburg Landfill site for approximately 3300.00 by Law Engineering to be done in March passed 4-0.

4. Motion by Harold Woodall seconded by Earl Westbrook to adopt the attached resolution regarding Federal Emergency Management Agency funding for ice storm cleanup in the northern part of the county passed 4-0.

5. Action by Harold Woodall seconded by Earl Westbrook to authorize the chairman to sign the closeout Documents provided by Morton & Associates regarding the CDBG CY CM PF 98 021 water project passed 4-0.

6. Motion by Dale Welsh seconded by Earl Westbrook to adopt the attached resolution regarding the Alabama-Home Builders Board License requirements as discussed in a prior meeting. Motion passed 4-0.

7. Motion by Earl Westbrook seconded by Kathryn Black to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting subject to eliminating the phrase "fee and without taking a test" in item 1 and noting that a copy of the current tax levy is attached to the minutes. Motion passed 4-0.

DATE	PRESENT	ABSENT
March 13, 2000	All	None

1. Motion by Harold Woodall seconded by Dale Welsh to approve the Sheriff hiring 2 part-time jailers and 1 part-time secretary passed 4-0.

2. Harold Whitener asked that road improvements be made on CR 140 between CR 68 to the Georgia line. He asked that weight signs, speed limit signs of 25 MPH, and speed breaks be installed. He volunteered to pay for speed breaks. He also asked that ditches be cleaned. It was noted that signage is not generally productive insofar as traffic control items but the engineer will review and report at the next meeting.

3. Motion by Dale Welsh seconded by Earl Westbrook to change speed limit signs on CR 8 adjacent to Spring Garden School from 25 MPH to 15 MPH passed 4-0.

4. A lady wished to submit an application for work. The chairman advised her to place an application at the State Employment Office.

5. The engineer advised of an invoice from Cave Springs Water to replace 460 feet of 6-inch pipe at a cost of 2,160.00. A beaver dam was being destroyed and county personnel and equipment broke the water line. Cave Springs Water employees apparently decided to reroute the line rather than work on the original since it was under water. The engineer will renegotiate the cost to reflect what the cost would have been if the beaver darn had not caused the backup of water.

6. Wayne Cochran noted that April 15 through 22 would be PALS cleanup week. Free tipping at the landfill will be provided local citizens.

7. Motion by Harold Woodall seconded by Earl Westbrook to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting passed 4-0.

8. Motion by Dale Welsh seconded by Kathryn Black to approve the Coosa River Basin Initiative Organization contract as per attached passed 4-0.

9. Motion by Harold Woodall seconded by Kathryn Black to establish the county mileage rate the same as the State rate of 32.5 cents/mile passed 4-0.

DATE	PRESENT	ABSENT
March 27, 2000	Dale Welsh, District I Earl Westbrook, District II Kathryn Black, District III Harold Woodall, District IV	Phillip W. Jordan, Chairman

Harold Woodall was designated as Acting Chairman and he called the meeting to order. Wayne Cochran opened with prayer. Bills were reviewed and approved.

1. John Hooker discussed the need for animal control. He noted that only 2,500 was budgeted for the year 2000 and that he believed that State law requires an officer and a pound. There are no immediate plans to establish such since the State has not provided nor committed any funding.

2. The engineer has reviewed CR 140 and sees no need for speed limit and load limit signs, but installed 35 MPH signs at two curves on the road.

3. The engineer discussed the sewage infrastructure funding through Congressman Adderholt's Office which is currently a 45% local match. The possibility exists whereby a lower match may be acquired as evidenced by the attached documentation. Motion by Dale Welsh seconded by Earl Westbrook to authorize Mr. Woodall to sign the documents in the absence of the Chairman passed 3-0. It is understood that the motion does not agree to accept any funding at this point but to request additional support in the matter.

4. Motion by Dale Welsh seconded by Earl Westbrook to authorize payment of 6,000.00 to the Cherokee County Communications District as an appropriation so that they may coordinate the purchase and installation of certain equipment in the Piedmont area to service Spring Garden, Tecumseh, Rock Run, and Goshen passed 3-0.

5. Motion by Earl Westbrook seconded by Kathryn Black to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting passed 3-0.

DATE	PRESENT	ABSENT
April 10, 2000	Dale Welsh, District Earl Westbrook, District II Kathryn Black, District III	Phillip W. Jordan, Chairman Harold Woodall, District IV

In the absence of the chairman, Harold Woodall acted as chairman and called the meeting to order. Wayne Cochran Opened with Prayer. Bills were reviewed and approved as per attached at month-end. The sheriff discussed a previous request for two part-time jailers and a part-time secretary. He asked permission to change the original request to one full-time jailer and a temporary secretary. He is attempting to secure a grant for a full-time secretary which creates the need for a temporary position. He is hopeful that the grant matter can be resolved in six months. Motion by Earl Westbrook seconded by Kathryn Black to approve the request passed 3-0.

2. Motion by Dale Welsh seconded by Earl Westbrook to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting passed 3-0.

DATE	PRESENT	ABSENT
April 24, 2000	All	None

1. Sid Garrett discussed a contract dated March 13, 1972 whereby the Cherokee County Water Authority agreed to purchase water from Bristow Springs, which the county owns, for 5 cents/1000 gallons. He asked that the Water Authority discontinue payment to the county and be allowed to use said costs to pay for tests required by ADEM. Motion by Earl Westbrook seconded by Dale Welsh passed 4-0.

2. Motion by Dale Welsh seconded by Harold Woodall to commit the County Commission to the support of and involvement in attempts to secure Federal funding for the upgrade of the Leesburg Waste Water Treatment Plant, the construction of a Round Mountain/Driftwood Wastewater Treatment Facility, and the Weiss Lake Sanitary Sewage Plan. A projected cost of the projects is about 890,000.00. The local match is preliminarily estimated to be about 178,000.00 of which the county portion is 114,000.00 and the Water Authority portion is some 64,000.00. Portions of the local match may be in the form of in-kind services. The budget for the projects has been submitted to EPA and expectations are that federal funding may be reduced prior to finalization. Motion passed 4-0.

3. Kim Irwin, Morton & Associates, discussed water and sewer projects that qualify for consideration through ADECA either as CDBG, Economic Development, or Enhancement grants. A project that could qualify to be funded as an Economic Development Grant (200,000.00 maximum with 20% match) or under Enhancement (250,000.00 maximum with 10% match) would be the Pine Grove Church to Alabama Queen sewer line. A project that could qualify as a Competitive Grant (500,000.00 with 10% match) would be the Slackland area sewer line which contains a June 16 deadline. Two unspecified water projects could qualify for Special CDBG funding (350,000.00 maximum with 10% match). She will work with engineering to provide additional information soon.

4. Harold Whitener asked about the 2,500.00 budgeted for animal control. He asked how it has been spent and was informed that it covers insurance for a reserve deputy who responds to threatening animals. He requested a lower speed limit on CR 140.

5. Motion by Earl Westbrook seconded by Kathryn Black to authorize the chairman to sign an agreement with Law Engineering for fuel tank site testing at the Highway Department passed 4-0. Copy attached.

6. Motion by Harold Woodall seconded by Earl Westbrook to proclaim May as Medical Services month passed 4-0. Copy attached.

7. Motion by Dale Welsh seconded by Kathryn Black to proclaim May as Older Americans month passed 4-0. Copy attached.

B. Motion by Kathryn Black seconded by Harold Woodall to authorize the chairman to sign an agreement with ADECA for a 25,000.00 grant for the library expansion project passed 4-0. Copy attached.

9. Motion by Dale Welsh seconded by Earl Westbrook to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting passed 4-0.

10. Motion by Earl Westbrook seconded by Dale Welsh to re-appoint Library Board members as follows: Sue Ellis, 1-year term, expires 2/2001; Julie O'Neal, 1-year term, expires 2/2001; Martha Burkhalter, 2-year term, expires 2/2002; Margaret Hillhouse, 3-year term, expires 2/2003; Doris Pearson, 4-year term, expires 2/2004; Johnny Usry, 4-year term, expires 2/2004. Motion passed 4-0.

DATE	PRESENT	ABSENT
May 8, 2000	All	None

The chairman called the meeting to order and Wayne Cochran opened with prayer.

1. Motion by Kathryn Black seconded by Harold Woodall to adopt a resolution requesting the state to make CR 107 a minor collector passed 4-0.

2. Motion by Earl Westbrook seconded by Kathryn Black to adopt documents necessary to secure grant funding through ADECA for 100,000.00 to be used in Civic Center planning, designing, and construction passed 4-0.

3. Motion by Dale Welsh seconded by Earl Westbrook to allow sheriff department personnel the use of the old EMA van passed 4-0.

4. Motion by Dale Welsh seconded by Earl Westbrook to authorize the County Administrator to work out details of funding and administer funds secured by the Legislative Delegation for the Library Project in the manner best suited legally to insure proper accounting. Discussions have already been held with the County Superintendent of Education and the Examiners of Public Accounts. Motion passed 4-0.

5. Motion by Earl Westbrook seconded by Kathryn Black to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting passed 4-0.

6. Motion by Kathryn Black seconded by Earl Westbrook to accept a check for paving a road in the Country Cove Estates SD and to accept the road into the county system as recommended by the engineer since it has been brought up to county specs. A check for 4,836.00 from Pruett Farms, Inc. has been received for the paving job. The road has been assigned as CR637 by E911. Motion passed 4-0.

7. Discussions will be held next meeting regarding the roofing bids that were accepted earlier.

DATE
May 22, 2000

PRESENT
All

ABSENT
None

1. Senator Dial and Representative Lindsey presented Doris Pearson, Library Board Chairman, with a check for 25,000.00 for the Library expansion project. Funding was secured through a grant through ADECA. Chairman Jordan, the Senator, and the Representative also presented a 50,000.00 check on behalf of the Commission in support of the project. Funding was secured by the Legislative Delegation through proceeds from the Public School and College Authority bond issue. Senator Dial and Representative Lindsey apprised all in attendance of the legislation just passed by the Legislature to be ratified by voters regarding Bridge Bond Issue. Some 3,250,000 will be allocated for bridge repairs and replacement. The legislation allows that a constitutional amendment be passed whereby the Alabama Trust Fund will merge with the Heritage Trust Fund. No principal will be used to fund the bond issue, rather, 35% of the funds growth will be utilized as funding.
2. Phillip Abney presented the annual Watershed report which will be on file in the Commission Office.
3. John Hooker questioned the need for a Civic Center and discussed his views regarding stray animals.
4. Mr. Mecham asked for assistance for correcting a sewage problem in the Wild Wood Cove Subdivision. He says neighbors have raw sewage running on the ground and that Health Department representatives failed to show up at a court hearing that was scheduled in the matter on April 23. The chairman will contact the Health Department.
5. Bill Hawkings, County Attorney, advised of legalities regarding formation of an airport authority and associated preliminary hearings. His opinion is that the Commission needs a representative to sit on any such formed authority.
6. Motion by Earl Westbrook seconded by Kathryn Black to offer employment at the Highway Dept. to Terry Young and Robert Pace as HMT I at 7.7hour passed 4-0. Four additional employees had been budgeted but only two was initially hired.
7. Motion by Earl Westbrook seconded by Harold Woodall to authorize the Highway Dept to explore the possibility of purchase of a tractor and mower through the state bid list passed 4-0. Estimated costs of 22,000 for a tractor and 7,000 for a mower was offered by John Bates. Authority to purchase was given if it is found that fast delivery time is possible, otherwise, permission to spec the devices and bid them will be necessary.
8. Motion by Kathryn Black seconded by Dale Welsh to adopt the attached resolution regarding bridge work plans passed 4-0.
9. Motion by Dale Welsh seconded by Kathryn Black to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting passed 4-0.

DATE	PRESENT	ABSENT
June 12, 2000	All	None

The Chairman called the meeting to order and Wayne Cochran opened with prayer.

1. Motion by Kathryn Black seconded by Earl Westbrook to approve purchasing an ad in the Past Times Magazine Section of the Herald for 214.56 passed 4-0.
2. Motion by Harold Woodall seconded by Dale Welsh to approve the Report of Errors, Omissions, and Insolvency's for the Revenue Commission Office passed 4-0.
3. Motion by Harold Woodall seconded by Earl Westbrook to approve the property tax sale as presented by the Revenue Commissioner passed 4-0. One person is expected to purchase all the properties but it is not finalized at this point.
4. John Bates presented 5 agreements for Federal Aid projects for resurfacing roads and installation of guardrail at the next letting as follows:
 CR 6 & 67 from CR 19 to Calhoun County Line; motion-Dale Welsh; second-Harold Woodall
 CR 22 from Highway 9 to CR 3 1; motion-Earl Westbrook; second-Dale Welsh
 CR 48 from Hwy 273 to CR 48; motion-Kathryn Black; second-Earl Westbrook
 CR 104 from CR 690 to CR 44; motion-Kathryn Black; second-Harold Woodall
 CR41 from Hwy 35 to CR 46; motion-Harold Woodall; second-Earl Westbrook
 Motions passed 4-0.
5. It was decided to discuss the purchase of a tractor for roadside mowing with the engineer upon his return. The low bidder is Snead Tractor Company at 30,659.39.
6. Motion by Earl Westbrook seconded by Kathryn Black to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting passed 4-0.
7. Motion by Kathryn Black seconded by Dale Welsh to authorize the chairman to sign a resolution as per attached regarding ADECA grant of 480,000.00 for sewer projects passed 4-0. The Water Authority will pay the matching portion.
8. Motion by Harold Woodall seconded by Kathryn Black to authorize payment of an additional invoice from Law Engineering for 3,800.00 passed 4-0. The additional amount is for testing dirt removed at the Highway Dept when fuel tanks were removed.

DATE	PRESENT	ABSENT
June 26, 2000	All	None

The chairman opened the meeting and Leon Smith opened with prayer. The chairman noted that the courthouse flag is at be at half staff due to the passing of Charles Burkhalter, former Commissioner. He also expressed condolences to the family on behalf of the Commission.

The engineer discussed bids that were opened June 12 for a tractor and mower. Motion by Earl Westbrook seconded by Harold Woodall to award the bid for the tractor to Snead Tractor Company for a Massey-Ferguson for 30,659.39 passed 4-0.

2. Motion by Harold Woodall seconded by Earl Westbrook to purchase a mower for the tractor from Garrett Tractor Company for 7,215.75 passed 4-0. It was agreed in prior discussions to pay for the equipment from the landfill revenues.
3. Motion by Dale Welsh seconded by Earl Westbrook to authorize the Sheriff to add a part-time deputy, position passed 4-0. The sheriff plans to employ Michael Murphy in the position. Murphy resigned about a week ago from full-time deputy. The sheriff plans to utilize him approximately 16 hours/week and he will be paid from the INS funds at his existing hourly rate.
4. Motion by Kathryn Black seconded by Dale Welsh to adopt a resolution acknowledging the 50'h Anniversary of the Korean War as per attached passed 4-0. The resolution expressed honor, recognition, and commendation of those who served in that war.
5. Motion by Harold Woodall seconded by Kathryn Black to adopt a resolution as per attached regarding the Rural Transportation Program through East Alabama Regional Planning & Development Commission passed 4-0.
6. Motion by Dale Welsh seconded by Kathryn Black to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting passed 4-0.

CHEROKEE COUNTY COMMISSION CENTRE, ALA-B;KMA MINUTES

The Cherokee County Commission met in regular session on the date specified below in the Commission Office, Centre, Alabama. During the course of the meeting, bills were reviewed and approved as per attached at month-end. Members present or absent are noted accordingly.

DATE	PRESENT	ABSENT
July 10, 2000	All	None

The chairman called the meeting to order and Jerry Baker opened with prayer.

1. Motion by Kathryn Black seconded by Harold Woodall to adopt a resolution as per attached to improve a section of CR 104 passed 4-0.
2. Motion by Dale Welsh seconded by Kathryn Black to adopt a resolution as per attached to improve a section of CR 34 passed 4-0.
3. Motion by Earl Westbrook seconded by Kathryn Black to adopt a resolution as per attached to improve a section of CR 26 passed 4-0.
4. Motion by Dale Welsh seconded by Earl Westbrook to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting passed 4-0.

DATE	PRESENT	ABSENT
July 24, 2000	All	None

The chairman called the meeting to order and Leon Smith opened with prayer. Bills were reviewed and approved as per attached.

1. Jerry Culberson presented a document petitioning the Commission to establish a Civic Center Authority and an Airport Authority subject to lawful parameters. The county attorney will review the matter and report to the Commission at the next meeting. Mr. Culberson will acquire a copy of recent legislation governing such matters from Representative Lindsey.

2. Motion by Harold Woodall seconded by Kathryn Black to approve an increase in the cost of samplings at the old landfill by Lawgibb, formerly Law Engineering. The increase is for 950.00 making a cost of 4,800.00 per sampling event as per attached. Wayne Cochran noted that annual sampling is now performed rather than semi-annual. Motion passed 4-0.

3. Motion by Dale Welsh seconded by Earl Westbrook to approve six bridge projects through ALDOT for 388,500.00 passed 4-0. Copy of documentation is attached.

4. Motion by Dale Welsh seconded by Earl Westbrook to concur in the award for paving, Striping, & guardrail for roadwork to Goodhope of Cullman for 1, 172,896.22 as per attached. The county match is 269,720.00 and will be delivered to Montgomery on or before July 26. Motion passed 4-0.

5. The engineer recommended conditional approval of a SD created by Charles Howell just off CR 29 near CR 368 pending receipt of a deed and a plat of the SD. The two documents shall be presented at the next meeting. Motion by Dale Welsh seconded by Harold Woodall passed 4-0. A check exceeding 19,000.00 was received.

C. Motion by Dale Welsh seconded by Earl Westbrook to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting passed 4-0.

7. Motion by Harold Woodall seconded by Kathryn Black to grant Excess Land Redemption to James Campbell for 60.68 passed 4-0. Copy attached.

8. Motion by Dale Welsh seconded by Kathryn Black to grant Excess Land Redemption to Robert Sayer for 114.21 passed 4-0. Copy attached.

9. The county attorney will review a letter from Scheer's addressing surety bonding of AWDS. The letter is in accordance with Section 8.03 of the contract between the County and AWDS. The attorney will report at the next meeting.

10. Motion by Earl Westbrook seconded by Kathryn Black to adopt a resolution to secure a grant for 500,000.00 and to commit a match of 14,000.00 to go towards sewer upgrade in Leesburg for the KTH plant passed 4-0.

DATE	PRESENT	ABSENT	
August 14, 2000	All	None	Prayer Wayne Cochran

The Chairman called the meeting to order and business was transacted as follows.

1. Motion by Dale Welsh seconded by Kathryn Black to authorize the chairman to sign two documents provided by the Alabama Department of Archives and History which represents the authorized county official who may request permission for the destruction of public records. One of the documents will be returned to ADAH to be used for comparison purposes as needs arise. Motion carried 4-0.
2. Motion by Harold Woodall seconded by Kathryn Black to approve Excess Land Redemption for 36.37 to James Phillips as per attached passed 4-0.
3. Motion by Harold Woodall seconded by Kathryn Black to approve Excess Land Redemption for 9.27 to G & M Harrison, a partnership, as per attached passed 4-0.
4. Motion by Kathryn Black seconded by Dale Welsh to approve Excess Land Redemption for 13.66 to G & M Harrison, a partnership, as per attached passed 4-0.
5. Motion by Dale Welsh seconded by Kathryn Black to approve the acceptance of a new bonding company for AWDS upon the recommendation of the county attorney passed 4-0/

DATE- August 28, 2000

1 Motion by Dale Welsh seconded by Kathryn Black to approve a resolution and application to form a district authority for the purpose of constructing a Civic Center as per attached passed 4-0. Remelle Williams presented the proposed document and will possibly present one for an airport authority in the future. Each municipality and the county will have one representative appointed to the Civic Center Authority. The resolution was adopted contingent upon agreement and signatures that all municipalities in the county participate.

2. Shad Ellis and others representing Cherokee Environmental Systems discussed means and efforts to clean up Weiss Lake. Septic tank systems that use peat and referred to as drip systems were discussed.

3. Motion by Dale Welsh seconded by Kathryn Black to adopt a resolution to initiate paper work to pave CR 8 from State Road 9 to CR 10; authorize the chairman to sign documents to resurface CR 34 from US 411 to CR 16 and CR 61 from State Road 68 to dead-end and CR 116 from CR 61 to CR 26 passed 4-0.

4. Motion by Earl Westbrook seconded by Harold Woodall to accept a SD road as CR 414 off CR 76 known as Rolling Hills SD developed by Doug Green passed 4-0. A check for 618.00 for paving has been received.

5. Motion by Earl Westbrook seconded by Harold Woodall to conditionally accept a SD road in the Lockridge SD into the county system pending paving next spring passed 4-0. A check for 6,662.50 has been received.

6. Motion by Dale Welsh seconded by Earl Westbrook to adopt the minutes of the July 24 meeting passed 4-0.

7. Motion by Earl Westbrook seconded by Kathryn Black to adopt the minutes of the August 14 meeting passed 4-0.

8. Motion by Harold Woodall seconded by Kathryn Black to adopt a resolution as per attached authorizing the state to pay postage for Board of Registrar mailouts passed 4-0.

DATE
9/5/00

PRESENT
All

ABSENT
None

The chairman called the meeting to order and Harold Woodall opened with prayer.

1. Bill Hawkins, county attorney, presented and explained an agreement that he drafted between the Commission and the Town of Leesburg regarding the KTH Plant now being implemented. The county, in providing fill and compactment materials for foundations, shall make payment for loading costs as an appropriation to the Leesburg Industrial Development Board. Additionally, the county shall not be under any legal obligations in the future that may affect any municipal zoning ordinances. Motion by Kathryn Black seconded by Harold Woodall to approve the agreement passed 4-0. A copy of said contract is filed in the Commission Office under "contracts".

This being the purpose of the specially called meeting, the meeting was adjourned subject to call without further discussion.

DATE	PRESENT	ABSENT
Sept. 11, 2000	All	None

The chairman called the meeting to order and Dale Welsh opened with prayer.

1. Motion by Harold Woodall seconded by Earl Westbrook to approve the maximum amount of salary increase as provided in the Omnibus Pay Bill for the Revenue Commissioner effective October 1, 2000 passed 4-0.

2. Joe McElroy inquired as to the stone hauling for the KTH Plant in Leesburg. He was prepared to bid on the job. It was explained that the General Contractor provided his own vehicles for the job. The only involvement by the Commission is to provide financial assistance through the Leesburg Industrial Development Board.

3. The engineer advised that Charles Howell, Chal-Ridge Estates SD has met the two pending requirements of roads in the SD meet county specifications.

4. The engineer discussed the need that paving expenses be increased to about 2.50 per square yard and has budgeted such an increase in the FY 2000/2001 Highway Dept budget.

5. Motion by Earl Westbrook seconded by Kathryn Black to adopt a resolution as per attached to place 35 MPH maximum speed signs on CR's 7, 6, 71, and 19 for trucks 1 1/2 ton on more passed 4-0.

6. The engineer advised that a secondary investigation is required with regards to the removal of the underground storage tanks at the Highway Dept.

7. Motion by Earl Westbrook seconded by Dale Welsh to appoint Janice Haynes to the CED Mental Health Board passed 4-0. (Replaced Janice Yates who resigned)

8. Motion by Dale Welsh seconded by Earl Westbrook to adopt a resolution as per attached regarding takeover of the Juvenile Probation Officer expenses by the Administrative Office of Courts passed 4-0. The takeover will be phased in over a 5-year period with the county paying 100% the first year and with a 20% reduction in each successive year.

9. Motion by Dale Welsh seconded by Earl Westbrook to adopt a resolution as per attached regarding Amendment Numbers 1 & 3 as passed by the legislature last session passed 4-0. The Amendments reference Oil Lease Monies due to counties and bridgework.

10. Motion by Harold Woodall seconded by Earl Westbrook to adopt a resolution as per attached regarding pay raises for retirees passed 4-0.

11. Motion by Harold Woodall seconded by Kathryn Black to adopt a resolution as per attached regarding joint county bidding regulations passed 4-0. The county is not required to participate but may choose to participate in the future.

12. Motion by Harold Woodall seconded by Earl Westbrook to approve the minutes of the August 28 meeting passed 3-0 with Dale Welsh abstaining since he has not read them.

13. Motion by Kathryn Black seconded by Harold Woodall to approve the minutes of the special meeting 9/5/00 passed 4-0.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned subject to call.

DATE	PRESENT	ABSENT
Sept. 25, 2000	All	None

The chairman called the meeting to order and Jerry Baker opened with prayer.

1. The engineer presented a resolution to endorse and support the objectives of the Upper Coosa Water Shed Management Project for which a grant of 583,000.00 will be used to develop Best Management Practices. County costs over a 5-year period is 20,000.00 and in-kind services may be applied to the cost. Motion by Harold Woodall seconded by Earl Westbrook passed 4-0.
2. No action was taken regarding proposed road acceptance criteria changes.
3. Motion by Dale Welsh seconded by Kathryn Black to award the bid for bridge piling and casements to Clark Construction passed 4-0.
4. Annual bids were awarded as follows with Dale Welsh making the motion to award and Earl Westbrook voicing the second with the exception of Hot Plant Mix which was motioned by Harold Woodall and seconded by Earl Westbrook. Motions passed 4-0 with the exception of Hot Plant Mix which passed 3-0 with Dale Welsh abstaining.

Aggregate	Vulcan Materials
Concrete	Kerr
Concrete Pipe	Sherman
Grader Blades/Bolts	General Fastener
Guard Rail	Alabama Guardrail
Herbicide	Timberlake
Liquid Asphalt	Vulcan Materials
Metal Pipe	Harvey Culvert
Liquid Paving (Tar/Gravel)	Watts
Petroleum	Cedar Bluff Oil
Plant Mix Hot	Goodhope
Plant Mix-Cold	Calhoun Asphalt
Stone Hauling	McElroy Construction
Striping	Ozark

Motion by Earl Westbrook seconded by Harold Woodall to post 35 MPH signage on CR 936 between US 41 1 and CR 163 passed 4-0.

6. Motion by Dale Welsh seconded by Kathryn Black to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting passed 4-0.
7. Motion by Harold Woodall seconded by Kathryn Black to approve Excess Land Sale redemption for 84.30 to Mr. Campbell passed 4-0.
8. Motion by Kathryn Black Seconded by Harold Woodall to approve the DYS contract for state finding to go to Coosa Valley Youth Detention Facility in Anniston and to authorize the chairman to sign passed 4-0.
9. Motion by Kathryn Black seconded by Dale Welsh to allow the EMA staff to assist in disasters within the state if called upon by the state EMA Office passed 4-0.
10. Motion by Harold Woodall seconded by Earl Westbrook to approve the East Alabama Regional Planning & Development Commission contract regarding Rural Public Transportation passed 4-0.

11. The chairman noted that 17 entities have been contacted by letter to determine those interested in discussing and/or presenting a proposal to provide ambulance service to the county. Solicitation is state-wide and any interest should be provided prior to October 26, 2000 at 10:00 AM.

12. Motion by Harold Woodall seconded by Dale Welsh to adopt the FY 2000/2001 county budget as per attached passed 4-0.

13. Motion by Dale Welsh seconded by Kathryn Black to appropriate, effective October 1, 2000, 5,000.00 per year to each of the seven schools in Cherokee County (Centre Elementary, Centre Middle, Cherokee County High, Sand Rock, Gaylesville, Cedar Bluff, and Spring Garden) with the stipulation that the Cherokee County Board of Education provide an equal match to each school to be used at the discretion of each school. Also, the Cherokee County Commission stipulates that in order to receive these funds, the Cherokee County Board of Education shall not reduce in any way the amount of discretionary money now going to each school from the Board of Education. Furthermore,

effective immediately, the Cherokee County Commission will not accept any request for funding from any school, school affiliated organization, or Volunteer Fire Department. Motion passed 4-0.

14. Motion by Dale Welsh seconded by Kathryn Black that the Cherokee County Commission will provide the same health and dental insurance to any person who meets any of the following eligibility requirements, at the same cost if any, as it provides to its county employees.

1 - Any Cherokee County employee who retires from employment with the Cherokee County Commission, in accordance with Section 36-27-16(a)(1)(a) or 36-27-16(a) (1)(c), Code of Alabama, 1975 as amended, or

2- Any Cherokee County Official who has served not less than 10 years and has participated in one or more of the State Retirement programs, including but not limited to the employees, Judicial, teachers, or supernumerary retirement programs; and has left his/her official position with Cherokee County, or

3- The county attorney, upon him/her being compensated through the Cherokee County payroll system.

This benefit is available to all Cherokee County Employees and Cherokee County Elected Officials employed or serving on or after September 25, 2000.

At such time any person, who qualifies for such benefit, becomes eligible for Medicare, the Cherokee County Commission shall stop paying the health and dental premium. Motion carried 4-0.

There-being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting as adjourned subject to call.

DATE	PRESENT	ABSENT
October 9, 2000	All	None

The chairman called the meeting to order and Dale Welsh opened with prayer.

1. The Revenue Commissioner discussed cash on hand in the Reappraisal Budget and in the General Fund Account which has accumulated as costs for computer upgrades. Motion by Harold Woodall seconded by Earl Westbrook to authorize the Revenue Commissioner and the Administrator to work out the mechanics necessary to transfer the balance of budgeted line-items into line-items that allow F & E purchases passed 4-0.
2. Motion by Dale Welsh seconded by Earl Westbrook to authorize the Revenue Commissioner and the Administrator to develop bid specs regarding the purchase of a mapping machine passed 4-0.
3. Motion by Kathryn Black seconded by Harold Woodall to authorize the chairman to sign an agreement with ALDOT for roadwork on CR 104 from the dead-end to CR 690 as per attached passed 4-0.
4. Motion by Dale Welsh seconded by Earl Westbrook to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting passed 4-0.
5. Motion by Harold Woodall I seconded by Earl Westbrook to approve Excess Land Redemption for 19.82 for the Harrison Family Partnership as per attached passed 4-0.
6. Motion by Kathryn Black seconded by Dale Welsh to approve Excess Land Redemption for 56.10 as per attached for Ruby Crow passed 4-0.
7. Motion by Dale Welsh seconded by Earl Westbrook to appoint Shane Swafford to the Coosa Valley Youth Detention Center Board passed 4-0.
8. Motion by Earl Westbrook seconded by Harold Woodall to appoint Kathryn Black, Gary Hopper, and Becky Smith to the Cherokee County Communications District Board passed 4-0.
9. Motion by Earl Westbrook seconded by Harold Woodall to appoint Jerry Benefield and Tom Harton to the Cherokee County Industrial Development Board passed 4-0.
10. Motion by Earl Westbrook seconded by Harold Woodall to appoint Bob McCleskey to the Alabama Mountain Lakes Tourist Association Board passed 4-0.

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned subject to call.

DATE	PRESENT	ABSENT
October 23, 2000	Ali	None

The Chairman called the meeting to order and Wayne Cochran opened with prayer.

1. The Sheriff asked the Commission to contract with Elizabeth Gilbert of the County Health Department to come to the Jail 3 times per week to give inmates T. B. tests. The cost will be \$15.00 per trip to be paid monthly. Motion by Harold Woodall seconded by Earl Westbrook to approve contract passed 4-0.
2. Motion by Dale Welsh seconded by Kathryn Black to amend the Certificate of Corporation for the Cherokee County Water Authority to change name to Cherokee County Water and Sever Authority passed 4-0.
3. Motion by Kathryn Black and seconded by Dale Welsh to grant excess land redemption to Glen Harrison Estate for \$15.84 passed 4-0.
4. Motion by Kathryn Black seconded by Harold Woodall to renew annual contract with The American Red Cross same as last year passed 4-0.
5. Motion by Earl Westbrook seconded by Dale Welsh to amend minutes of meeting dated October 9, 2000, section 2 to read bid specs regarding Map making machine instead of computer purchase passed 4-0.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned subject to call.

DATE	PRESENT	ABSENT
November 14, 2000	All	None

The chairman called the meeting to order and Wayne Cochran opened with prayer.

1. Jane Poovey, MR310 Board, expressed thanks for the annual appropriation of 7,500.00. She briefed the Commission on activities of the Board.

2. Ken Cairnes, Amcare Ambulance Company introduced one of the company's owners and asked the status of the Commission decision regarding county-wide ambulance service. The chairman elaborated on information from ACCA that this service is a bid item and must be bid if privatized. The Administrator will contact East Alabama EMS in Anniston and the State Health Department in Montgomery in an effort to secure advice on development of bid specs.

3. Jerri Delk is interested in the Commissions help in securing 99,000.00 for indigent mentally ill concerns. The Administrator will draft a letter to Mr. Jim Cody in the matter.

4. Motion by Harold Woodall seconded by Earl Westbrook to increase the road cost factor to 2.50/square yard when quoting and calculating various costs passed 4-0. Other stipulations regarding Public Road Acceptance Criteria were taken under advisement.

5. Motion by Dale Welsh seconded by Kathryn Black to approve and authorize the chairman to sign documents making Morton & Associates the Grant Administrator for the KTH Project in Leesburg passed 4-0. The motion also included authorization to sign the Environmental Assessment document.

6. Motion by Kathryn Black seconded by Earl Westbrook to adopt the minutes of the Oct 9 meeting passed 4-0.

7. Motion by Harold Woodall seconded by Earl Westbrook to adopt the minutes of the Oct 23 meeting subject to a copy of the Red Cross agreement being made an attachment to those minutes specifying the amount appropriated passed 4-0.

8. Motion by Earl Westbrook seconded by Harold Woodall to post NO TRIAXLE DUMP TRUCKS signs on CR 7 passed 4-0. Other roads under consideration for like signage are CR 71 and CR 6.

9. The chairman recessed the meeting until 10:00 AM Friday, November 17 to allow the Administrator to accomplish assignments regarding ambulance bidding.

10. The meeting resumed at the assigned hour as stipulated above. Motion by Harold Woodall seconded by Dale Welsh to approve the grant of 500,000.00 as presented by Morton & Associates, Grant Administrators, for the KTH Project and authorize the chairman to sign passed 4-0.

11. Motion by Dale Welsh seconded by Earl Westbrook to approve and authorize the chairman to sign the East Alabama Regional Planning & Development Commission amendments for programs administered regarding services for the elderly passed 4-0.

12. The Commission again recessed until 4:00 PM Monday, November 20, 2000, at which time further discussion will ensue regarding ambulance service and any other business that may be necessary to come before the board.

13. The Monday meeting, as well as a scheduled Wednesday meeting, was cancelled due to the need for more time to accumulate information and this meeting was adjourned at the beginning of the next regular meeting.

DATE	PRESENT	ABSENT
November 27, 2000	All	None

The chairman called the meeting to order and Jerry Baker opened with prayer.

1) Motion by Harold Woodall seconded by Kathryn Black to adopt a resolution as per attached regarding the paving of CR 89 from SR 35 to CR 46 passed 4-0.

2) Motion by Earl Westbrook seconded by Kathryn Black to adopt a resolution as per attached regarding the paving of the following roads passed 4-0.

CR 148 from Centre to CR 69

CR 8 from CR 111 to CR 45

CR 63 from Little Nose Creek to CR469

CR 65 from SR 9 to dead-end

CR's 136 & 686 from CR 48 to dead-end

CR's 97 & 56 from SR 68 to CR 91

3) Motion by Dale Welsh seconded by Earl Westbrook to award the roofing of the courthouse to the low bidder, Lambert Roofing for 80,000.00 passed 4-0. A letter will be sent as confirmation.

4) Motion by Harold Woodall seconded by Dale Welsh to define a county fixed asset as: "A PIECE OF PROPERTY THAT HAS A PURCHASE, DONATED, OR ESTIMATED VALUE OF 1,000.00 OR MORE AND HAS A LIFE EXPECTANCY OF 3 YEARS OR MORE; OR ANY ELECTRONIC OR WIRELESS DEVICE WHICH HAS A PURCHASE, DONATED, OR ESTIMATED VALUE OF 100.00 OR GREATER" passed 4-0.

5) Motion by Earl Westbrook seconded by Harold Woodall to approve temporary ambulance service as defined in the attached letter from Barry Cochran, President, Cherokee Baptist Medical Center passed 4-0.

6) Motion by Earl Westbrook seconded by Kathryn Black to reappoint Shad Ellis to the MR310 Board passed 4-0.

7) After a brief recess, Mel Williams presented an application as per attached to form a corporation that will form an airport authority. A resolution as per attached of approval to form said corporation was motioned by Earl Westbrook and seconded by Kathryn Black. As the Certificate of Incorporation represents a joint venture between the county, the town of Piedmont, and the City of Centre, the motion is contingent upon a change in language regarding appointments to the board in that the "a consensus of the 6 members appointed to the board by the governing bodies shall appoint the 7" member". Motion passed 4-0.

8) Motion by Earl Westbrook seconded by Harold Woodall to appoint Brian Perry and Al Head to the Airport Authority Board subject to Centre and Piedmont's approval of the corporate documents passed 4-0.

DATE	PRESENT	ABSENT
December 11, 2000	All except:	Kathryn Black

Before the meeting convened, the Commissioners presented the Library Board Members with a 75,000.00 check as a budgeted appropriation, to be used for the Library Expansion Project.

- 1) Mr. O.H. (Buddy) Sharpless and Mr. Johnny Hassett, ACCA, provided a proposal for liability insurance. The Association provides law enforcement training tuition costs, skid school tuition, legal defense through Webb & Ely Law Firm, reimbursements as related to claims, and safety program education as part of the Liability Package. Quotes of 62,244.00 with no deductibles, 52,907.00 with a 5,000.00 deductible, and 46,683.00 with a 10,000.00 deductible plus actual cash value for property coverage of 12,289.00 was presented.
- 2) Mack Tillery and Freck Williams presented a liability insurance proposal with coverages defined as the same as the past year. The policy stipulates a six million blanket with 2,500.00 deductible. The premium was quoted as 103,193.00. He reported losses during the past year, inconsistent with county records, as the reason for the increase.
- 3) The Commission took no action but scheduled a future meeting for December 20 to make a decision.
- 4) Motion by Dale Welsh seconded by Harold Woodall to accept the recommendation by Johnny Roberts, Revenue Commissioner, to award the bid for a Scanner to Glenn's Computer Service for 7,900.00 and a Plotter to Clark Associates for 12,760.00 passed 3-0. Both devices are required, and must interface with each other, to create a mapping machine for the Reappraisal Function.
- 5) Billy Dupree asked to be considered for the License Inspector job that he understands is available. The chairman explained the job requirements and the manner of pay associated is 1.00/citation issued by the Inspector.
- 6) Motion by Harold Woodall seconded by Earl Westbrook to approve the Sheriffs request to remove Dean Buttram from salary overtime exempt status and reinstate him as an hourly employee due to the time he spends on the job passed 3-0. The change is to be effective with the next pay period and the rate will be calculated based on the current salary.
- 7) Motion by Dale Welsh seconded by Earl Westbrook to award the bid for the road Reclaimer for 2001 to Joe Money Machinery which is based on 176 hours/month and 11,500.00 passed 3-0.
- 8) John Bates asked Commissioners to begin consideration of the paving schedule for 2001.
- 9) Motion by Dale Welsh seconded by Harold Woodall to approve the contract with the YMCA for 5,000.00 as per attached passed 3-0.
- 10) Motion by Harold Woodall seconded by Dale Welsh to not meet on the next regular scheduled meeting day as it is Christmas Day. The meeting would normally have been changed to the following Tuesday. The measure follows precedent previously established and passed 3-0.
- 11) Motion by Dale Welsh seconded by Earl Westbrook to adopt the 2001 Holiday Schedule as per attached passed 3-0.
- 12) Discussion was held regarding policy changes for awarding vacation time to long term employees. The matter was tabled until the next meeting.
- 13) Agreement was reached to meet again on December 20 at 10 AM.
- 14) Motion by Dale Welsh seconded by Earl Westbrook to change the telephone system in the Commission, Probate, and Tag Offices since the existing system is outdated and unsupported by the phone company. A new TDS system comprised of a maximum of 18 phones and a cost of 5,634.90 w/o caller ID and voice mail was approved with a 3-0 vote.
- 15) Motion by Harold Woodall seconded by Dale Welsh to adopt the minutes of the November 14 meeting passed 3-0.
- 16) Motion by Earl Westbrook seconded by Dale Welsh to adopt the minutes of the November 27 meeting passed 3-0.

17) Motion by Earl Westbrook seconded by Dale Welsh to authorize the Administrator to contact Architect Ben Connally to draw plans both for an elevator and a lift chair mechanism for the original courthouse passed 3-0. The Commission expressed a need and a desire to pay Mr. Connally for services performed in the past.

18) The meeting recessed until the 20th at 10 AM.

19) The meeting resumed as indicated and a motion by Kathryn Black seconded by Harold Woodall to award liability & property insurance coverage with Insurance Facilities, Inc. for 103,193.00 for 2001 passed 4-0 as Mrs. Black was in attendance for this meeting.

20) Motion by Harold Woodall seconded by Earl Westbrook to authorize the chairman to sign a document transferring furniture for the Juvenile Probation Officer to the State passed 4-0.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned subject to call.