

The Cherokee County Commission met in regular session on the date specified below. Bills were reviewed and approved as per attached at month-end.

DATE:	PRESENT:	ABSENT:
April 28, 2003	All except	Kathryn Black

The chairman called the meeting to order and Brother Salter opened with prayer.

- 1) Cameron Reader, Alabama Mountain Lakes Tourism Association, gave a briefing regarding activities in northeast Alabama and Cherokee County. Some 4.8 million dollars attributable to tourism impact the county.
- 2) Jim Cody, CED Mental Health, introduced Kathy Scaggs, local mental health director. He requested open board appointments be filled and discussed funding.
- 3) Motion by Dale Welsh seconded by Earl Westbrook to place an ad for 236.74 in the August edition of the Past Times Magazine section passed 3-0.
- 4) Scott Farrer asked for information to have sewer placed in the Lawrence Community that will cost about 129,000.00. He needs information as to the manner to secure grant funding for the project. He was advised to work with the town of Cedar Bluff.
- 5) Mike Rutland provided an update to the status of the Administration Building. He projected that ads for bids will be done in about a week. The ads will run three consecutive weeks and will be solicited from contractors outside and inside the local area. Motion by Dale Welsh seconded by Harold Woodall that the chairman draft a letter authorizing Mike to advertise for bids on behalf of the county passed 3-0.
- 6) The engineer provided an update of the Lawrence Community road extension issue that was addressed in the previous meeting. George McElroy is owner of the adjoining property.
- 7) Motion by Harold Woodall seconded by Earl Westbrook to authorize the chairman to sign paperwork to secure state funding for CR 78 at a cost of 249,000.00 with no local match passed 3-0. The road is in the Mud Creek area.
- 8) The engineer advised that ADEM has provided a work plan and cost estimate of 13,453.40 to remove gasoline seepage where the underground tanks were located at the Highway Dept. Groundwater testing revealed an accumulation that must be addressed. Motion by Earl Westbrook seconded by Dale Welsh to authorize the engineer to manage the matter passed 3-0.
- 9) Motion by Earl Westbrook seconded by Harold Woodall to place a caution light at the intersection of SR 273 and SR 35 passed 3-0.
- 10) Pedestrian Safety signs near schools, public buildings, and courthouses were discussed by the engineer and commissioners. Funds are 80 percent federal and 20 percent state. The matter will be discussed next meeting since Spring Garden School was not on the list to receive benefit of the funding.
- 11) Motion by Earl Westbrook seconded by Harold Woodall to approve excess land sale redemption to Charles Garret for 68.34 passed 3-0.
- 12) Motion by Dale Welsh seconded by Earl Westbrook to advertise for the replacement of the EMA Director position passed 3-0. Ads will commence May 16, 2003.
- 13) Motion by Earl Westbrook seconded by Dale Welsh to appoint Beverly Daniel as Interim EMA Director so that certain activities of the job may continue uninterrupted passed 3-0.
- 14) Motion by Dale Welsh seconded by Earl Westbrook to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting passed 3-0.
- 15) The Administrator will contact Museum personnel to determine if Museum funds are available to install air conditioning in the building.

- 16) Motion by Earl Westbrook seconded by Dale Welsh to contract with Keenum's Problem Wildlife Control, Inc. to eradicate bats from the museum at a cost of 3,545.00 passed 3-0.
- 17) The new owners of the old barbershop adjacent to the water authority parking area does not allow space beyond the building proper. They wish to install an air conditioner and awning which will protrude over county owned property. The county attorney will be asked to review the matter and advise.
- 18) Motion by Earl Westbrook seconded by Dale Welsh to authorize the chairman to draft a letter to the Baptist Hospital System asking that local government and citizens be kept informed during the decision making process regarding sale of the local hospital if in fact any such discussions transpire. Motion passed 3-0.

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