

CHEROKEE COUNTY COMMISSION CENTRE, AL

MINUTES

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:
August 9, 2004	All	None

The Honorable J. Kirk Day appointed by Governor Bob Riley as Probate Judge/Commission Chairman and was sworn into office on August 6, 2004 called the meeting to order and Tim Burgess opened with prayer.

1. Motion by Harold Woodall, second by Dale Welsh to approve meeting agenda for the August 9, 2004 meeting. Passed 4-0.
2. Motion by Harold Woodall, second by Earl Westbrook to approve the minutes of July 26, 2004 meeting. Passed 4-0.
3. Shane Woodham, Forestry Commission request \$300.00 for Arbor Day. Motion by Earl Westbrook, second by Kathryn Black to approve the request. Passed 4-0.
4. Thereasa Hulgan, Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce, request the Commission to reinstate the 5% lodging tax to be funded 100% to the Chamber. The funds are to be used for tourism in the county. Motion by Harold Woodall, second by Kathryn Black to reinstate lodging tax funding to the Chamber from this date forward and will be considered for future budgets. Passed 3-1. Opposed Dale Welsh.
5. Jane Poovey from the MR-310 Board thanked the Commission for its support in the past, explained services and requested to be considered in 04/05 budget.
6. Motion by Earl Westbrook, second by Harold Woodall to accept telephone system low bid from TDS Telecom for the new administrative building. The costs of cabling, installation and equipment totaled \$39,643.12 with a five-year 24/7 maintenance agreement totaling \$3,412.50. The total bid amount is \$43,055.62. Passed 4-0.
7. Motion by Earl Westbrook, second by Kathryn Black to authorize Chairman to enter into the airport funding agreement between Piedmont, Centre, and Cherokee County to pay one-third of five percent for site preparation funding for the new regional airport. Passed 4-0.
8. The Commission Chairman announced that Mack Tillery had resigned from Cherokee County Water Board.
9. Motion by Harold Woodall, second by Earl Westbrook to pay excess land exemption to David McDaniel in the amount of \$938.35. Passed 4-0.
10. Commission Chairman announced that the new plaque on the Cherokee County Administration Center would include the statement "This Building is Dedicated to The People of Cherokee County", The Cherokee County Commission. The plaque also list the Architects – 2WR Holmes Wilkens, and the Contractor, C.D. Wilson & Son, Inc. with the completion year date 2004.
11. Commission Chairman announced that new meeting times would be the second and fourth Monday each month at 5:30p.m. There will be a work session before each meeting beginning at 4:30p.m. and would be open to the press and public.
12. Probate Judge/Commission Chairman announced that he desires to exercise a voluntary diminution of salary from \$93,460.08 to \$81,460.08.

13. Motion by Earl Westbrook, second by Dale Welsh to replace air conditioning unit in judges chamber for a price no more than \$3,500.00. Passed 4-0.
14. Dean Buttram, County Attorney explained to the commission that Alabama Land and Timber Co., LLC made a settlement offer of \$13,200 for damage to county roads 171 and 342. Motion by Earl Westbrook, second by Harold Woodall to accept the settlement offer of \$13,200 for the repair. Passed 4-0.

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

Dale Welsh, District I

J. Kirk Day, Chairman

Earl Westbrook, District II

Kathryn Black, District III

Harold Woodall, District IV