

# 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:
May 9, 2005	Lori J. Owens, District I Earl Westbrook, District II Elbert St. Clair, District III Kay Y. Chumbler, District IV J. Kirk Day, Chairman	None

The Chairman read a letter sent by United States Attorney Pat Meadows concerning restitution payments made to Cherokee County. The Chairman then called the meeting to order and Wayne Cochran opened with prayer.

1. Motion by Earl Westbrook, second by Lori Owens to approve the agenda for May 9, 2005 meeting. Passed 4-0.
2. Motion by Lori Owens, second by Earl Westbrook to approve the minutes as published for the April 25, 2005 meeting. Passed 4-0.
3. Tabled from the previous meeting was the request from Sheriff Larry Wilson for two deputies, two vehicles, and one jailer. He explained there is a need for more manpower because the Town of Cedar began selling alcoholic beverages and believed that an increase in DUI and VPI incidents would occur. Motion by Lori Owens, second by Kay Chumbler to approve one additional deputy position for the sheriff's department. Passed 4-0.
4. Tabled from the previous meeting was the request from the Park & Recreation Board for the county to take over Pratt Memorial Park. The Chairman asked county attorney Bill Hawkins to discuss his findings on the deed. The Chairman requested that the attorneys pursue a title search, the county administrator prepare a cost estimate of annual upkeep of grounds, a report from the county engineer on the criteria for taking in a road under the county system & estimate of upkeep on the road, and a report from the county insurance company on additional liability increase in premium associated with having this property. Motion by Lori Owens, second by Kay Chumbler to proceed with the information gathering process. Passed 4-0.
5. Judge Sherri Carver updated the Commission on the progress of the drug court. Judge Carver also distributed a Profit & Loss Detail to each Commissioner and went over financial information. Mr. Melvin Salter from Drug Free Cherokee expressed his appreciation for the Commission's support. No action taken.
6. Motion by Lori Owens, second by Earl Westbrook to approve the temporary closing of Cherokee Rock Village due to the filming of the movie Failure To Launch and authorize the county highway department to construct and post a sign indicating the closing dates of the park when they become available. Passed 4-0.
7. Motion by Earl Westbrook, second by Elbert St. Clair to award the IBM eSeries Computer System Upgrade, Applications Software, Installation and Training bid to Premise, Inc. in the amount of \$381,871. Passed 4-0.
8. Motion by Earl Westbrook, second by Lori Owens to approve the courthouse repairs proposal in the amount of \$42,500 to C.D. Wilson and Sons, Inc. Passed 4-0.
9. Mr. John Smith addressed the Commission about concerns he had over recent Commission actions.
10. Mr. David Cleveland addressed the Commission about the Cedar Bluff Alcohol issue and asked for protection from the county.

11. Mr. George Jones from Intergraph Corp. (ISC) gave a presentation on the GIS System. No action taken.
12. Motion by Earl Westbrook, second by Lori Owens to approve the excess land redemptions to Lee Anthony in the amount of \$13.63 and Imogene Painter in the amount of \$252.03. Passed 4-0.
13. Mr. Ricky Steele, Town Manager of Cedar Bluff presented a petition to the Commission concerning the County's involvement in the Cedar Bluff Alcohol issue. The Chairman expressed that he would give the petition to the administrator for Commissioner review.
14. Motion by Lori Owens, second by Earl Westbrook to suspend the rules to enter into executive session. Passed 4-0.  
  
Motion by Elbert St. Clair, second by Earl Westbrook to reinstate rules and enter into regular session. Passed 4-0.
15. Motion by Lori Owens, second by Earl Westbrook to adjourn meeting. Passed 4-0.

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

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Lori J. Owens, District I

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J. Kirk Day, Chairman

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Earl Westbrook, District II

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Elbert St. Clair, District III

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Kay Y Chumbler, District IV