

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:
July 25, 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 called the meeting to order and Mr. Chad Hopper opened with prayer.

1. Motion by Earl Westbrook, second by Elbert St. Clair to approve the agenda for the July 25, 2005 meeting as published. Passed 4-0.
2. Motion by Earl Westbrook, second by Lori Owens to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2005 meeting as published. Passed 4-0.
3. Motion by Earl Westbrook, second by Lori Owens to approve \$500 per Commissioner for a total \$2,000 from discretionary money to fund the 2005 Farm/City Day as requested by Dewandee Neyman. Passed 4-0.
4. Roger Hall, County Engineer, requested that the commission approve the acceptance of County Road 459, Terrapin Creek Hills Addition I Subdivision into county maintenance. Mr. Hall explained that the road meets county standards in the year it was built with one exception. The exception is that when the road was built in 1999 it only required a 50 foot right of way. The utilities are already buried in the right of way therefore Mr. Hall requested that this road be grandfathered in and not require the current 60 foot right of way. The funds for paving and the deed has been received. Motion by Earl Westbrook, second by Elbert St. Clair to accept County Road 459, Terrapin Creek Hills Additional I Subdivision, into county maintenance. Passed 4-0.
5. Motion by Earl Westbrook, second by Lori Owens to approve the 2006 International 7500 Truck Lease Agreement Resolution. Passed 4-0.
6. The Chairman explained that the Forestry Service has requested permission to conduct controlled burning on county property. This controlled burning will be on the old Leesburg Landfill and will include training for local volunteer fire departments in their efforts to receive certification on fighting forest fires. The burning will be on the perimeter and will be not involve any burning on the cap of the Landfill. Motion by Earl Westbrook, second by Elbert St. Clair to authorize the Forestry Service to conduct controlled burning and training on the old Leesburg Landfill property with the stipulation that they follow the guidelines established by ADEM. Passed 4-0.
7. The Chairman has explained that the Architect has determined that the Contractor of the Administration Center has not complied with the landscaping specifications as set forth in the construction contract. The Commission is faced with three options. Option 1 is to continue to allow the contractor to try to bring the landscaping up to the specifications established in the original contract relating to seeding with burmuda grass, sub grade and topsoil. Option 2 is allowing a change order to place sod in place of burmuda grass seeding with a credit being given for cost of seed and labor. Option 3 concerns dismissing the contractor from that portion of the contract and receiving a refund or holding the retainage for any work not accepted in the contract. The Architect has explained that this is within the Commission's rights and that any work under option 3 would be separate from the original contract and the work would need to be a bid item. Motion by Earl Westbrook, second by Lori Owens to table this item until a proposal is received from the contractor. Passed 4-0.

8. Motion by Lori Owens, second by Earl Westbrook to adopt the Cherokee County Court Referral Services plan resolution. Passed 4-0.
9. Commissioner Chumbler explained that a new business, Bobo Grinding, is located on Alabama Highway 9. The area that the business is located in is determined to be a dangerous location. Bobo Grinding, in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce, has applied for a grant for a turning lane and is requesting that the Commission be a sponsor to the grant. Motion by Kay Chumbler, second by Earl Westbrook to authorize the Commission to be the project sponsor for a grant concerning 1,000 feet of Alabama Highway 9 adding a turning lane and allow the Chairman to sign the Alabama Industrial Access Road Application. Passed 4-0.
10. Motion by Earl Westbrook, second by Elbert St. Clair to allow the County Administrator to contact Fuller and Thompson, Architects, Inc. for the purposes of putting together plans for the addition of the female housing units project in the Cherokee County Detention Center. Passed 4-0.
11. Motion by Earl Westbrook, second by Kay Chumbler to authorize \$2,000 expenditure for placing a concrete pad for a garbage container and placing a fence around the air conditioning units. Passed 4-0.
12. Motion by Earl Westbrook, second by Lori Owens to authorize the Commission to get prices for placing carpet in certain areas of the Courthouse. Passed 4-0.
13. The Chairman announced that the Commission would begin to accept resumes for upcoming appointments for the Human Resources Board and the Coosa Valley Youth Services Board.
14. Motion by Earl Westbrook, second by Elbert St. Clair to pledge \$400 each from discretionary funds for a total of \$1,600 to the Cherokee County Youth Baseball team that will be playing in the world series for necessary expenditures. Passed 4-0.
15. Motion by Elbert St. Clair, second by Earl Westbrook to adjourn meeting.

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

Lori J. Owens, District I

J. Kirk Day, Chairman

Earl Westbrook, District II

Elbert St. Clair, District III

Kay Y. Chumbler, District IV