

CHEROKEE COUNTY COMMISSION
CENTRE, ALABAMA
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:
October 13, 2008	Lori J. Owens, District I Kimball Parker, District II Elbert St. Clair, District III Carlton Teague, District IV Melvyn Salter, Chairman	

1. The Chairman called the meeting to order.
2. Public Comment From Citizens: None
3. Public Comment from other Elected Officials:

Revenue Commissioner John A. Roberts gave an update to the commission concerning online property tax payments. Roberts reported that there had been 22 taxpayers had accessed and paid online to date.

4. Roll Call to Establish Quorum:

District I, Commissioner Owens – Present
District II, Commissioner Parker – Present
District III, Commissioner St. Clair – Present
District IV, Commissioner Teague – Present

5. Motion by Kimball Parker, second by Elbert St. Clair to approve the agenda as published for the October 13, 2008 meeting. Passed 4-0.
6. The Chairman led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and Commissioner Owens gave the Invocation.
7. Awards and Presentations:

Matt Woodfin from the Alabama Forestry Commission presented the Commission with a certificate recognizing the Sweetleaf Tree as the Alabama Champion Tree for its species found at Cherokee Rock Village.

8. Motion by Carlton Teague, second by Elbert St. Clair to approve the minutes as published for the September 22, 2008 regular meeting and the September 29, 2008 special meeting. Passed 4-0.
9. Reports from Staff:

County Administrator Tim Burgess – Reported that the Town of Leesburg had passed a resolution to join in with the county for animal control services.

County Engineer Corey Chambers – Reported that the Highway Department is now in their new building and thanked the Commission for providing them with the office.

County Attorney Bill Hawkins– None Submitted
County Sheriff Jeff Shaver – None Submitted

10. Public Meetings: None
11. Old Business: None
12. New Business:

- A. Motion by Lori Owens, second by Carlton Teague to approve Letter of Concurrence for Bridge Work on County Road 22 and authorize the Chairman to sign letter as presented by Corey Chambers, County Engineer. Mr. Chambers informed the Commission that Wright Brothers Construction was the low bidder. The Chairman asked Mr. Chambers when the project might get started. Mr. Chambers responded by saying that there is an

award process and he hoped that the county would get a notice to proceed sometime in November. Passed 4-0.

- B. Motion by Kimball Parker, second by Elbert St. Clair to grant permission to place bids for a track excavator, small dozer and 2 ten foot rotary cutters as requested by Corey Chambers, County Engineer. Passed 4-0.
- C. Motion by Elbert St. Clair, second by Carlton Teague to award the attached traffic sign bid for the fiscal year October 1, 2008-September 30, 2009 as read by Corey Chambers, County Engineer. Passed 4-0.
- D. Motion by Elbert St. Clair, second by Kimball Parker to adopt the attached Resolution to accept RDS/AlaTax to perform services to administer and collect taxes for the county and authorize chairman to sign resolution and related necessary implementation documents for self-collection. Passed 4-0.
- E. Motion by Carlton Teague, second by Elbert St. Clair to approve the attached Tax Revenue Enhancement Agreement Revenue Administration between PRA Government Services d/b/a RDS and Cherokee County effective December 1, 2008 and authorize chairman to sign agreement. Passed 4-0.
- F. Motion by Lori Owens, second by Carlton Teague to approve the attached Agreement between the Cherokee County Emergency Communications District and the County and authorize the Chairman to sign agreement. Passed 4-0.
- G. Motion by Elbert St. Clair, second by Kimball Parker to adopt the attached Resolution that elects to come under the provisions of Section 2 of Act 555 of the First Special Session of the 2008 Legislature for one-time lump sum payment for retirees and authorize chairman to sign resolution. Passed 3-0. Commissioner Owens abstained stating that she was not opposed to the retirees receiving the payment but was concerned about the equity issue for employees because no outside study has been done for pay scales, job descriptions and merit pay.
- H. Motion by Elbert St. Clair, second by Carlton Teague to approve the attached Agreement for Services between the East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission and the Cherokee County Commission for Transportation Services with a local match of \$15,321. Passed 4-0.

13. Discussion Items by Commissioners:

Commissioner Owens wanted the public to know that county employees and elected officials did receive a 4% cost of living allowance for the 2008-2009 budget year. Commissioner Owens stated that this information needed to be announced publicly each year as well as this year.

Commissioner Teague thanked employees for their hard work and stated that not announcing the cost of living allowance publicly was an oversight and there was no intention not to disclose the information.

The Chairman also made comments about the budget and was thankful that the county was able to give a cost of living allowance and agreed that this is an open issue.

14. Motion by Kimball Parker, second by Carlton Teague to adjourn meeting. Passed 4-0.

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

Lori J. Owens, District I

Melvyn Salter, Chairman

Kimball Parker, District II

Elbert St. Clair, District III

Carlton Teague, District IV