

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:
September 8, 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: None
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 Lori Owens to approve the agenda as published for the September 8, 2008 meeting with addition of item #9 to follow bid schedule. Passed 4-0.
6. The Chairman led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and Commissioner Parker gave the Invocation.
7. Awards and Presentations: None
8. Motion by Carlton Teague, second by Elbert St. Clair to approve the minutes as published for the August 25, 2008 regular meeting. Passed 4-0.
9. Reports from Staff:

County Administrator Tim Burgess – None Submitted
County Engineer Corey Chambers– None Submitted
County Attorney Bill Hawkins– None Submitted
County Sheriff Jeff Shaver – None Submitted
10. Public Meetings:

A public hearing was scheduled regarding a petition to close a certain unnamed county road. Attorney Shane Givens spoke to the process on the petition entered by Jackie Mobbs on July 17, 2008. The road is maintained by the county. The notice of the closing was advertised in the paper. James Richard McCullough was served with certified mail and did file a consent and waiver. There was no one in opposition to the closing.
11. Old Business:
12. New Business:
 - A. Motion by Carlton Teague, second by Elbert St. Clair to adopt the attached Resolution To Close Certain Unnamed County Road. Passed 4-0.
 - B. Motion by Carlton Teague, second by Elbert St. Clair to approve Commercial Lease Agreement Between Cherokee County Commission and Cherokee County Communications District, Inc. Passed 4-0.
 - C. Motion by Kimball Parker, second by Lori Owens to Approve Long Term Detention Subsidy Contract between Cherokee County and the Alabama Department of Youth Services. Passed 4-0.

- D. Motion by Elbert St. Clair, second by Kimball Parker to approve Excess Land Redemptions to Jerry Findley in the amount of \$248.33, Reba Ray in the amount of \$411.96, and Jack & Barbara Mackey in the amount of \$61.84. Passed 4-0.
- E. Motion by Carlton Teague, second by Lori Owens to table the action to appoint Cherokee County Health Care Authority until December due to the fact that other appointment or reappointments will have to be made at that time. The vacancy is due to the passing of Dean Buttram, Sr. The term ends on December 31, 2008. Passed 4-0.

Commissioner Owens asked if discussion could be made. Commissioner Owens then made the following comments concerning the appointment of Health Care Authority Members:

“We talked about it a little bit in the planning session and I don’t know if Commissioner Teague would like to speak to this as well. I know there has been discussion about this being a person appointed from district 4 and I understand the representation issue but I think it would be good if the full commission could discuss the breakdown on the districts and have some kind of a formal discussion and policy on the record on some of these future appointments. I know these boards have been a challenge. When Judge Day was here, he and Mr. Burgess and I did some research on it and Judge Salter of course has been working hard on getting information on all the boards, not just any one in particular. I did ask Mr. Burgess for a list of who is on the health care authority now and I think the best I can tell we currently have nobody on there now that has a background in health care or administration. Mr. Buttram brought tremendous knowledge and wisdom to the board in that area. I would think that there should be two more appointments in December, well now three since we tabled this, that there should be a concentrated effort to try to recruit some people with a background in health care or health care administration. And as a point too, I would like to make is that currently there are no women on that board and health care is a tremendous issue for us too. I wouldn’t want someone appointed just because they are female. We did have an applicant a while back who had tremendous credentials in health care and administration. So I have a list of the board members if the media would like it. I could not remember who was on the board until Friday and I asked Mr. Burgess if he would find that for me. We appreciate our boards and what they do for the county. But I think it would be in the interest in the citizens of the county if we could.... I am not saying everyone on the board needs to have a background in health care, but certainly some of them should.”

- F. Motion by Lori Owens, second by Kimball Parker to table the action to appoint Public Building Authority Board Members to serve the term ending September 30, 2011 upon recommendation by the chairman due to the commission not receiving any written requests to serve. Passed 4-0.
- G. Motion by Elbert St. Clair, second by Lori Owens to table the action to appoint Cherokee County Decentralized Waste Water System Authority upon recommendation by the chairman due to the commission not receiving any written requests to serve. Passed 4-0.
- H. Motion by Carlton Teague, second by Elbert St. Clair to approve the attached Animal Control Contract with Municipalities. Passed 4-0.
- I. Motion by Kimball Parker, second by Carlton Teague to approve to let bid for County Garbage Collection and follow schedule of three weeks publication, open the bids at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, September 26th, and call a special meeting on Monday, September 29th at 3:30 p.m. for consideration on the bids. Passed 4-0.
- J. Motion by Lori Owens, second by Elbert St. Clair to adopt a Resolution Honoring Zachary Jones, State FFA President. Passed 4-0.

13. Discussion Items by Commissioners:

- 14. Motion by Elbert St. Clair, 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