

**CHEROKEE COUNTY COMMISSION**  
**CENTRE, ALABAMA**

**MINUTES**

DATE:  
September 28, 2009

PRESENT:  
Wade Sprouse, District I  
Kimball Parker, District II  
Elbert St. Clair, District III  
Carlton Teague, District IV  
Melvyn Salter, Chairman

ABSENT:

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

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

5. Motion by Carlton Teague, second by Kimball Parker to approve the agenda for the September 28, 2009 regular meeting as published. Passed 4-0.
6. The Chairman led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and Sheriff Shaver gave the Invocation.
7. Awards and Presentations:

Mr. John Beasley from Waste Management Company announced that the residential garbage collection rate would decrease by \$1.37 per month. The reason for the decrease is that fuel prices have decreased and our rate is adjusted accordingly. The Chairman pointed out that there is mandatory garbage pickup in the county and the more people that sign up will help bring the price down for everyone.

8. Motion by Wade Sprouse, second by Elbert St. Clair to approve the minutes as published for the September 14, 2009 regular meeting. Passed 4-0.
9. Reports from Staff:

County Administrator Tim Burgess – None Submitted  
County Engineer Corey Chambers – None Submitted  
County Attorney Chad Hopper– None Submitted  
County Sheriff Jeff Shaver – None Submitted

10. Public Meetings:

A Public Hearing on the matter of vacating County Road 425. Attorney Shane Givens was present at the meeting representing Mr. Wallace. Attorney Givens advised the Commission that Mr. Wallace was the only landowner and proper notification had been placed in the paper.

11. Old Business: None

12. New Business:

- A. Motion by Wade Sprouse, second by Carlton Teague to adopt the attached Resolution to Vacate County Road 425. Passed 4-0.
- B. Motion by Carlton Teague, second by Elbert St. Clair to adopt the attached the attached Terrapin Creek Scenic Trail Resolution as read by the Chairman. Mr. Fred Couch president of the Alabama Scenic River Trail spoke to matter. Passed 4-0.

- C. Motion by Kimball Parker, second by Wade Sprouse to award the attached annual highway department bids for the fiscal year October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010. Passed 4-0.
- D. Motion by Carlton Teague, second by Kimball Parker to adopt the attached resolution to elect to come under the provisions of Act 2002-23 of the Regular Session of the 2002 Legislature, establishing the Deferred Retirement Option Plan (“DROP”) for Cherokee County Employees and Elected Officials. Passed 4-0.
- E. Motion by Wade Sprouse, second by Elbert St. Clair to approve excess land redemptions to Randy & Sharon Cox in the amount of \$308.75, Jack or Barbara Mackey in the amount of \$125.42, and Jack or Barbara Mackey in the amount of \$250.42. Passed 4-0.
- F. Motion by Wade Sprouse, second by Carlton Teague to adopt the attached county budget for the fiscal year October 1, 2009 – September 30, 2010. Commissioner Parker expressed his appreciation to the commission office staff for their work in preparation of the budget and handling the funds. Parker also stated that the budget includes a 2.5% Cost of Living Allowance for employees and officials. Commissioner Teague expressed his appreciation to the employees and pointed out that he was particularly excited about the Code Red System for the citizens that is included in the budget. Commissioner Sprouse, Commissioner St. Clair, and Chairman Salter made favorable comments and expressed their appreciation to the employees for the job they do. After the comments the commission adopted the budget by a vote of 4-0.

13. Discussion Items by Commissioners:

- 14. Motion by Elbert St. Clair, second by Wade Sprouse 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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Wade Sprouse, District I

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Melvyn Salter, Chairman

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Kimball Parker, District II

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Elbert St. Clair, District III

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Carlton Teague, District IV