

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

**MINUTES**

DATE:  
February 22, 2010

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: None
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 Elbert St. Clair to approve the agenda for the February 22, 2010 regular meeting with two additions being item #6 to replace the heating and air at the Board of Education building with the BOE maintenance department doing the installation and item #7 for extracting dead animals from public waterways. Passed 4-0.
6. The Chairman led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and Rev. Shane Swafford gave the Invocation.
7. Awards and Presentations: None Submitted
8. Motion by Kimball Parker, second by Wade Sprouse to approve the minutes as published for the February 8, 2010 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-

Sheriff Shaver told the Commissioners about the Yellow Dot Program news conference.

County EMA Director Beverly Daniel

Ms. Daniel informed the Commission that the National Weather Service had designated this week as “severe weather awareness week” and Wednesday as “severe weather awareness day” and the EMA will be testing the weather sirens on that day. Also she encouraged everyone to go through their severe weather plan and make sure your weather radios are working. Ms. Daniel mentioned that anyone who has not signed up for the “code red program” can pick up an application in the EMA office.

County Parks and Recreation Board Mr. Scooter Howell

Mr. Howell presented two drawings of the Cherokee Rock City plans. The plans consisted of Phase I and a completed phase. Mr. Howell stated that there has been 40 acres donated to the park and they are currently talking to other land owners about purchasing their property. He also requested stimulus money to help fund the project. Shane Givens, Park Board Attorney, gave an overview of the drawings as well.

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

- A. Motion by Carlton Teague, second by Elbert St. Clair to approve the BlueCross/Blue Shield 820 health insurance plan for employees and officials for the period March 1, 2010 through February 28, 2011. The motion also included that the county will provide an offset on certain deductibles and co-pays to balance out with the previous plan had to offer. Passed 4-0.
- B. Motion by Kimball Parker, second by Wade Sprouse to award the attached annual bid for road reclaimer rental to Thompson Tractor for a price of \$5,633 weekly or a \$14,800 monthly as presented by Corey Chambers, Engineer. Passed 4-0.
- C. Motion by Carlton Teague, second by Elbert St. Clair to award the attached annual bid for bituminous surface treatment to Charles Watts Construction as presented by Corey Chambers, Engineer. Passed 4-0.
- D. Motion by Wade Sprouse, second by Kimball Parker to award the attached annual bid for Hot Mix Asphalt Paving to McCartney Construction Company as presented by Corey Chambers, Engineer. Passed 4-0.
- E. Motion by Elbert St. Clair, second by Carlton Teague to approve Agreement between the County and the Alabama Department of Forensic Sciences for decedent transport funds as appropriated by the Alabama Legislature Act 2009-550 and authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement. Passed 4-0.
- F. Motion by Wade Sprouse, second by Kimball Parker to replace the heating and air at the Board of Education building with the BOE maintenance department doing the installation. Passed 4-0.
- G. Motion by Carlton Teague, second by Wade Sprouse to amend Animal Control Resolution to provide for the extraction of dead animals from public waterways. The amendment reads as follows:

“In the event that an animal is found dead in a public waterway, it shall be to the discretion of the animal control officer to order the extraction of the dead animal. The dead animal shall be removed if it is posing a threat to public health and feasible to remove. The animal control officer shall issue an order to remove or contract to remove the dead animal. The animal control officer is empowered to enter any premises in the event an animal is found dead and is a threat to public health.”

The motion passed 4-0.

13. Discussion Items by Commissioners:

Commissioner Teague mentioned that the Cherokee County Family Resource Center will have an open house on March 1<sup>st</sup> from 2 – 4 pm at the Courthouse.

The Chairman mentioned the 2010 Census and encouraged everyone to complete the census forms. He stressed the importance of completing the forms because the census affects the amount of federal money that is given to the county for education, roads, and etc.

14. Motion by Wade Sprouse, second by Elbert St. Clair 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