

CHEROKEE COUNTY COMMISSION

CENTRE, ALABAMA

MINUTES

DATE:
September 12, 2011

PRESENT:
Wade Sprouse, District I
Kimball Parker, District II
Elbert St. Clair, District III

Melvyn Salter, Chairman

ABSENT:

Carlton Teague, District IV

The Cherokee County Commission met in regular session on the date specified above. Bills were reviewed and approved as per attached at month's end.

Discretionary funds were expended for the following purposes and for the following amounts by the following commissioners individually or collectively:

Commissioner Sprouse - District One Account # 11291

1. Baker Enterprises – Anti-litter advertisement - \$187.50

Commissioner Parker - District Two Account # 11292

1. Cherokee Co Board of Education – Coaches Offices at SRHS - \$694.95
2. Baker Enterprises – Anti-litter advertisement – \$187.50

Commissioner St. Clair - District Three Account # 11293

1. Cherokee Co Board of Education – Coaches Offices at SRHS - \$694.94
2. Baker Enterprises – Anti-litter advertisement – \$187.50

Commissioner Teague – District Four Account # 11294

1. Baker Enterprises – Anti-litter advertisement – \$187.50

1. The Chairman called the meeting to order.
2. The Chairman asked for Public Comment From Citizens:

Ms. Traci Pondick from the RSVP program thanked the Commission for providing space for their program during tax season. RSVP is the program that provides free income tax preparation services mainly for lower income individuals and senior adults.

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 – Absent

5. Motion by Kimball Parker, second by Elbert St. Clair to approve the agenda for the September 12, 2011 regular meeting with three additions. Passed 3-0.
6. The Chairman led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and Commissioner St. Clair gave the Invocation.
7. Awards and Presentations: None
8. Motion by Wade Sprouse, second by Kimball Parker to approve the minutes as published for the August 2, 2011 meeting. Passed 3-0.
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:

There was a public hearing on the matter of vacating a portion of County Road 83 which was continued from the prior meeting. Attorney Shane Givens gave the definition of a County Road as found in Code of Alabama 23-1-331. Mr. Laney presented a document from the United States Department of the Interior Fish and Wildlife Service stating that nearly 30 years ago his family leased their property to the Department of the Interior. Attorney Hawkins asked County Engineer Corey Chambers if anyone from the general public or Department of the Interior has ever contacted his office about any repair or maintenance to be done on the part of the road in question. Mr. Chambers replied that to his knowledge no one has ever contacted him. Mr. Hawkins asked Mr. Laney if this vacation would land lock anyone. Mr. Laney replied that he could not get access his property if the road is vacated.

11. Old Business:

- A. Motion by Kimball Parker, second by Elbert St. Clair to table an action on the Resolution to Vacate a Portion of County Road 83 tabled from prior meeting to the next meeting to consider the new evidence. Passed 3-0.

12. New Business:

- A. Motion by Wade Sprouse, second by Elbert St. Clair to approve Alabama Department of Youth Services Long Term Detention Subsidy Contract and the Chairman to sign. Passed 3-0.
- B. Motion by Kimball Parker, second by Wade Sprouse to amend the Cherokee County Ordinance 2011-01 paragraph (c) to an amount equal to one quarter of a percent (.25%) of gross proceeds for manufacturing machines; paragraph (d) to an amount equal to one quarter of a percent (.25%) of gross proceeds for automotive; paragraph (e) to an amount equal to (.25%) for farm equipment; and, paragraph (f) to an amount equal to one quarter of a percent (.25%) for vending. Passed 3-0.
- C. Motion by Elbert St. Clair, second by Wade Sprouse to approve excess land redemption to John D. Coggin in the amount of \$242.45, Jack F. Mackey in the amount of \$175.65, Imogene Houston in the amount of \$345.26, Cindy Deberry in the amount of \$115.93, and Reba Ray in the amount of \$113.53. Passed 3-0.
- D. The Chairman announced that the Commission will be considering a proposed sewer ordinance at the October 10, 2011 regular meeting.
- E. The Chairman announced that the Decentralized Waste Board Member appointment/reappointment will be made at the October 10, 2011 meeting.
- F. Motion by Elbert St. Clair, second by Kimball Parker to nominate Mr. Larry Guffey, Mr. Gaines Brewer, and Mr. Johnny Ellis to the County Board of Equalization Term beginning October 1, 2011. Passed 3-0.
- G. Motion by Kimball Parker, second by Wade Sprouse to award Annex Building and Old Jail demolition bid to Pacific Construction Inc. for the sum of \$107,860. In addition to the contractor is to be responsible for any damages to the power lines and fiber optic cable. Passed 3-0.
- H. Motion by Wade Sprouse, second by Elbert St. Clair to declare the annex furniture as salvage before any demolition occurs. Passed 3-0.
- I. The Chairman announced that we would have a budget hearing on Monday, September 19, 2011 at 4:00 PM in the Commission Office.
- J. Motion by Kimball Parker, second by Elbert St. Clair to approve a \$30,000 Homeland Security Grant with a 25% county match. Passed 3-0.

13. Discussion Items by Commissioners: None

14. Executive Session: None

15. Motion by Wade Sprouse, second by Elbert St. Clair to adjourn meeting. Passed 3-0.

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

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