

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

DATE:  
March 26, 2012

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:
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. The Chairman led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and Administrator Tim Burgess gave the Invocation.
6. Awards and Presentations:
7. Motion by Kimball Parker, second by Elbert St. Clair to approve the agenda for the March 26, 2012 regular meeting. Passed 4-0.
8. Motion by Carlton Teague, second by Wade Sprouse to approve the Consent Agenda approving prior meeting minutes and payables. 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  
County Parks and Recreation:

Mr. Scooter Howell – Announced that there will be an Easter Sunrise Service on Sunday, March 8, 2012 beginning around 6:00am at Cherokee Rock Village.

Mr. Gary Banister announced that 73 acres of land had been deeded to the Park Board that surrounds Cherokee Rock Village. This would increase the Park by 91.32%

State Health Department Attorney Greg Locklier addressed the Commission and the citizens that attended the meeting about the proposed Sewage Ordinance. He made comments concerning the improper disposal of sewage and the ordinance being a enforcement vehicle for the health department. Mr. Locklier also mentioned the fees that will be imposed by the health department for enforcement of the ordinance. Several citizens were in attendance and commented favorably for the commission to pass the ordinance.

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

1. Corey Chambers explained that the right of entry for the Terrapin Creek Cleanup Project was not complete. No action taken.

2. Motion by Wade Sprouse, second by Carlton Teague to let bid on Terrapin Creek Cleanup as presented by Corey Chambers. Passed 4-0.
3. Motion by Elbert St. Clair, second by Kimball Parker to approve Operation and Maintenance Plan of the Emergency Watershed Sight as presented by Corey Chambers. Passed 4-0.
4. Motion by Kimball Parker, second by Wade Sprouse to approve the attached Letter of Intent for ATRIP funding for County Roads 29, 19, 15, and 147 as presented by Corey Chambers. Passed 4-0.
5. Motion by Kimball Parker, second by Wade Sprouse to appoint Andrea Ellis Givens to the Library Board to complete the unexpired term of Ms. Sue Ellis who has resigned. Passed 4-0.
6. Motion by Kimball Parker, second by Elbert St. Clair to approve requests for special funds to Board of Education in the amount of \$10,000 to be used for the Sand Rock High School field house (Commissioner Parker \$4,000, Commissioner St. Clair \$4,000 and Commissioner Sprouse \$2,000), Weis Lake Improvement Authority in the amount of \$10,000 for renew our rivers (\$2,500 from each Commissioner), and transfer to highway department in the amount of \$829.04 for work done at Gaylesville School. Passed 4-0.
7. Motion by Wade Sprouse, second by Carlton Teague to approve the establishment of the Overlook Cemetery located at 1250 County Road 14 in the Mt. Weisner area as requested by the Moore Family. The Chairman stated that all the conditions had been met with the health department and has been verified by the county attorney. Passed 4-0.
8. Motion by Carlton Teague, second by Elbert St. Clair to approve Excess Land Redemption to David & Irene Sprouse in the amount of \$39.55. Passed 4-0.

13. Discussion Items by Commissioners:

14. Executive Session:

1. Preamble.
2. Reason for Executive Session: Discussion with County Attorney – Administrative Hearing Matters (Section 7a, 9 of Act 2004-40) in this case how it relates to personnel issues.
3. County Attorney Bill Hawkins stated that this is a valid reason under Alabama Law (Section 7a 9 of Act 2005-40) to go into executive session.
4. Motion by Carlton Teague to go into executive session.
5. The Chairman called for a Roll Call Vote.  
Commissioner Sprouse – Yes  
Commissioner Parker – Yes  
Commissioner St. Clair – Yes  
Commissioner Teague – Yes
6. Motion by Wade Spouse, second by Elbert St. Clair to reconvene.
7. The Chairman called for a Roll Call Vote to reconvene.  
Commissioner Sprouse – Yes  
Commissioner Parker – Yes  
Commissioner St. Clair – Yes  
Commissioner Teague – Yes
8. Motion by Carlton Teague, second by Wade Sprouse that the probationary period of an employee and be retroactive to March 8, 2012 and his corresponding pay would be reflective to that date due to a clerical error as requested by the Sheriff. Passed 4-0.

15. Motion by Kimball Parker, 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