

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

DATE:  
January 14, 2019

PRESENT:  
Randy Jones, District I  
Roger Nichols, District II  
Marcie Foster, District III  
Carlton Teague, District IV  
Tim Burgess, 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 Jones – Present  
District II, Commissioner Nichols – Present  
District III, Commissioner Foster – Present  
District IV, Commissioner Teague – Present
5. The Chairman led the Pledge of Allegiance and Commissioner Jones gave the invocation.
6. Awards and Presentations:
  1. The Commission recognized Chief Deputy Coroner Paul McDonald for his hard work and dedication to service in support of Cherokee County. Paul completed the rigorous certification process to achieve certification with the American Board of Medicolegal Death Investigators (ABMDI).
7. Motion by Commissioner Foster, second by Commissioner Teague, to approve the agenda for the January 14, 2019 regular meeting. Passed 4-0.
8. Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Teague, to approve the Consent Agenda approving prior meeting minutes and payables. Passed 4-0.
9. Reports from Staff: None Submitted
10. Public Hearings:
  1. The Commission held a public hearing on the vacating of a portion of County Road 103. Attorney Shane Givens represented the petitioners, Joseph Rhodes, Mary Rhodes, and Linda Abbot in their request to close a portion of County Road 103. No opposition was presented to the Commission regarding this action.
11. Old Business:
  1. Chairman's Announcement: The appointment of the District II position on the Cherokee County Industrial Development Authority will take place at the Monday, January 28, 2019 meeting. This is a six-year term that will end in January of 2025. Submittal of resumes, letters, etc. will be accepted through Wednesday, January 23, 2019 until the close of business in the Commission Office.
  2. Chairman's Announcement: The appointment of the District III position on the Cherokee County Industrial Development Authority will take place at the Monday, January 28, 2019 meeting. This appointment is to fill the unexpired term vacated by Representative Ginny Shaver which ends in January of 2023. Submittal of resumes, letters, etc. will be accepted through Wednesday, January 23, 2019 until the close of business in the Commission Office.
12. New Business:

1. Motion by Commissioner Teague, second by Commissioner Nichols, to adopt a resolution to vacate a portion of County Road 103 and approve issuance of a Quit Claim Deed transferring ownership to Joseph Rhodes and Mary Rhodes. Passed 4-0.
2. Chairman's Announcement: The appointment of the Place #6 position on the Cherokee County Communications District Board will take place at the Monday, February 11, 2019 meeting. This is a four-year term that will end in January of 2023. Submittal of resumes, letters, etc. will be accepted through Wednesday, February 6, 2019 until the close of business in the Commission Office.
3. Chairman's Announcement: The appointment of the Place #7 position on the Cherokee County Communications District Board will take place at the Monday, February 11, 2019 meeting. This is a four-year term that will end in January of 2023. Submittal of resumes, letters, etc. will be accepted through Wednesday, February 6, 2019 until the close of business in the Commission Office.
4. Motion by Commissioner Foster, second by Commissioner Jones, to approve the following Excess Land Redemptions: Passed 4-0.

Joel and Karen Denise Helms	\$1,137.47
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Daniel St. Clair	\$3,784.01
Coy Deaton	\$871.74
Coy Deaton	\$971.74
Cory Clifton	\$871.74
Chris Henderson	\$100.73
Coy Deaton	\$768.42
Tommy and Jean Baswell	\$637.47
Tommy and Jean Baswell	\$338.98
Tommy and Jean Baswell	\$244.17

5. Motion by Commissioner Nichols, second by Commissioner Teague, to adopt the Cherokee County School Choice Week Proclamation. Passed 4-0.
6. Motion by Commissioner Foster, second by Commissioner Nichols, to approve the attached exemptions of garbage collection fees for the period of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 as submitted by the Cherokee County Health Department. Passed 4-0.
7. The Chair opened the floor for nominations for the three positions on the Cherokee County Healthcare Authority. Commissioner Foster nominated Bret Butler. Commissioner Nichols nominated Sue Guffey. Commissioner Teague nominated Eric Ellis. Commissioner Teague nominated Lanny Starr. Nominations were then closed by the Chair. Votes were then conducted on the nominees.
  - Bret Butler – Motion by Commissioner Foster, second by Commissioner Nichols. Motion failed 2-3 (Chairman exercised his voting privilege due to a 2-2 split by the Commissioners).
  - Sue Guffey – Motion by Commissioner Nichols, second by Commissioner Jones. Motion passed 3-0 (Commissioner Foster abstained).
  - Eric Ellis – Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Teague. Motion passed 3-0 (Commissioner Foster abstained).
  - Lanny Star – Motion by Commissioner Teague, second by Commissioner Jones. Motion passed 3-2 (Chairman exercised his voting privilege due to a 2-2 split by the Commissioners).
8. Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Nichols, to reappoint Wayne Clanton to the Northeast Alabama Water and Sewer Authority to fill a four-year term that will end in January 2023. Passed 4-0.
9. The Chair opened the floor for nominations for the two positions on the Cherokee County Parks and Recreation Board. Commissioner Foster nominated Eden Grimes. Commissioner Jones nominated Mike Sewell. Commissioner Teague nominated William "Scooter" Howell. Nominations were then closed by the Chair. Votes were then conducted on the nominees.
  - Eden Grimes – Motion by Commissioner Foster, second by Commissioner Nichols. Motion passed 2-1 (Commissioner Teague abstained).
  - Mike Sewell – Motion by Commissioner Jones, no second was provided.
  - William "Scooter" Howell – Motion by Commissioner Teague, second by Commissioner Nichols. Motion passed 4-0.

10. Motion by Commissioner Teague, second by Commissioner Nichols, to adopt a resolution relating to the Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant to develop 15 campsites at Cherokee Rock Village and authorize the Chairman to sign. Passed 4-0.
11. Motion by Commissioner Foster, second by Commissioner Nichols, to approve Amy Johnette Johnson to transfer from Warrants Clerk (Grade 4, Step 10) to Nutrition Center Director (Grade 6, Step 3). Passed 4-0.
12. Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Teague, to approve the Chairman, on behalf of the County Commission, to write a letter of support for the Coroner Bill, as amended. Passed 3-0. Commissioner Nichols abstained.
13. Motion by Commissioner Foster, second by Commissioner Teague, to approve the removal of the Warrants Clerk position from the Sheriff's Department and add one Deputy position. Passed 4-0.

13. Executive Session: None

14. Discussion Items by Commissioners: None

15. Motion by Commissioner Foster, second by Commissioner Nichols, to adjourn the meeting. Passed 4-0.

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

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Tim Burgess, Chairman

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