

**CHEROKEE COUNTY COMMISSION
CENTRE, AL**

MINUTES

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

DATE: January 13, 2003	PRESENT: Phillip Jordan Dale Welsh Earl Westbrook Harold Woodall	ABSENT: Kathryn Black
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The chairman called the meeting to order and Wayne Cochran opened with prayer.

1. Larry Wilson presented a draft of an ordinance to address loud activities in the unincorporated areas of the county. The county attorney was authorized to review the draft, determine if granting the request is lawful, and if so, present that or another draft at the next meeting. The sheriff elect also discussed the need for a medical staff in regards to the INS contract.
2. Vicki Robinson with the Herald newspaper asked the Commission if they wish to participate in the special edition of the Progress Magazine as has been done consistently in the past. Motion by Dale Welsh seconded by Harold Woodall to purchase an ad for 222.39 sized 6 X 10 1/2 inches passed 3-0.
3. No bids were received to demolish the storage buildings at the site chosen to construct an Administrative Building. A gentleman was present that offered to take them down for 2,250.00 each with a time frame for removal of 100 days. The Commission will consider that offer plus other considerations.
4. Scott Henderson with Waste Management advised that about 96% of qualifying households now have carts provided and those households that have not received one should have theirs by week-end. One reason for the delay is that some 300 new subscribers have been enrolled since October. The company plans to keep about 25 or so in the local office.
5. Motion by Earl Westbrook seconded by Harold Woodall to secure Jones, Blair, Waldrup, and Tucker as the engineering firm to review bridge sites and prepare estimates for repairs on CR 24 and CR 8 in connection with the State Bridge Program passed 2-0 with Dale Welsh temporarily not present.
6. Motion by Earl Westbrook seconded by Harold Woodall to award a bid of 30.00 to Glens Computer Repair for a Highway Department plotter that is considered surplus property due to lightning strikes passed 2-0.
7. Motion by Harold Woodall seconded by Earl Westbrook to approve an amendment as per attached regarding the Bells Crossroads water project, CY SF PF 01 001. The amendment allows an extension of water lines outside the original project area. The motion passed 2-0.
8. Motion by Harold Woodall seconded by Earl Westbrook to approve the recommendation by ADL, Inc. to award a bid of 1,359,980.00 to Chris Matthews Construction, Inc. for expansion of the Leesburg WWTP, project CY ED PF 00 011. The Water Authority will pay any funds not covered by the grant. Morton and Associates are the grant administrators. Motion passed 2-0.
9. Motion by Earl Westbrook seconded by Harold Woodall to adopt a resolution as per attached regarding the KTH Sewer Project, CY ED PF 00 011, whereby an additional 250,000.00 in grant funds are allocated to the project passed 3-0. The resolution assigns ADL, Inc. as the project engineer and Morton & Associates as the administrator in the matter.

10. Motion by Harold Woodall seconded by Earl Westbrook to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting passed 3-0.
11. Motion by Dale Welsh seconded by Earl Westbrook to eliminate a portion of the fixed assets definition as addressed in the previous meeting. The definition of a fixed asset, supported by the Examiners of Public Accounts, remains unchanged. Accounting for assets of less than 5,000.00 in a subsidiary ledger has been deleted. The motion passed 3-0. The definition is: **"A piece of property that has a purchase, donated, or estimated value of 5,000.00 or more and has a life expectancy of 3 years or more"**.

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

DATE:
January 27, 2003

PRESENT:
All except:

ABSENT:
Kathryn Black

The chairman called the meeting to order and Leon Smith opened with prayer.

1. Louise Bedwell discussed the need for floor space by AA and others that have been meeting in a building that the city of Centre plans to demolish. The Odd-Fellow building may be available but needs work. She asked for support from the Commission, possibly inmate labor. She is to report commitments from other municipalities at the next meeting.
2. Motion by Earl Westbrook seconded by Dale Welsh to approve an agreement with ALDOT for 169,400.00 to use special FAS funds to pave CR 71 from Terrapin Creek to State Road 9 passed 3-0. Copies attached.
3. Motion by Dale Welsh seconded by Earl Westbrook to approve an agreement with ALDOT for 208,700.00 to use special FAS funds to pave CR 31 from State road 9 to an unnamed branch (1.85 miles) passed 3-0. Copies attached.
4. Motion by Earl Westbrook seconded by Harold Woodall to provide the balance of the cost (approximately half) of sirens that may be requested by communities provided the communities pay 5,000.00 towards the siren and provided local funds are available passed 2-0 with Dale Welsh being absent. As a result of the November tornado, various funds from FEMA, insurance, and other sources have accumulated to some 41,000.00 with 11,000.00 to 12,000.00 expected to be required to replace the siren at John's Cross Roads. Repair of the McCord's Cross Roads siren is underway with insurance that has not been filed for to pay that invoice.
5. Motion by Harold Woodall seconded by Earl Westbrook to approve excess land sale redemption for 241.28 to Martha Thomason as per attached passed 2-0.
6. Motion by Harold Woodall seconded by Earl Westbrook to approve excess land sale redemption for 251.86 to Martha Thomason as per attached passed 2-0.
7. Motion by Harold Woodall seconded by Earl Westbrook to approve excess land sale redemption for 489.24 to Lamar Chasteen as per attached passed 2-0.
8. Motion by Harold Woodall seconded by Earl Westbrook to approve excess land sale redemption for 66.91 to Lee Anthony as per attached passed 2-0.
9. Motion by Harold Woodall seconded by Earl Westbrook to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting passed 2-0.
10. Motion by Earl Westbrook seconded by Harold Woodall to reappoint Wayne Clanton to the NE Alabama Water & Sewer Board for a 4-year term that commences January, 2003 and ends January, 2007 passed 2-0.
11. Motion by Harold Woodall seconded by Earl Westbrook to reappoint Johnny Roberts and Phillip Jordan to the Cherokee County Communications District Board for a 4-year term that commences January, 2003 and ends January, 2007 passed 2-0.
12. Motion by Harold Woodall seconded by Earl Westbrook to reappoint Dean Buttram, Sr., Gary Hopper, and Jerry Lockridge to the Cherokee County Health Care Authority Board for a 6-year term that commences January, 2003 and ends January, 2009 passed 2-0.

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

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

DATE:
February 10, 2003

PRESENT:
All Except

ABSENT:
Kathryn Black

1. Louise Bedwell addressed the matter of the previous meeting regarding floor space for Alanon and 4 other groups that historically have met periodically in a City of Centre building that is to be demolished. She presented an estimate of 5,905.00 for materials to upgrade a different building provided by the city and asked the Commission for financial help to cover the materials cost. Motion by Earl Westbrook seconded by Dale Welsh to match the amount that the city provides up to half the estimate pending city action of support passed 3-0.
2. Two gentlemen asked to buy the storage buildings and were told that the bid process was closed and that they might contact the architect who is to include the removal in bid specs for the new administration building.
3. Motion by Earl Westbrook seconded by Harold Woodall to approve the remaining FAS projects for 2002 as: CR 107 from SR 68 to SR 35; CR 13 from CR 22 to CR 22; CR 71 fro Terrapin Creek bridge to ST 9; CR 31 fro SR 9 to an unnamed branch. The motion includes an award of a bid to Goodhope Construction for 57,100.00. Motion passed 3-0.
4. The engineer gave an estimate of June for the letting of bids for bridge repair on CR 14.
5. Motion by Earl Westbrook seconded by Dale Welsh to declare a 1976 motor grader, item number 6717, as surplus and scrap passed 3-0.
6. Motion by Dale Welsh seconded by Earl Westbrook to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting passed 3-0.

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

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

DATE: February 24, 2003	PRESENT: All except	ABSENT: Kathryn Black
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1. Motion by Harold Woodall seconded by Earl Westbrook to authorize payment of 700.00 to JSU for cultural resource asset phase I for CR 144 bridge work passed 3-0.
2. Motion by Harold Woodall seconded by Dale Welsh to adjust TVA distributions to the municipalities as per attached. The motion resulted from input and rulings from the Examiners of Public Accounts, the Association attorneys, Attorney General opinions, and local attorneys. Copy of letter from examiners attached. The 2000 census was officially released March 2001 at which time the Commission had authority to revise the distribution percentages based on population, but the Commission was not aware of its authority at that time. The Administrator was instructed to advise the county municipalities of the manner in which adjustments back to April 2001 will be made. Motion passed 3-0.
3. Motion by Earl Westbrook seconded by Dale Welsh to approve excess land redemption to Charles Garrett for 123.11 per attached passed 3-0.
4. Motion by Dale Welsh seconded by Harold Woodall to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting passed 3-0.
5. Motion by Dale Welsh seconded by Harold Woodall to approve the Revenue Commissioner Tax Levy at 42 mills passed 3-0.
6. Motion by Dale Welsh seconded by Earl Westbrook to continue the county employee life insurance with CNA passed 3-0. Quotes had been solicited from local agency's to determine if the premium increase of 34c was reasonable. Four agency's quoted with one being .2c higher than the increase and three being .4c less than the increase. The rationale for the decision is that the office staff has established reliable contacts, and can communicate extremely well with current company personnel, and that a .4c/1,000 reduction is not sufficient to change.
7. The format for bids for jail food, patterned after those specs in place in Talladega County, was discussed. The chairman will contact the Examiners office in Montgomery about the matter.

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

During the work session prior to the meeting, the Revenue Commissioner & chairman of the E-911 board discussed replacement of the wrecked jeep. He asked that the previous practice of the board paying 60% and the county 40% for a replacement be followed. The Commission agreed to the request and the board is authorized to acquire a replacement that will be conducive to the board needs.

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

DATE:	PRESENT:	ABSENT:
March 10, 2003	All except	Kathryn Black

The chairman called the meeting to order and Dale Welsh opened with prayer.

- 1) Motion by Harold Woodall seconded by Earl Westbrook to approve the annual contract with the YMCA for employee participation at a cost of 5,000.00 passed 3-0.
- 2) Motion by Earl Westbrook seconded by Dale Welsh to approve excess land sale redemption to Michael and Terry Tucker for 781.30 passed 3-0.
- 3) Motion by Dale Welsh seconded by Earl Westbrook to approve excess land sale redemption to Joseph Cochran for 268.92 passed 3-0.
- 4) Motion by Dale Welsh seconded by Earl Westbrook to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting passed 3-0.
- 5) Motion by Earl Westbrook seconded by Dale Welsh to reappoint Margaret Hillhouse to the Public Library Board passed 3-0. The term expires February, 2007.
- 6) Motion by Dale Welsh seconded by Earl Westbrook to reappoint Vaughn Ledbetter to the Cherokee County Water Board passed 3-0. The term expires march, 2009.

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

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DATE:	PRESENT:	ABSENT:
March 24, 2003	All except	Kathryn Black

The chairman called the meeting to order and Wayne Cochran opened with prayer.

1. The EMA Director discussed the need to adopt a Hazardous Mitigation Grant Program and to appoint a Local Emergency Planning Committee of local emergency responders. If the committees are not in place by November, 2004, the county will not qualify for future federal funds under various scenarios. Responsibility of appointments lies with County Commissions. The Commission requested more details in the matter before considering action
2. Motion by Harold Woodall seconded by Earl Westbrook to approve a contract with Atlantic Technologies for photographic flights of the county in connection with the property reappraisal function. Reappraisal of all county real estate is to be accomplished in the current year. Motion passed 3-0. The contract amount is 39,584.00.
3. Each Commissioner (except District 1, due to a shortage of funds) pledged 3,000.00 each from Tobacco Tax revenues to the city of Centre to pave the parking area near the concession stand at the park. Council member Henry Wright requested the funds since all county children use the facility.
4. Motion by Earl Westbrook seconded by Dale Welsh to adopt a per diem allowance in lieu of actual food expenses while on county travel passed 3-0. Copy attached.
5. Motion by Dale Welsh seconded by Earl Westbrook to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting passed 3-0.

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

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

DATE: April 14, 2003	PRESENT: All	except	ABSENT: Kathryn Black
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The chairman called the meeting to order and Harold Woodall opened with prayer.

1. Ben Bryan, Lawrence Neighborhood Watch Committee, reminded the Commission about a recent tractor/trailer gasoline spill in the area. CR 189 was blocked and citizens living on that road were unable to exit the area. He asked consideration to create an exit route in the event similar situations occur in the future. The engineer is to determine some possible solutions and contact landowners to discuss the matter.
2. Motion by Harold Woodall seconded by Earl Westbrook to declare certain Sheriff Department vehicles be classified as surplus and not economically feasible to repair as per attached and authorized the sale of said vehicles at auction passed 3-0.
3. Motion by Dale Welsh seconded by Earl Westbrook to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting passed 3-0.
4. Motion by Earl Westbrook seconded by Harold Woodall to approve excess land sale redemption for 199.76 to Whit Lathem passed 3-0.
5. Motion by Dale Welsh seconded by Harold Woodall to adopt a resolution as per attached regarding paving of CR 78 from CR 22 to the Georgia Line passed 3-0.
6. It was agreed that the engineer is authorized to use county equipment to off-load debris from a barge provided by Alabama Power Company in connection with lake-wide volunteer cleanup activities. Dale Welsh objected citing this policy is not in accord with past established policy with other organizations that have requested similar support.
7. The Administrator with assistance from the Service Engineer and the software support person upgraded the computer system from the System 36 environment to the AS 400 environment over the weekend.
8. Motion by Dale Welsh seconded by Earl Westbrook to render an interpretation and revise the Personnel Policy paragraph 10-B-1-C to reflect that an employee qualifies for the 10-year additional vacation allocation at the time the anniversary occurs rather than each January. Motion passed 3-0.

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

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

DATE:	PRESENT:	ABSENT:
April 28, 2003	All except	Kathryn Black

The chairman called the meeting to order and Brother Salter opened with prayer.

- 1) Cameron Reader, Alabama Mountain Lakes Tourism Association, gave a briefing regarding activities in northeast Alabama and Cherokee County. Some 4.8 million dollars attributable to tourism impact the county.
- 2) Jim Cody, CED Mental Health, introduced Kathy Scaggs, local mental health director. He requested open board appointments be filled and discussed funding.
- 3) Motion by Dale Welsh seconded by Earl Westbrook to place an ad for 236.74 in the August edition of the Past Times Magazine section passed 3-0.
- 4) Scott Farrer asked for information to have sewer placed in the Lawrence Community that will cost about 129,000.00. He needs information as to the manner to secure grant funding for the project. He was advised to work with the town of Cedar Bluff.
- 5) Mike Rutland provided an update to the status of the Administration Building. He projected that ads for bids will be done in about a week. The ads will run three consecutive weeks and will be solicited from contractors outside and inside the local area. Motion by Dale Welsh seconded by Harold Woodall that the chairman draft a letter authorizing Mike to advertise for bids on behalf of the county passed 3-0.
- 6) The engineer provided an update of the Lawrence Community road extension issue that was addressed in the previous meeting. George McElroy is owner of the adjoining property.
- 7) Motion by Harold Woodall seconded by Earl Westbrook to authorize the chairman to sign paperwork to secure state funding for CR 78 at a cost of 249,000.00 with no local match passed 3-0. The road is in the Mud Creek area.
- 8) The engineer advised that ADEM has provided a work plan and cost estimate of 13,453.40 to remove gasoline seepage where the underground tanks were located at the Highway Dept. Groundwater testing revealed an accumulation that must be addressed. Motion by Earl Westbrook seconded by Dale Welsh to authorize the engineer to manage the matter passed 3-0.
- 9) Motion by Earl Westbrook seconded by Harold Woodall to place a caution light at the intersection of SR 273 and SR 35 passed 3-0.
- 10) Pedestrian Safety signs near schools, public buildings, and courthouses were discussed by the engineer and commissioners. Funds are 80 percent federal and 20 percent state. The matter will be discussed next meeting since Spring Garden School was not on the list to receive benefit of the funding.
- 11) Motion by Earl Westbrook seconded by Harold Woodall to approve excess land sale redemption to Charles Garret for 68.34 passed 3-0.
- 12) Motion by Dale Welsh seconded by Earl Westbrook to advertise for the replacement of the EMA Director position passed 3-0. Ads will commence May 16, 2003.
- 13) Motion by Earl Westbrook seconded by Dale Welsh to appoint Beverly Daniel as Interim EMA Director so that certain activities of the job may continue uninterrupted passed 3-0.
- 14) Motion by Dale Welsh seconded by Earl Westbrook to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting passed 3-0.
- 15) The Administrator will contact Museum personnel to determine if Museum funds are available to install air conditioning in the building.

- 16) Motion by Earl Westbrook seconded by Dale Welsh to contract with Keenum's Problem Wildlife Control, Inc. to eradicate bats from the museum at a cost of 3,545.00 passed 3-0.
- 17) The new owners of the old barbershop adjacent to the water authority parking area does not allow space beyond the building proper. They wish to install an air conditioner and awning which will protrude over county owned property. The county attorney will be asked to review the matter and advise.
- 18) Motion by Earl Westbrook seconded by Dale Welsh to authorize the chairman to draft a letter to the Baptist Hospital System asking that local government and citizens be kept informed during the decision making process regarding sale of the local hospital if in fact any such discussions transpire. Motion passed 3-0.

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

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

DATE:	PRESENT:	ABSENT:
May 12, 2003	All except	Kathryn Black Earl Westbrook

The chairman called the meeting to order and Jerry Baker opened with prayer.

1. Linda Glass inquired as to office space that might be allocated to the Extension Office in the Administration Building. She was informed that county offices will occupy the new building and state offices will be housed in the renovated original courthouse building.
2. Motion by Dale Welsh seconded by Harold Woodall to secure 50 radio announcements complimenting graduating senior students at all county schools at a cost of 175.00 passed 2-0.
3. Motion by Dale Welsh seconded by Harold Woodall to approve a request by the sheriff to place Doug Machleit on the county payroll as part time employee to work with the dogs associated with the sheriff department passed 2-0. The General Fund will be reimbursed by the sheriff from the INS revenues.
4. Motion by Harold Woodall seconded by Dale Welsh to approve excess land redemption certificate to Donna Bohannon for 713.63 passed 2-0. Copy attached.
5. Motion by Dale Welsh seconded by Harold Woodall to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting passed 2-0.
6. Motion by Dale Welsh seconded by Harold Woodall to authorize the chairman to sign various documentation as per attached and all future documents relating to EPA contract XP 97419601 0 commonly referred to as the "Adderholt Funds" to be used at the WWTP expansion in Leesburg passed 2-0. The grant totals 712,688.00 with any matching funds from the local Water Authority.
7. Motion by Harold Woodall seconded by Dale Welsh to authorize the chairman to sign documents of approval for EARP&DC to place the county in position to secure a new van for the Rural Public Transportation program for fy 2004 passed 2-0.
8. Motion by Dale Welsh seconded by Harold Woodall to authorize the chairman to sign an agreement with the local Alcohol & Substance Abuse Council to perform employee drug tests (excluding Highway Department CDL employees) passed 2-0.

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

**CHEROKEE COUNTY COMMISSION
CENTRE, AL**

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DATE: June 9, 2003	PRESENT: All except	ABSENT: Kathryn Black
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The chairman called the meeting to order and Wayne Cochran opened with prayer.

1. James Bealle, Airport Authority, discussed an application for funding in excess of 2 million dollars that requires a 5% match of 111,111.00. The county portion is 37,037.03. Motion by Earl Westbrook seconded by Harold Woodall to approve a commitment of said amount and authorized the Administrator to transfer the funds from the General Fund to a Grants Fund so that the monies may be efficiently recognized. Passed 3-0.
2. The sheriff discussed recent jail food bid results and requested the chairman to draft a letter to the Examiners of Public Accounts asking for guidance as to a method to award the bids.
3. The sheriff asked for authority to hire a part time deputy at 27 hours per pay period to be reimbursed by the Pistol Permit Fund. The request died for lack of a motion.
4. The engineer has received a request for signs of 35 MPH on CR 131 at the "lower end" of the road. Action was postponed in anticipation of Kathryn Black's return since the road is in District 3.
5. The engineer was authorized by motion of Earl Westbrook seconded by Harold Woodall to place 25 MPH signs on CR 936 passed 3-0.
6. Motion by Dale Welsh seconded by Harold Woodall to give permission to cut across CR 126 twice to install a water line to a new housing development as presented by the engineer near US 278 passed 3-0.
7. Motion by Earl Westbrook seconded by Dale Welsh to authorize the paving of a subdivision road just off CR 144, Dirtseller Subdivision, which the engineer acknowledges meets county specs passed 3-0. A check has been received for 4,865.00 to cover the cost.
8. Motion by Dale Welsh seconded by Earl Westbrook to allow B & W Paving to patch selected potholes provided costs do not exceed the state bid limit passed 3-0. The highway department has rented an edging saw to prepare patching in the past but has now purchased one for about 1,500.00.
9. Motion by Harold Woodall seconded by Ear Westbrook to erect 25 MPH signs on CR 189 between SR 9 and a creek bridge passed 3-0.
10. Motion by Dale Welsh seconded by Harold Woodall to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting, May 12, passed 3-0.
11. Motion by Earl Westbrook seconded by Dale Welsh to approve excess land redemption to Charles Garrett for 273.70 passed 3-0.
12. Motion by Dale Welsh seconded by Harold Woodall to approve excess land redemption to Charles Garrett for 154.59 passed 3-0.

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

Dale Welsh, District I

Phillip W. Jordan, Chairman

Earl Westbrook, District II

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Kathryn Black, District III

Harold Woodall, District IV

**CHEROKEE COUNTY COMMISSION
CENTRE, AL**

MINUTES

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

DATE: June 23, 2003	PRESENT: All except	ABSENT: Kathryn Black
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The chairman called the meeting to order and Wayne Cochran opened with prayer.

1. Shad Ellis, Weiss Lake Improvement Association, requested to be included in the county budget for fy 2004. He asked for an appropriation to be used for re-stocking fish. The Commission will take the request under consideration at the appropriate time.
2. The Revenue Commissioner presented an annual report of errors, insolvencies, and litigations for fy 02/03. Motion by Harold Woodall seconded by Earl Westbrook to approve the report passed 3-0.
3. Motion by Dale Welsh seconded by Earl Westbrook to have the county attorneys file an action for declaratory judgment in Cherokee County Circuit Court asking that the county position stand as is with regard to a Home Builders Association letter that addresses an AG opinion. If unsuccessful in the courts, the county might decide to resign from the association if legally possible to do so. Motion passed 3-0.
4. The engineer stated that Steve Walker was hired at the Highway Department last Monday at entry-level salary to replace Charles Young.
5. Motion by Earl Westbrook seconded by Dale Welsh to approve funding of 10,800.00 through EMA for a Hazardous Mitigation Plan by Lehe Planning, LLC per attached passed 3-0.
6. Motion by Harold Woodall seconded by Earl Westbrook to approve excess land redemption certificate for 45.47 to Lamar Chastain passed 3-0.
7. Motion by Dale Welsh seconded by Harold Woodall to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting passed 3-0.
8. Motion by Harold Woodall seconded by Earl Westbrook to provide financial support of 7,495.00 to CEMS passed 3-0.

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

Dale Welsh, District I

Phillip W. Jordan, Chairman

Earl Westbrook, District II

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Kathryn Black, District III

Harold Woodall, District IV

Earl Westbrook, District II

Kathryn Black, District III

Harold Woodall, District IV

**CHEROKEE COUNTY COMMISSION
CENTRE, AL**

MINUTES

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

DATE: July 14, 2003	PRESENT: All	except	ABSENT: Kathryn Black
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The chairman called the meeting to order and Wayne Cochran opened with prayer.

1. Sheriff Wilson requested to hire an additional Deputy . There was no action taken.
2. Mike Rutland with W2R gave a report on bids received on the Cherokee County Administrative Center. The low bidder being C. D. Wilson Construction Company with a bid of \$2,715,000. plus \$335,000. for attic storage, \$78,000. for the security system and \$65,000. for demolition of old buildings on property site for a total bid of \$3,193,000.
3. Motion was made by Earl Westbrook and seconded by Harold Woodall to reject all individual demolition bids passed 3-0.
4. Motion by Dale Welsh seconded by Harold Woodall to accept the bid of \$3,193,000. by C. D. Wilson Construction with language to clarify the 365 days for completion and the binding arbitration clause to be removed from contract for the Cherokee County Administrative Center passed 3-0.
5. Motion by Dale Welsh seconded by Earl Westbrook to give 2WR a check for \$275.00to file a "Notice of Registration" with ADEM in connection with the new building passed 3-0.
6. On recommendation of the County Engineer motion was made by Harold Woodall seconded by Earl Westbrook to lower the speed limit on CR 131 (Cedar Bluff area) to 25 mph passed 3-0. The County Engineer also discussed uniforms for highway department employees (with employees bearing the expense) .The payroll clerk is to check with the County programmer about the possibility of adding another payroll deduction to accommodate this.
7. Attorney Hawkins discussed 2 lawsuits to be filed by the County today, one being the recovery of funds given to the YMCA and the other being the Homebuilders Licensure issue.
8. Motion by Earl Westbrook seconded by Dale Welsh to pay Wayne Lindsey \$100. per month to maintain the E-911/Jail generator passed 3-0.
9. Motion by Dale Welsh seconded by Earl Westbrook to approve excess land redemption of \$57.45 to Glen Harrison passed 3-0.
10. Motion by Harold Woodall seconded by Dale Welsh to approve excess land redemption of \$52.55 to Bob Doherty passed 3-0.

Motion by Dale Welsh seconded by Earl Westbrook to adjourn subject to call passed 3-0. There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned subject to call.

Dale Welsh, District I

Phillip W. Jordan, Chairman

**CHEROKEE COUNTY COMMISSION
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DATE: July 28, 2003	PRESENT: All	ABSENT: Kathryn Black
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The chairman called the meeting to order and Wayne Cochran opened with prayer.

1. Freda Waters, with the Cherokee County Humane Society met to update the Commission on the status of the shelter/control program. She stated that their function was to house and protect animals but would work with the county on a control program if one were put in place. Ms. Waters also submitted their FY 2003-04 budget request.
2. Chief Deputy Tim Hays met on behalf of Sheriff Wilson to request an additional part-time employee to be paid out of the pistol permit fund. No action was taken.
3. County Engineer Roger Hall presented the contract with ADOT for the FAS project to resurface Co. Rd. 14 from Co. Rd. 19 to State Road 9, approximately 4.25 miles. Approximate cost of the project is \$702,900, with the county's portion being about \$140,480. Motion by Earl Westbrook seconded by Dale Welsh to approve the contract. Passed 3-0
4. Motion by Earl Westbrook seconded by Harold Woodall to renew the contract for Colbert County to provide computer software services at a cost of \$10,000 for another year. Passed 3-0
5. County Engineer Roger Hall reported that he had discussed the possibility of a payroll deduction for uniform service for Hwy. Dept. employees with payroll clerk, Mary Gardner. He was told that this could be added to the current program. Chmn. Jordan suggested that the employees be allowed the month of Sept. to sign up, with deductions beginning in October 2003. The employees will be allowed to sign up only during the month of September, with all costs of the uniforms to be paid by the employee. Motion by Harold Woodall, seconded by Earl Westbrook to accept the proposal. Passed 3-0
6. Motion by Earl Westbrook, seconded by Dale Welsh to approve excess land redemption of \$42.73 to Michael Tucker. Passed 3-0
7. Motion by Dale Welsh, seconded by Earl Westbrook to approve minutes of the July 14, 2003 meeting. Passed 3-0
8. Motion by Earl Westbrook, seconded by Harold Woodall to approve a resolution for a cemetery to be located on land owned by Randy Jordan. Passed 3-0
9. Motion by Dale Welsh to hire Rodney Higgins as EMA Director, replacing retired Director Leon Smith. Motion failed for lack of a second. A motion was made by Dale Welsh, seconded by Earl Westbrook to hire Beverly Daniel as EMA Director. Passed 3-0. The salaried position will start at \$35,000 per year and will be overtime exempt. The job will become effective when proper notice is given to the E-911 board.

Motion by Dale Welsh, seconded by Harold Woodall to adjourn. Passed 3-0

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

Dale Welsh, District I

Phillip W. Jordan, Chairman

Earl Westbrook, District II

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DATE:	PRESENT:	ABSENT:
August 25, 2003	All	None

The Chairman called the meeting to order and Wayne Cochran opened with prayer.

1. Roger Hall advised the Commission that he had a request by Keith Wood to lower the speed limit on a portion of County Road 83 from 45 to 35 miles per hour due to a hazardous curve. Motion by Earl Westbrook, second by Kathryn Black to change speed limit accordingly. He also had a request by Donald Robertson of Starling Gap to lower the speed limit on a portion of County Road 47 to 25 miles per hour due to hazardous curves. Motion by Kathryn Black, second by Harold Woodall to change the speed limit accordingly. Signs will be posted accordingly. Both motions passed 4-0
2. Roger Hall informed the Commission that he had spoken with TDS about the possibility of cutting a portion of County Road 14 to move buried utility lines. Earl Westbrook made a motion and Dale Welsh a second to allow them to do so if it became necessary. Motion passed 4-0
3. Chmn. Jordan informed the Commission that he had a request by the Leesburg Clubhouse members to change the voting site from the clubhouse to Leesburg Town Hall. Motion by Kathryn Black second by Harold Woodall to grant the request. Passed 4-0
4. Motion by Earl Westbrook second by Dale Welsh to approve excess land redemption of \$38.63 to Gary Tuttle. Passed 4-0
5. Motion by Harold Woodall second by Earl Westbrook to approve excess land redemption of \$90.12 to Michael and Terry C. Tucker. Passed 4-0
6. The Chairman advised the Commission to be prepared to submit names for nomination to the Board of Equalization at the next commission meeting. The request was made by the Alabama Dept. of Revenue.

Motion by Earl Westbrook seconded by Dale Welsh to adjourn. Passed 4-0 There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned subject to call.

Dale Welsh, District I

Phillip W. Jordan, Chairman

Earl Westbrook, District II

Kathryn Black, District III

Harold Woodall, District IV

**CHEROKEE COUNTY COMMISSION
CENTRE, AL**

MINUTES

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

DATE:	PRESENT:	ABSENT:
Sept. 8, 2003	All except	Harold Woodall

The Chairman called the meeting to order and Wayne Cochran opened with prayer.

1. Joel Helms requested that the portion of County Road 732 that begins at his property be closed. He stated that he owned all the surrounding property and litter was creating a problem. Action will be taken on this request at the next regular Commission meeting.
2. Carol Singleton and other interested parties met to request that a culvert underneath a portion of County Road 422 be replaced or that a new bridge be installed to make the opening under the road large enough for boats to pass through. According to County Engineer Roger Hall, the newly installed culvert was the largest available and that the old structure was not a bridge but a concrete abutment. The concern of the residents was the loss of value of the lake property if it were not accessible to the other parts of the lake by boat. No action was taken.
3. Rita Mohnkern, a resident of the Cowan Creek area informed the Commission that a clean-up day for the Cowan Creek and the Spring Creek communities was planned for Saturday, and requested that the Commission provide approximately eight "no littering" signs for various locations. She also requested more speed limit signs be placed on County Road 22 in that area. The chairman asked Wayne Cochran to get prices for the signs before any action can be taken.
4. A motion was made by Dale Welsh and seconded by Earl Westbrook to approve Sheriff Wilson's request to hire a part-time deputy to be paid out of the Sheriff's discretionary funds. Passed 3-0.
5. Thereasa Hulan, newly appointed Chamber of Commerce director met to introduce herself to the Commission and offer her services.
6. On the recommendation of County Engineer Roger Hall, Earl Westbrook made a motion and Dale Welsh a second to accept the agreement with ALDOT to repair and replace bridges on County Road 12 and County Road 83. Passed 3-0.
7. Solid Waste supervisor Wayne Cochran informed the Commission that annual testing was now due at the old landfill site.
8. Motion by Earl Westbrook second by Kathryn Black to approve the minutes of the August 25, 2003 meeting. Passed 3-0.

Motion by Earl Westbrook second by Dale Welsh to adjourn. Passed 3-0.
There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned subject to call.

Dale Welsh, District I

Phillip W. Jordan, Chairman

Earl Westbrook, District II

Harold Woodall, District IV

Kathryn Black, District III

**CHEROKEE COUNTY COMMISSION
CENTRE, AL**

MINUTES

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

DATE: September 22, 2003 PRESENT: All ABSENT:

The Chairman called the meeting to order and Wayne Cochran opened with prayer.

1. The Revenue Commissioner met with the Commission and requested 3 temporary contract labor employees to assist with re-appraisal to work a maximum of 30 days at the rate of \$9.00 per hour. No benefits other than the hourly salary.
2. Motion by Earl Westbrook second by Dale Welsh to authorize an agreement between the County and the State for a bridge on CR 24 with no County funds being used passed 4-0.
3. The County Engineer recommended awarding annual Highway Dept. bids for the period of October 1, 2003 through September 30, 2004 as follows and each bid was approved as noted with unanimous consent.

		Motion	Second
Petroleum Products	Cedar Bluff Oil	Harold Woodall	Earl Westbrook
Stone Haul	T S & W Trucking	Earl Westbrook	Dale Welsh
Plant Mix Patching	Fort Payne Quarry	Dale Welsh	Earl Westbrook
Metal Pipe	Harvey Culvert	Dale Welsh	Kathryn Black
Liquid Asphalt	Vulcan Materials	Harold Woodall	Earl Westbrook
Hot Mix Asphalt Paving	McCartney Const.	Dale Welsh	Earl Westbrook
Hot Mix Materials	Calhoun Asphalt	Dale Welsh	Earl Westbrook
Herbicide	No Bid		
Guardrail	Alabama Guardrail	Dale Welsh	Kathryn Black
Grader Blades	Tractor & Epqt.	Harold Woodall	Dale Welsh
Concrete Pipe	Sherman Indust.	Earl Westbrook	Dale Welsh
Redi-Mix	Kerr Redi-mix	Kathryn Black	Dale Welsh
Surface Treatment	Charlie Watts	Earl Westbrook	Kathryn Black
Crushed Aggregate	Vulcan Material	Harold Woodall	Dale Welsh
Traffic Striping	Ozark Striping	Dale Welsh	Earl Westbrook

4. Ms. Wood requested CR 145 be closed from her property line to the dead end of road. She is to bring a deed to the next meeting.
5. The Attorney for Maynard, Cooper & Gayle presented a resolution to refinance the 1994 jail bond issue with lower interest rates which would result in the County Commission receiving approximately \$158,000. Motion was made by Dale Welsh second by Kathryn Black subject to the terms of the old bond issue with the term and the payment amount staying the same as the old bond issued passed 4-0.
6. Carol Singleton again asked the Commission to remove a culvert underneath a portion of CR 22. No action was taken.
7. Motion by Earl Westbrook second by Kathryn Black to authorize the Solid Waste Officer to purchase 10 anti-littering signs for \$461.50 passed 4-0.
8. Motion by Dale Welsh second by Earl Westbrook to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2003 meeting passed 4-0.
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**CHEROKEE COUNTY COMMISSION
CENTRE, AL**

MINUTES

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

DATE:	PRESENT:	ABSENT:
October 27, 2003	All	None

The Chairman called the meeting to order and Wayne Cochran opened with prayer.

1. Shad Ellis, with the Weiss Lake Improvement Association met to inquire if their request for \$25,000 had been included in 2003-04 budget. The Chairman informed him that they were not in the budget. Mr. Ellis then asked if the association could be considered for payment out of Commission discretionary funds. No action was taken.
2. County Attorney Bill Hawkins informed the commission that the Alabama Lic. Home Bldg. Board had been granted a request to transfer their hearing to the Montgomery Circuit Court.
3. Mr. Hawkins also informed the commission that he had received proper application from Joel Helms to vacate a portion of County Road 732 . A resolution can be made after proper notice in the newspaper. This should be ready by Nov. 24th meeting.
4. Motion by Harold Woodall, second by Earl Westbrook to give Mr. Hawkins authority to file suite against Mr. Earl Wells to remove vehicles from Co. Rd. 137 that are dangerously close to the road. Mr. Wells had been asked several times to remove the vehicles. Motion passed 4-0.
5. County Engineer Roger Hall informed the commission that bids for the bridge project on Co. Rd. 12 had been rejected by the State. The job will be bid again in April with lower bids expected. Motion was made by Dale Welsh and seconded by Harold Woodall to allow Cherokee County Water Authority to cut and repave the road in that area to move water lines for the project. Passed 4-0.
6. Wayne Cochran met to inform the commission that Waste Management had a new mapping program that would eliminate garbage stickers. The drivers will have route sheets with physical addresses and payment status to make participation information more available.
7. James F. Ragan brought proper documentation requesting that a portion of Co. Rd. 330 surrounded by his property be closed and vacated. Motion by Earl Westbrook, seconded by Kathryn Black to close the road at the section line. Passed 4-0.
8. The Chairman read a letter written by Human Resource board member Travis James to appoint Paul Savage III to the board, replacing his mother Grace Savage who was recently deceased. Motion by Dale Welsh second by Earl Westbrook to appoint Mr. Savage to the board. Passed 4-0.
9. Motion by Harold Woodall and a second by Kathryn Black to approve the agreement with East Alabama Planning & Development Commission for the county transportation program for another year. Passed 4-0.
10. Motion by Dale Welsh, second by Kathryn Black to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2003 meeting. Passed 4-0.

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

Dale Welsh, District I

Phillip W. Jordan, Chairman

Earl Westbrook, District II

Kathryn Black, District III

Harold Woodall, District IV

**CHEROKEE COUNTY COMMISSION
CENTRE, AL**

MINUTES

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

DATE:	PRESENT:	ABSENT:
November 24, 2003	All except	Earl Westbrook

The Chairman called the meeting to order and Wayne Cochran opened with prayer.

1. Roger Hall informed the commission regarding the status of bids on county bridge repairs. All bids have been considerably higher than state estimates. The state requested that bridges on Co. Rd. 12 and 83 be re-bid. They did however concur with the bid for the bridge on Co. Rd. 24 in the Ball Play Community for \$831,400 by McInnis LLC of Montgomery. With no question or discussion Dale Welsh made a motion and Kathryn Black a second for the Chairman to sign the letter of concurrence. Passed 3-0
2. Roger Hall suggested that all roads in new subdivisions be required to have the same cross drain requirements that are equal to or better than those required by the county before they can be accepted into the county system. The county uses only bituminous coded pipe. Motion by Dale Welsh and second by Kathryn Black to notify contractors of the new requirements to become effective 01-01-04. Passed 3-0
3. Motion by Harold Woodall, second by Dale Welsh to cancel the Dec. 22, 2003 Commission meeting. Passed 3-0
4. Motion by Dale Welsh, second by Harold Woodall to adopt the minutes of the Nov. 10, 2003 meeting. Passed 3-0
5. Motion by Harold Woodall, second by Dale Welsh to adjourn. Passed 3-0

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

Dale Welsh, District I

Phillip W. Jordan, Chairman

Earl Westbrook, District II

Kathryn Black, District III

Harold Woodall, District IV

**CHEROKEE COUNTY COMMISSION
CENTRE, AL**

MINUTES

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

DATE:	PRESENT:	ABSENT:
December 8, 2003	All	None

The Chairman called the meeting to order and Harold Woodall opened with prayer.

1. The Chairman presented a letter of request from the Centre, Piedmont, Cherokee County Airport Authority asking for \$30,584.00 from the County for local matching purposes. Motion by Earl Westbrook second by Dale Welsh passed 4-0.

2. Motion by Katherine Black second by Dale Welsh to amend the County personnel policy section 22-11-A-1 to include compliance with health department standards for certain testing for health purposes passed 4-0.

3. Motion by Earl Westbrook second by Dale Welsh to adopt the County's holiday schedule for 2004 passed 4-0.

4. Motion by Dale Welsh second by Katherine Black to approve the minutes of the November 24,2003 meeting passed 4-0.

5. Mr. White with Waste Management gave an update to the Commission on the landfill, he said they were building a holding facility for their equipment which help them to better serve the County.

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

Dale Welsh, District I

Phillip W. Jordan, Chairman

Earl Westbrook, District II

Kathryn Black, District III

Harold Woodall, District IV