

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 28, 2005	Lori J. Owens, District I Earl Westbrook, District II Elbert St. Clair, District III Kay Y. Chumbler, District IV J. Kirk Day, Chairman	None

1. The Chairman called the meeting to order.
2. Public Comment from Citizens – None.
3. Public Comment from other Elected Officials
 - A. Sheriff Larry Wilson presented a Food Service Contract to the Commission for approval.
4. Roll Call to Establish Quorum.
All present.
5. Motion by Lori Owens, second by Earl Westbrook to approve the agenda as published for the November 28, 2005 meeting. Passed 4-0.
6. The Chairman led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance and Tim Burgess gave the Invocation.
7. Awards and Presentations – None.
8. Motion by Earl Westbrook, second by Elbert St. Clair to approve the minutes from the November 14, 2005 regular meeting as published. Passed 4-0.
9. Reports from Staff.
Roger Hall, County Engineer, spoke to the Commission concerning the turn lane project tabled from a prior meeting. Mr. Hall explained that differences in the grant and cost estimates exists. Roger said that Mr. Bobo would pay the cost overruns and that county attorney Chad Hopper had been contacted to draw up an agreement if necessary. Preliminary plans have been drafted but Mr. Hall explained that Mr. Bobo will have to go back to the engineer and have final plans made.
10. Old Business
 - A. Motion by Earl Westbrook, second by Kay Chumbler to table the turn lane project until more information is available. Passed 4-0.
11. New Business
 - A. Motion by Earl Westbrook, second by Lori Owens to approve a resolution authorizing an expenditure to finance construction of certain improvements for the benefit of Gadsden State Community College and to approve an Agreement with Gadsden State Community College. Passed 4-0.
 - B. Motion by Earl Westbrook, second by Elbert St. Clair to approve the Economic Development Project Agreement. And allow the Chairman to sign the agreement and attachments, and allow Administrator to sign Registration as claim against Warrant Fund.
 - C. Motion by Earl Westbrook, second by Lori Owens to approve the purchase of a new boiler for the Courthouse and allow the Administrator to negotiate the purchase. Passed 4-0.
 - D. Motion by Lori Owens second by Earl Westbrook to approve the attached agreement between the Commission and Sheriff Larry Wilson for feeding of prisoners in the county jail. Passed 4-0.

12. Public Hearings – None.

13. Discussion Items by Commissioners

Commission Owens expressed her appreciation to Congressman Mike Rogers for a \$500,000 Federal Grant for County Road 19.

14. Executive Session

The Chairman explained that the Commission needed to meet in executive session to discuss with the county attorney a legal ramification and legal options (Section 7a, 3 of Act 2005-40); in this case how it relates to a personal matter. County Attorney Bill Hawkins issued a statement that his is a valid reason under Alabama Law to go into Executive Session. Motion by Earl Westbrook, second by Elbert St. Clair to enter into Executive Session. After roll call vote it was unanimously passed to enter into Executive Session. The chairman stated that the commission, having concluded all other matters published in this Agenda, will not reconvene at the conclusion of the Executive Session.

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

Lori J. Owens, District I

J. Kirk Day, Chairman

Earl Westbrook, District II

Elbert St. Clair, District III

Kay Y. Chumbler, District IV