

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 23, 2006

PRESENT:
Lori J. Owens, District I

Elbert St. Clair, District III
Kay Y. Chumbler, District IV
J. Kirk Day, Chairman

ABSENT:

Vacant due to the passing of
Earl Westbrook, District II

1. The Chairman called the meeting to order.
2. Public Comment From Citizens:
None Submitted
3. Public Comment from other Elected Officials:
None Submitted
4. Roll Call to Establish Quorum:
District I, Commissioner Owens – Present
District II, Vacant
District III, Commissioner St. Clair – Present
District IV, Commissioner Chumbler – Present
5. Motion by Elbert St. Clair, second by Lori Owens to approve the agenda as published for the January 23, 2006 meeting with one deletion being item 1 in old business to approve the advertisement and let bids for Cherokee County EMA Pre-disaster contract discussed at prior meeting. Passed 3-0.
6. The Chairman led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and Wayne Lindsey gave the Invocation.
7. Awards and Presentations:
None Submitted
8. Motion by Elbert St. Clair, second by Lori Owens to approve the minutes as published for the January 9, 2006 regular meeting. Passed 3-0.
9. Reports from Staff:
County Administrator – None Submitted.
County Engineer – None Submitted.
County Attorney – None Submitted.
10. Old Business
None Submitted
11. New Business:
 - A. Motion by Kay Chumbler, second by Elbert St. Clair to approve mileage reimbursement, as set by the State for persons traveling in privately owned vehicles on official business at \$0.445 per mile. Passed 3-0.

- B. Motion by Lori Owens, second by Elbert St. Clair to adopt the attached resolution to request the Legislature to repeal Act 2006-2006 (\$12,000 pay increase for Probate Judge) as read. Passed 3-0.
- C. Motion by Kay Chumbler, second by Elbert St. Clair to adopt the proclamation concerning the Alabama Department of Education and national educational organizations proclaiming February 12-18, 2006 as Career/Technical Education Week as read. Passed 3-0.
- D. Motion by Lori Owens, second by Kay Chumbler to approve the hiring of Panitha Malone for the position of Probate Office Clerk at a starting rate of \$8.17 per hour. Passed 3-0.
- E. Motion by Lori Owens, second by Elbert St. Clair to approve excess land redemptions for Reba Ray in the amount of \$168.33, Imogene Painter in the amount of \$159.64, John Benefield in the amount of \$204.90, and John Benefield in the amount of \$389.24. Passed 3-0.

12. Public Hearings:

None Submitted

13. Discussion Items by Commissioners:

Commissioner Chumbler announced that she would be holding a meeting for District IV citizen concerns on Tuesday, February 7, 2006 from 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm at the Salem United Methodist Church.

14. Executive Session:

- A. Preamble.
- B. Reason for Executive Session: Discussion with County Attorney – legal ramifications and legal options (Section 7a, 3 of Act 2005-40); in this case how it relates to a claim filed with the county.
- C. Statement from County Attorney Bill Hawkins that this is a valid reason under Alabama Law (Section 7a of Act 2005-40) to go into Executive Session.
- D. Motion to go into Execution Session will be obtained by roll call vote.
- E. Roll Call Vote:
 Commissioner Owens – Yes
 Commissioner St. Clair – Yes
 Commissioner Chumbler – Yes
- F. Motion by Lori Owens, second by Elbert St. Clair to re-enact the rules and reconvene to continue with items left on the agenda. Passed 3-0. The Chairman explained that the County Attorney needed to gather additional information and the Commission would not have an action on the matter at this time.

15. Motion by Kay Chumbler, second by Lori Owens to adjourn meeting. Passed 3-0.

The Chairman announced that a Special Commission Meeting is called for Wednesday, January 25, 2006 at 5:00 pm. The agenda is discussion and adjustment of polling places and precincts to bring County into compliance with Federal & State ADA/HAVA Laws.

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

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 Vacant, District II

Elbert St. Clair, District III

Kay Y. Chumbler, District IV