

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:
March 13, 2006

PRESENT:
Lori J. Owens, District I

ABSENT:

Vacant due to the passing of
Earl Westbrook, District II
Elbert St. Clair, District III

Kay Y. Chumbler, District IV
J. Kirk Day, Chairman

1. The Chairman called the meeting to order.

2. Public Comment From Citizens:
None Submitted

3. Public Comment from other Elected Officials:

The Chairman warned the public concerning an IRS Tax Scam. Individuals are contacted by email that refunds were awaiting them and they needed to give their bank information to have the funds electronically transferred. However the chairman stated that the IRS will not send an email and ask for your personal information.

4. Roll Call to Establish Quorum:

District I, Commissioner Owens – Present
District II, Vacant
District III, Commissioner St. Clair – Absent
District IV, Commissioner Chumbler – Present

5. Motion by Kay Chumbler, second by Elbert St. Clair to approve the agenda as published for the March 13, 2006 meeting. Passed 2-0.

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 Kay Chumbler, second by Lori Owens to approve the minutes as published for the February 27, 2006 regular meeting. Passed 2-0.

9. Reports from Staff:

County Administrator

County Administrator Tim Burgess along with Revenue Commissioner John A Roberts recommended to the Commission to hire Matt Sims for the Computer Technician/Administrative Assistant Position at a salary of \$47,500 per year. Administrator Burgess explained that 14 applicants were interviewed. Mr. Sims met the qualifications and has had extensive experience with AS400 and Delta Software while working with Etowah County.

The Administrator also stated that the bids for the renovation of the Cherokee County Detention Center was opened on March 7. There were four bidders. The lowest bidder was AE Sanders Construction at \$630,000. The architect has reviewed the bid applications and sent a letter recommending that AE Sanders be awarded the bid.

County Engineer

County Engineer Roger Hall gave an update concerning the installation of a caution light at the intersection of Alabama Highways 273 & 35, and County Road 15. The caution light is a joint effort between the County and Alabama DOT. Mr. Hall stated that the caution light was in place but not operating yet due to the need of power. Mr. Hall was hopeful that power would be connected in the next week or two.

County Attorney – None Submitted

10. Old Business

None Submitted

11. New Business:

- A. Motion by Lori Owens, second by Kay Chumbler to approve hiring Matt Sims for the Computer Technician/Administrative Assistant at a salary of \$47,500. The Commission will pay one half of the salary and one half will be paid by the reappraisal fund. Passed 2-0.
- B. Motion by Lori Owens, second by Kay Chumbler to approve to let bids for pre-disaster contract for removal and disposal of debris from Cherokee County Rights of Way including streets, roads, parks, and utility ROWs with Cherokee County. Passed 2-0.
- C. Motion by Kay Chumbler, second by Lori Owens to re-appoint Martha Burkhalter to the Cherokee County Public Library Board as recommended from the Library Board of Trustees for a term ending February 1, 2010. Passed 2-0.
- D. Motion by Kay Chumbler, second by Lori Owens to appoint Johna Lindsey to the Cheaha Regional Library Board for a term ending February 1, 2010. Passed 2-0.
- E. Motion by Lori Owens, second by Kay Chumbler to accept the resignation of Eilun Perry from the Cherokee County Department of Human Resources and announce 30-day period to receive resumes for replacement. Passed 2-0.
- F. Motion by Kay Chumbler, second by Lori Owens to adopt a resolution declaring April 24th – 29th, 2006 as Cherokee County Cleanup Week as read by the Chairman. Passed 2-0.
- G. Motion by Lori Owens, second by Kay Chumbler to adopt a resolution for the Cherokee County High School Boys Basketball Accomplishments as read by the Chairman. Passed 2-0.
- H. Motion by Lori Owens, second by Kay Chumbler to adopt a resolution for the Spring Garden Girls Basketball Accomplishments as read by the Chairman. Passed 2-0.
- I. Motion by Kay Chumbler, second by Lori Owens to adopt a resolution for Sand Rock Girls Basketball Accomplishments as read by the Chairman. Passed 2-0.
- J. Motion by Lori Owens, second by Kay Chumbler to award bid to AE Sanders Construction (lowest bidder) for the renovation of the Cherokee County Detention Center in the amount of \$630,000. Passed 2-0.

The Chairman explained that the only item left on the agenda would be adoption of the Resolution to Enact Changes to County Voting Precincts and Polling Places. Due to the absence of Commissioner St. Clair the Chairman entertained a motion to recess until such time that the county could have as much representation as possible. Motion by Kay Chumbler, second by Lori Owens to recess the meeting until Wednesday, March 15, 2006 at 6:00 P.M at this location.

Lori J. Owens, District I

J. Kirk Day, Chairman

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Vacant, District II

Absent
Elbert St. Clair, District III

Kay Y. Chumbler, District IV

Mr. Mark Green was appointed by Gov. Bob Riley to fill the vacant District II Commissioner Seat to replace the late Earl Westbrook. After the proper credentials were presented, Mr. Green took the Oath of Office as executed by Judge J. Kirk Day.

The Chairman called for a roll call vote to reconvene the meeting and establish a quorum.

District I, Commissioner Owens – Present
District II, Commissioner Green – Present
District III, Commissioner St. Clair – Present
District IV, Commissioner Chumbler - Present

- K. Chairman Day explained the reasons for changing precincts and also discussed the process of Pre-Clearance with the Justice Department. He also discussed how to educate the public on the new precincts and read the attached Resolution to Enact Changes to County Voting Precincts and Polling Places. Motion by Lori Owens, second by Elbert St. Clair to adopt the aforementioned resolution. Upon motion duly made that the foregoing resolution be adopted, which motion was seconded, and, upon the said motion being put to vote, the following vote was recorded.

YEAS

Lori J. Owens
Mark Green
Elbert St. Clair
Kay Y Chumbler

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12. Public Hearings:

None Submitted

13. Discussion Items by Commissioners:

None Submitted

14. Motion by Elbert St. Clair, second by Lori Owens to adjourn meeting. Passed 4-0.

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

Mark Green, District II

Elbert St. Clair, District III

Kay Y. Chumbler, District IV