

CHEROKEE COUNTY COMMISSION

CENTRE, ALABAMA

MINUTES

DATE:
January 12, 2009

PRESENT:
Wade Sprouse, District I
Kimball Parker, District II
Elbert St. Clair, District III
Carlton Teague, District IV

ABSENT:

Melvyn Salter, Chairman

1. Due to the absence of Chairman Salter, Vice-Chairman Commissioner Teague called the meeting to order and presided over the meeting.
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 Sprouse – Present
District II, Commissioner Parker – Present
District III, Commissioner St. Clair – Present
District IV, Commissioner Teague – Present
5. Motion by Wade Sprouse, second by Elbert St. Clair to approve the agenda for the January 12, 2009 regular meeting with the addition of item #12 approving forecast advertisement in the Cherokee Herald and item #13 approving 2009 Solid Waste Exemption List. Passed 3-0.
6. The Chairman led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and Tim Burgess gave the Invocation.
7. Awards and Presentations: None Submitted
8. Motion by Kimball Parker, second by Elbert St. Clair to approve the minutes as published for the December 8, 2008 regular meeting. Passed 3-0.
9. Reports from Staff:

County Administrator Tim Burgess – None Submitted
County Engineer Corey Chambers – None Submitted
County Attorney Bill Hawkins – None Submitted
County Sheriff Jeff Shaver – None Submitted
10. Public Meetings: None Submitted
11. Old Business: None Submitted
12. New Business:
 - A. Motion by Elbert St. Clair, second by Kimball Parker to adopt the attached Resolution encouraging recycling and recovery of invested energy in recyclable materials. Passed 3-0.
 - B. Motion by Kimball Parker, second by Wade Sprouse to declare the 2001 Black Chevrolet Tahoe as surplus property to be sold at auction. Passed 3-0.
 - C. Motion by Elbert St. Clair, second by Wade Sprouse to re-appoint Margaret Hillhouse, Johnny Usry and Doris Pearson to the Cherokee County Library Board to complete the term expiring February 2012. These three individuals were agreeing to continue to serve and were requested by the Library Board. Passed 3-0.
 - D. Motion by Kimball Parker, second by Elbert St. Clair to appoint Lanny Starr to the Cherokee County Healthcare Authority Board member to complete the term expiring January 2013 due to the resignation of Mr. Hobart Barnes. Commissioner Parker stated that Mr. Starr had been a member of this community all of his life and could serve this board well. Passed 3-0.

- E. Motion by Kimball Parker to reappoint Jerry Lockridge and Garry Hopper and appoint Larry Hurley to the Cherokee County Healthcare Authority Board member to complete the term expiring January 2015. Commissioner Parker stated that Mr. Lockridge and Mr. Hopper were willing to serve again. Also, Mr. Hurley had requested to serve and this would give a representative from District 4. Commissioner Teague voiced his appreciation for all board members and recognized the need for all districts to be represented on all county boards. Passed 3-0.
- F. The Vice-Chairman announced that the Park & Recreation Board appointments will be made at the January 26, 2009 regular meeting.
- G. The Vice-Chairman announced that the E-911 Board Appointments/Re-Appointments will be made at the February 9, 2009 regular meeting.
- H. Motion by Elbert St. Clair, second by Wade Sprouse to approve to change the maximum mileage reimbursement rate payable to persons traveling in privately owned vehicles on official business for the county from 58.5 cents per mile to 55 cents per mile. Passed 3-0.
- I. Motion by Elbert St. Clair, second by Kimball Parker to approve to hire Mrs. Elaine Henry for the position of assistant librarian at the Cherokee County Public Library at a rate of \$8.95 per hour. Passed 3-0.
- J. Motion by Kimball Parker, second by Wade Sprouse to approve to hire Ms. Janet Tucker for the position of nutrition program manager at a rate of \$9.40 per hour. Passed 3-0.
- K. Motion by Elbert St. Clair, second by Wade Sprouse to approve Excess Land Redemptions to Steve Street in the amount of \$102.87, Gerald Willis in the amount of \$228.14, Reba Ray in the amount of \$52.36, and William Black in the amount of \$176.52. Passed 3-0.
- L. Motion by Wade Sprouse, second by Elbert St. Clair to approve forecast advertisement in the Cherokee Herald in the amount of \$275.94. Passed 3-0.
- M. Motion by Kimball Parker, second by Elbert St. Clair to approve the attached 2009 Solid Waste Exemption List for customers who use Cherokee County's garbage collection service. Passed 3-0.

12. Discussion Items by Commissioners:

Commissioner Parker recognized Dr. Martha Lavender, Ms. Johnna Lindsey, and Ms. Luanne Hayes from Gadsden State Community College – Cherokee that were in attendance at the meeting.

Commissioner Teague addressed the Commission about recent residential waste collection problems in the county. Teague stated that “Commissioner Kimball Parker has had some problems and I have had quite a few problems in District Four. We just want to let people know that we have been in contact several times with Waste Management over the last couple of weeks trying to get the problem corrected. They’ve assured us that it will be. We have a contract with them, but the citizens in this county are the ones that pay for this service and they need the service to be performed. We just want to let people know that there is a problem, that we understand the problem, know what the problem is. If your garbage is supposed to be picked up on Monday, it needs to be picked up on Monday and that is what we have relayed to them. We know there is a problem and we are trying to resolve the problem.”

- 14. Motion by Elbert St. Clair, second by Kimball Parker to adjourn meeting. Passed 3-0.

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

Wade Sprouse, District I

Melvyn Salter, Chairman

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