

# CHEROKEE COUNTY COMMISSION

## CENTRE, ALABAMA

### MINUTES

DATE:  
March 09, 2009

PRESENT:  
Wade Sprouse, District I  
Kimball Parker, District II  
  
Carlton Teague, District IV  
Melvyn Salter, Chairman

ABSENT:  
  
Elbert St. Clair, District III

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 Sprouse – Present  
District II, Commissioner Parker – Present  
District III, Commissioner St. Clair – Absent  
District IV, Commissioner Teague – Present
5. Motion by Carlton Teague, second by Wade Sprouse to approve the agenda for the March 9, 2009 regular meeting as published with the addition of item #5 health insurance subsidy for family coverage. Passed 3-0.
6. The Chairman led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and Shane Givens gave the Invocation.
7. Awards and Presentations: None Submitted
8. Motion by Kimball Parker, second by Carlton Teague to approve the minutes as published for the February 23, 2009 regular meeting. Passed 3-0.
9. Reports from Staff:  
  
County Administrator Tim Burgess – None Submitted  
County Engineer Corey Chambers – None Submitted  
County Attorney Chad Hopper – None Submitted  
County Sheriff Jeff Shaver – None Submitted  
  
The Chairman recognized Mr. Larry Guffey who is the Cherokee County Representative to the Coosa Valley Detention Center. Mr. Guffey gave a presentation of the aspects and processes of the detention center.
10. Public Meetings:  
  
The Chairman called attention to the Commission on the matter of a Petition to Vacate Proposed Road (Byram Land Subdivision). Attorney Shane Givens spoke to the matter and explained that all landowners have agreed and signed a petition to vacate the road. Also Mr. Givens explained that proper notice had been served in the Cherokee County Herald.
11. Old Business: None Submitted
12. New Business:
  - A. Motion by Carlton Teague, second by Wade Sprouse to adopt the attached Resolution to close Certain Unnamed County Road. Passed 3-0.

The Chairman called for a motion to recess the meeting until 11:15 am for the purpose of the scheduled County Flag Dedication. Motion by Kimball Parker, second by Carlton Teague to recess the meeting. Passed 3-0.

Motion by Carlton Teague, second by Wade Sprouse to reconvene the meeting. Passed 3-0.

B. Motion by Kimball Parker, second by Wade Sprouse to adopt the attached Resolution to Honor Marzie Johnson as read by the Chairman. Passed 3-0.

C. Motion by Wade Sprouse, second by Carlton Teague to appoint Mr. Donnie Free as the Commission District I representative to the Cherokee County Industrial Board. Passed 3-0.

Motion by Kimball Parker, second by Carlton Teague to appoint Mr. Ronnie Rogers as the Commission District II representative to the Cherokee County Industrial Board. Passed 3-0.

Motion by Carlton Teague, second by Kimball Parker to appoint Mr. Lowell Hamilton as the Commission District III representative to the Cherokee County Industrial Board. Passed 3-0.

Commissioner Teague explained that he would present a recommendation as the Commission District IV representative at the next meeting.

D. The Chairman announced that the Water Authority Appointment/Reappointment will be made at the March 23, 2009 meeting for the term ending March 2015.

E. Motion by Wade Sprouse, second by Carlton Teague to provide a \$156 subsidy for family coverage health insurance. Passed 3-0.

13. Discussion Items by Commissioners: None Submitted

14. Executive Session

1. Preamble.

2. The Chairman stated the 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.

3. County Attorney Chad Hopper stated that that this is a valid reason under Alabama Law (Section 7a of Act 2005-40) to go into Executive Session.

4. Motion by Commissioner Teague, second by Kimball Parker to go into Executive Session.

5. Roll Call Vote:

- Commissioner Sprouse - Yes
- Commissioner Parker - Yes
- Commissioner St. Clair - Absent
- Commissioner Teague - Yes

6. Motion by Kimball Parker, second by Wade Sprouse to Reconvene for Commission Action on Executive Session. Passed 3-0.

The Chairman stated that a claim was filed on February 24, 2009. The claim was filed due to an automobile accident involving a county vehicle. The Commission offered \$7,000 to the claimant. The claimant accepted the offer through her attorney. Motion by Carlton Teague, second by Wade Sprouse to pay the \$7,000 to settle the claim. Passed 3-0.

15. Motion by Kimball Parker, second by Wade Sprouse to adjourn meeting. Passed 3-0.

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

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Wade Sprouse, District I

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Melvyn Salter, Chairman

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Kimball Parker, District II

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Elbert St. Clair, District III

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Carlton Teague, District IV