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TO: Cherokee County Council

SUBJECT: Minutes of Regular Meeting of 1/22/19

There was a Regular Meeting of County Council Tuesday, 1/22/19, 5:15 PM in Council Chambers. Chairman Tim Spencer presided and lead in prayer. All councilmembers were present along with Administrator Steve Bratton, Attorney Jim Thompson & Clerk Doris Pearson. The news media was informed by agenda with one being present. The agenda was posted being in compliance with the SCFOIA. There were 7 visitors including Cherokee Jr. Leadership Ellis Greene.

Councilman David Smith made the motion to adopt the agenda of the Regular Meeting of 1/22/19 as received and posted in compliance with the SCFOIA. Quay Little seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting 1/7/19 as received. Mike Fowlkes seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman Quay Little made the motion to pay the claims for Cherokee County in the amount of \$430,460.55. Mike Fowlkes seconded and council voted in favor.

PWC Chair Tracy McDaniel made the motion coming from the committee to award Bid No. 2019-12 on the Paving Project to Cherokee Landscaping for his bid price of \$433,190.40. Mike Fowlkes seconded and council voted in favor.

No report from Attorney Thompson.

Administrator Steve Bratton reported on the Detention Center mold. Earlier this month we were informed by Captain Wells & Major Anderson of the Detention Center regarding the presence of what appeared to be mold growing around the ceiling in the Alpha & Bravo Units. Immediately we reached out to CrossRoads Environmental, which is an engineering firm we have used before to remove the asbestos remediation at the Old Recreation Bldg. They came out and did air quality testing and test for mold. It turned out to be aspergillus/penicillium which is a common mold; the air quality levels in that building were elevated but not to the point that raised tremendous alarm but to the point that we do have an issue there. Humidity levels were from 60 to 70% in those 2 units. As a result, Major Anderson immediately began contacting local HVAC Companies to come out and evaluate the units on top of that building. There are 19 furnaces & a/c units on top of that building and are 22 years old the same age of the building. We had a roofing company to come out and evaluate the roof; moved the inmates out of the Bravo Unit and spread them throughout the building; the inmates in the Alpha Unit are females and they are still in there with no danger to them at all. The 4 units that serve Alpha & Bravo Units need to be replaced; they are not functioning at all which is certainly a big part of the problem; the exhaust fans do not appear to be working in those units as well. We did not go through a formal bid process due to the urgency but we did call 3 local vendors to get formal quotes: Waldrop Heating & Air - \$28,567 and Painters - \$27,391.96 this is for 4 (four) ton units; the other local vendor Childers did not give a quote. We also

had a company come out and give us a bid on replacing the roof at the Detention Center but we haven't made that decision yet. I have gotten a quote from an engineering firm to do a roof evaluation which I was surprised at the price quoted. We also contacted someone to remediate the mold. We got two quotes on that and one was way out of line so we contacted another company: Service Master of Sptg. quoted \$25,730.52 and we are going with them. They have not started cleaning yet. No one at the Detention Center is in any danger; no black mold present anywhere. **[David Smith made the motion to allow Administrator Bratton to award the bid to Painters Heating & A/C for 4 four ton units for the Detention Center in the amount of \$27,391.96. Tracy McDaniel seconded and council voted in favor.]** Quay Little stated he understands that this was an emergency situation but I would ask that next time you call every local vendor that sells these especially when it involves this amount of money.

Administrator Steve Bratton reported on the courthouse bathrooms renovations on the 1st Floor. Sossamon Construction Co. was the only bidder and their original bid was \$195,400 and we ask him to go back and try to reduce that. He did so and took out a lot of renovations that were going to be done in the men's restroom and it want be fully ADA compliance but the one downstairs is. The women's restroom will be fully ADA after the renovations. The men's & staff's bathroom will be getting new petitions, new toilets, new sinks, coat of paint, etc. Sossamon brought his revised price down to \$120,341. The concern he has is that it is a 100 year old building and they don't know what they will get into when they start tearing into walls dealing with plumbing issues. They will need to put in exhaust fans which requires an exterior penetration so there is a lot of unknown until he gets in there. **[Mike Fowlkes made the motion to allow Administrator Bratton to sign a contract with Sossamon Construction Co. to begin the renovation project of the restrooms at the Cherokee Co. Courthouse for a total price of \$120,341. Quay Little seconded and council voted in favor.]** Charles Mathis asked will this fix the problem? Steve replied it certainly will help. There will be 3 water closets in the lady's restroom where now there is only one. Mike Fowlkes asked Steve to please watch the change orders closely and keep council informed.

Administrator Steve Bratton updated council on the FYB 2019/20. The budget process has begun. I sent out packets to all departments last week and they are due back on 2/15/19. Finance Director Johnny Leazer and I will start going through those and meeting with Dept. Heads to listen to their requests.

Administrator Steve Bratton requested council to extend the right-of-way easement in Dist. 7 on Bolton Parker Road. It is currently 2,186 feet and it will be extended by 1,130 feet to serve an additional 3 properties. This is a paved road but the extension will be a gravel road. **[Tracy McDaniel made the motion to approve the Right-of-Way Easement extension of 1,130 feet for Bolton Parker Road in Dist. 7. Mike Fowlkes seconded and council voted in favor.]**

Administrator Steve Bratton reported that 3 bids were received for Bid No. 2019-15 Forklift for Solid Waste/Vehicle Main. Shop. Half the price will be paid for from the Solid Waste Dept. and half from Vehicle Main. Dept.: **1) H&M Services - \$23,150; 2) Octane Forklifts - \$26,700; 3) Bullzeye Equipment & Supply - \$28,195. [Quay Little made the motion to place these bids in the PWC for review. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor.]**

Councilman Charles Mathis made the motion to appoint Suzanne Turner to serve on the Corinth Fire District/Board of Commissioners. Mike Fowlkes seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman David Smith made the motion for council to go into Executive Session pursuant to SC Code 30-4-70(a2) to receipt legal advice regarding pending litigations. Mike Fowlkes seconded and council voted in favor at 5:37 PM.

Councilman Quay Little made the motion to come out of Executive Session at 5:47 PM and enter back into the Regular Council Meeting. Quay Little seconded and council voted in favor. Attorney Thompson reported that no action was taken during Executive Session.

As there was no other business to come before council at this time, Chairman Spencer adjourned the meeting at 5:49 PM.

APPROVED: _____

Respectfully submitted,

BY ITS CHAIRMAN: _____

Doris F. Pearson, Clerk to Council