

DATE: 1/5/2021 FILE NO: DATE499  
TO: Cherokee County Council  
SUBJECT: Minutes of Regular Meeting, 1/4/2021

There was a Regular Meeting of County Council Monday, 1/4/2021 @ 5PM in Council Chambers. Chairman Tim Spencer presided and asked everyone to remember the family of Bud Lovingood who passed away 1/1/202, Mike Fowlkes lead in prayer. All council members were present along with Administrator Steve Bratton, Attorney Joe Mathis and Master Clerk to Council Doris Pearson. The news media was informed by agenda and it was posted in accordance with the SCFOIA. One news media was present along with 6 visitors.

**Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to adopt the agenda of the Regular Meeting of 1/4/2021 with the deletion of No. 10 - Ordinance No. 2020-21. The agenda was posted in accordance with the SCFOIA. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor.**

Administrator Steve Bratton opened the election for Chairman of the Cherokee County Council 2021. **Quay Little nominated Tim Spencer as Chairman of 2021. Lyman Dawkins seconded and council voted in favor.** Chairman Spencer thanked council for electing him as Chairman.

Administrator Steve Bratton opened the election for Vice-Chairman of the Cherokee County Council 2021. **Tim Spencer nominated Quay Little as Vice-Chairman as 2021. Mike Fowlkes seconded and council voted in favor.** Quay Little thanked council for electing him as Vice-Chairman.

**Councilman Lyman Dawkins made the motion to approve the minutes of the PH & Regular Meeting of 12/21/2020 as received. Quay Little seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman Mike Fowlkes made the motion to pay the claims for Cherokee County in the amount of \$581,661.45. Quay Little seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman David Smith made the motion to go into Executive Session at 5:07 PM on two matters: 1) pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a)(2) for the purpose of discussions on two contractual matters; 2) pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a)(5) for the purpose of discussion of matters relating to future proposed locations, expansions or provision of services including locations & expansions of industries or other businesses in the area served by a public body. Quay Little seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to come out of Executive Session at 7:07 PM and enter back into the Regular Meeting. Mike Fowlkes seconded and council voted in favor.** Administrator Bratton stated for the records that no action was taken during Executive Session.

**Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to adopt the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance No. 2020-23 authorizing the execution & delivery of a Fee in Lieu of Tax Agreement by & between Cherokee Co., SC & a company or companies known to the county at this time as "PROJECT PIGEON"**

**with respect to certain Economic Development property in the county, whereby such property will be subject to certain payments in Lieu of Taxes, will be designated as being in a Multi-County Industrial & Business Park, and will be eligible to receive Certain Tax Credits; and other matters related thereto. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman David Smith made the motion to adopt the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Ordinance No. 2021-01 authorizing the purchase of real property to be purchased by the County. Lyman Dawkins seconded and council voted in favor with Tracy McDaniel recusing himself due to a personal/professional relationship with the tenant.**

**Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to allow Administrator Bratton to purchase a Bomag compactor for the landfill from Flint Equipment at a cost including shipping & taxes of \$626,464.57 to be paid with \$100,000 down and then 3 annual payments at 2.6% financing + the extended warranty for 5 years at a cost of \$59,390. Quay Little seconded and council voted in favor.**

Administrator Bratton reported that the Family First Corona Virus Response Act that was passed March/April, 2020 by the federal government in response for COVID time expired 12/31/2020 midnight. He reported that he & HR Renee Crocker have been working on a plan to try and help out our county employees if they do test positive for the COVID after 12/31/20. **[Quay Little made the motion to allow Administrator Bratton to offer our county employees 80 hours of COVID time for one calendar year ending 12/31/2021. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor.]**

**Councilman Lyman Dawkins made the motion to allow cabinetry to be built in the VA Office by Archel Mullinax/McKown's Mtn. Cabinet at a cost of \$8,000. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman Tracy McDaniel re-appointed Thomas Starnes to serve another term on the CKC VFD Board. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman Mike Fowlkes made the motion to re-appoint Bill Sarratt to serve another term on the Cherokee Co. Development Board. Tracy McDaniel seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman David Smith made the motion to appoint Johnny Toney to serve a term on the Corinth Fire District/Board of Commissioners in place of Dean Ivey who resigned 11/29/2020. Lyman Dawkins seconded and council voted in favor.**

As there was no other business to come before council at this time, Chairman Spencer adjourned the meeting at 7:42 PM.

APPROVED: 1/19/2021

BY ITS CHAIRMAN: Tim Spencer

Respectfully submitted,

Doris F. Pearson, Master Clerk to Council