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TO: Cherokee County Council

SUBJECT: Minutes of Regular Meeting of Monday, 10/4/21

There was a Regular Meeting of County Council Monday, 10/4/21, 5 PM in Council Chambers. Chairman Tim Spencer presided with Asst. Admin. Merv Bishop leading in prayer. All council members were present along with Administrator Steve Bratton, Asst. Admin. Merv Bishop, Attorney Joe Mathis and Master Clerk to Council Doris F. Pearson. The news media was informed by agenda and it was posted in accordance with the SCFOIA. One news media was present along with 8 visitors.

**Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to adopt the agenda of the Regular Meeting of Monday, 10/4/21 as received and posted in accordance with the SCFOIA. Mike Fowlkes seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman Quay Little made the motion to adopt the minutes of the PH & Regular Meeting of 9/20/21 as received. Lyman Dawkins seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman Lyman Dawkins made the motion to approve the claims for Cherokee County in the amount of \$729,477.99. Mike Fowlkes seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman Quay Little made the motion to adopt Resolution No. 2021-10 approving the issuance by the Housing Authority of the City of Spartanburg of its Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds (Connecticut Village Apartments), as required by Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code, in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$10,000,000. Lyman Dawkins seconded and council voted in favor.**

**HSC Chair Lyman Dawkins made the motion coming from the committee to award Bid No. 2022-04 Midway Complex Renovation Project to BWC for their low bid of \$1,294,000. Quay Little seconded and council voted in favor.**

Administrator Bratton reported no bids were received for Bid No. 2022-05 Purchase of Scrap Metal at the Landfill. We will rebid this again.

Asst. Admin. Merv Bishop presented information on the Statewide Aerial Imagery Program/SC Revenue & Fiscal Affair Office. The last time we did reassessment was 2020 and state law requires that counties do it every 10 years for reassessment purposes. The data we are currently using is widely used in our assessor office, economic development, county infrastructure and emergency operations. This data was purchased in 2016 for \$36,000. In 2020, money was used from the General Assembly to collect 100% of the state data between January 7 & March 7, 2020. This information has been furnished to us at no cost. However, these are nonrecurring funds and in order to fund for future data, they are asking for an annual contribution of \$4,198 or a three-year lump sum of \$12,593 that will be used exclusively to help with this cost of capturing updated imagery. These contributions will be used for imagery captured beginning 2023 and continuing at a minimum of every three years. This is a good

opportunity for our county to participate in, considering all the growth we are experiencing in our county along with the constant changes of I-85. In the event, they are unable to attain sufficient funding to complete aerial imagery for the entire state, they will refund the balance of the contribution. **[Quay Little made the motion to allow Administration to enter into an agreement with SC Revenue & Fiscal Affairs Office to contribution \$4,109 annually, or a 3-year lump sum of \$12,593, in support of the aerial imagery program in capturing updated imagery at a minimum of every three years. Lyman Dawkins seconded and council voted in favor.]**

Attorney Joe Mathis had no report.

Administrator Steve Bratton presented information on redistricting. Census data was delayed by some 5 to 6 months coming out. All we received is our total population. We do not have the breakdown for the redistricting. We are working with the State Revenue Fiscal Affairs Office to undertake that. Bobby Bowers did this in the past but he is no longer there. We have provided them with any information they needed. They have not released any data. That process has started and we are in line to have it done for Cherokee County. I'll keep you informed.

Councilman Mike Fowlkes asked Administrator Bratton to give us an update on broadband. I was in the lower part of the county and I noticed a Spectrum truck riding around with GPS equipment on it. Do we have a contract/agreement with Spectrum to do the GPS for broadband in the county? Admin. Bratton replied we are talking with a company but I am not at liberty to talk about it at this time.

Councilman Quay Little ask Administrator Bratton if he had sent a letter to the School Board asking them to contribute \$1.5 million toward this broadband project. It was relayed to them that we would do \$2 million and asked them to do \$1 million but I feel we need to ask them to do half the cost since they will benefit from it as much as we will.

**Councilman Mike Fowlkes appointed Brooke Hamrick to serve on the Cherokee Co. Commission of Alcohol & Drug Abuse Board. Tracy McDaniel seconded. Quay Little abstained from voting due to conflict of interest. Motion carried.**

As there was no other business to come before council at this time, Chairman Tm Spencer adjourned the meeting at 5:17 PM.

APPROVED: 10/18/21

BY ITS CHAIR: Tim Spencer

Respectfully submitted,

Doris F. Pearson, Master Clerk to Council