

DATE: 4/4/23 FILE NO: DATE573
TO: Cherokee County Council
SUBJECT: Minutes of Regular Meeting, 4/3/23

There was a Regular Meeting of County Council Monday, 4/3/23, 5 PM, in Council Chambers. Chairman Tim Spencer presided with Bill Blanton leading in prayer. All council members were present along with Admin. Steve Bratton and Master Clerk Doris Pearson. Asst. Admin. Merv Bishop & Attorney Joe Mathis were absent. The news media was informed by agenda and it was posted in accordance with the SCFOIA. Two news media were present along with 11 visitors.

Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to adopt the agenda of the Regular Meeting of Monday, 4/3/23 as received and posted in accordance with the SCFOIA. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman Lyman Dawkins made the motion to adopt the minutes of the Public Hearing & Regular Meeting of 3/20/23 as received. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman Quay Little made the motion to approve the claims for Cherokee County in the amount of \$568,958.08. Lyman Dawkins seconded and council voted in favor.

Appalachian COG Executive Director Steve Pelissier presented his update for 2022 Cherokee County Services. He reported the return on investment for Cherokee Co. in 2022 was \$4,341,040 representing a return-on-investment ration of \$149.41 on every \$1. He broke it down for grants, programs & services to seniors (a copy of his report is attached). Admin. Steve Bratton reported that COG Representative Michael Kelly is working with our Mapping Dept. and assisting us with some training. Councilman Blanton stated that he has worked with Steve for about 30 years and has appreciated all he has done for our county. He asked Steve about Old Post Road/Hyatt St. Intersection? Steve Pelissier replied that is not one of our projects.

Administrator Steve Bratton presented to E911 Director Dennis Gardner and several of his employees a Proclamation proclaiming April 9-15, 2023, as National Public Safety Telecommunicator Week. Council thanked them for the service they do for Cherokee County.

Administrator Steve Bratton reported the he rode down to the new site for the Animal Shelter this afternoon and Cherokee Landscaping were there moving dirt, putting in catch basins and construction has begun. He also reported that preliminary work at the state complex has also begun on renovating the new site for moving all the state agencies there.

Administrator Steve Bratton also reported on the cable being laid by Spectrum. Work is continuing all over Cherokee Co. Spectrum Representative Matt Willis met with Merv & I last week and he gave me a list of the addresses that the county's funding will pay for and it is more than what they planned on. Spectrum is sending out mailings, door hangers, etc. letting people know that when the

cable has been laid in their area and how they can sign up. It generally takes about 3 months once they laid the lines to sign people up.

Councilman David Smith made the motion for council to go into Executive Session at 5:21 PM pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a)(2) regarding an economic development matter. Quay Little seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman David Smith made the motion for council to come out of Executive Session at 6:15 PM and enter back into the Regular Meeting. Quay Little seconded and council voted in favor. Chairman Tim Spencer reported no vote or 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 6:16 PM.

APPROVED: 4/17/23

Respectfully submitted,

BY ITS CHAIR: Tim Spencer

Doris F. Pearson, Master Clerk to Council