

DATE: 4/16/24 FILE NO: DATE605
TO: Cherokee County Council
SUBJECT: Minutes of Regular Meeting, 4/15/24

There was a Regular Meeting of County Council Monday, 4/15/24, 5 PM in Council Chambers. Chairman Tim Spencer presided with Bill Blanton leading in prayer. All council members were present except Lyman Dawkins. Admin. Bishop, Asst. Admin. Walker, Attorney Mathis and Master Clerk Doris Pearson were present. The news media was informed by agenda and it was posted in accordance with the SCFOIA. Two news media were present along with 8 visitors.

Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to adopt the agenda for the Regular Meeting of 4/15/24 as received and posted in accordance with the SCFOIA. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman Bill Blanton made the motion to approve the minutes of the PH & Regular Meeting of 4/1/24 as received. Elliott Hughes seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to approve the claims for Cherokee County in the amount of \$1,152,134.85. Bill Blanton seconded and council voted in favor.

Appalachian Council of Governments Executive Director Steve Pelissier presented his Annual Report for 2023 Cherokee County Services (a copy is attached). Councilman Bill Blanton asked Steve when is the completion date for Old Post Rd. & Hwy. 11? Steve replied he did not know at this time because DOT is still evaluating the project.

Administrator Bishop reported on the Federal Land Access Program (FLAP) Grant and we are the recipient of approximately \$2.5 million to plan & design the trail associated with the OMHT corridor that will connect the 26-mile trail from Lake Whelchel to Kings Mtn. National Military Park. A major press release will be going out this week.

Administrator Bishop reported on the SC Recreational Trail Program (RTP) Grant for Lake Whelchel. Cherokee County was awarded a grant back in 2023 to expand the existing 7-mile single track natural surface trail system at Lake Whelchel and I'm asking permission to go out for RFP for the design & construction of approximately 2.5-mile new segment of the OMVT & Carolina Thread Trail. The new trail will be designed and constructed as a spur loop on one of the peninsulas. **[Bill Blanton made the motion to allow Administration to go out for RFP for the design & construction of approximately 2.5-mile segment of the OMVT. Quay Little seconded and council voted in favor.]**

Asst. Admin. Amanda Walker reminded council of two upcoming ribbon cuttings: 1) for the Animal Shelter on Friday, 4/19/24 @ 2 pm and reminded those attending to bring a bag of dog or cat food; and 2) for the newly renovated DSS Complex Friday, 4/26/24, 11 am.

Asst. Admin. Amanda Walker reminded council that this week, April 14-20, 2024, is National Telecommunications Week and on Wed., 4/17/24, 10:30 am at the 911 Dept., they will be recognizing the Telecommunicator of the Year. Council is invited to attend.

Councilman Bill Blanton appointed Brad Phillips to serve a term on the Cherokee County Recreation Board. Quay Little 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 5:12 PM.

APPROVED: 5/6/24

BY ITS CHAIR: Tim Spencer

Respectfully submitted,

Doris F. Pearson, Master Clerk to Council