

DATE: 9/4/24 FILE NO: DATE622
TO: Cherokee County Council
SUBJECT: Minutes of Regular Meeting, 9/3/24

There was a Regular Meeting of County Council Tuesday, 9/3/24, 5 PM in Council Chambers. Chairman Spencer presided with David Smith leading in prayer. All council members were present along with Administrator Bishop, Asst. Admin. Walker, Attorney Joe Johnson and Master Clerk Doris Pearson. The news media was informed by agenda and it was posted in accordance with the SCFOIA. Two news media were present. There were 25+ visitors.

Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to adopt the agenda of the Regular Meeting of Tuesday, 9/3/24 as received and posted in accordance with the SCFOIA. Quay Little seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman Quay Little made the motion to approve the minutes of the PH & Regular Meeting of 8/19/24 as received. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman David Smith made the motion to pay the claims for Cherokee County in the amount of \$451,718.33. Quay Little seconded and council voted in favor.

Administrator Bishop recognized Emergency Management Director Doug Bowers and several CERT Members and presented them with a Proclamation to recognize & honor the members of the SC State Guard and to commend their all-volunteer force who are boots on the ground during times of disaster, who share a passion for service and a strong commitment to their fellow South Carolinians, and who embody the spirit of National Preparedness Month, and to declare September, 2024, as "National Preparedness Month".

Councilman Quay Little made the motion to adopt Resolution No. 2024-06 consenting to the Assignment of Interests of Bericap SPE, LLC of; (1) the Fee in Lieu of Tax Agreement by & among Cherokee County, SC, Bericap SPE, LLC, and Bericap SC, LLC dated December 1, 2007, (II) the Infrastructure Finance Agreement between Cherokee County, SC and Bericap SPE, LLC dated December 1, 2007, and (III) the Infrastructure Finance Agreement among Cherokee County, SC, Bericap SPE, LLC, and Bericap SC, LLC dated November 5, 2012. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor.

Administrator Merv Bishop reported to council that he had met with Cherokee Co. School District Interim Superintendent Thomas White regarding the lease agreement for the athletic fields located at Midway. He asks if county council would be willing to review/revise the agreement to more favorable terms; the major concern is the 180-day notification of termination and how it makes it impossible for the district to consider investing significant dollars for improvement. **[Councilman Quay Little made the motion to allow Administrator Merv Bishop to review/revise the current agreement with Cherokee Co. School District pertaining to the athletic fields located at the Cherokee County Recreation District. Tracy McDaniel seconded and council voted in favor.]**

Asst. Admin. Amanda Walker had no report.

Administrator Merv Bishop opened bids for several projects:

- **Bid No. 2025-02 Lock Repair & Replacement at CCDC** – 3 bids were received:
 - Cornerstone Detention Products, LLC - \$595,610.26
 - Locksmith Master - \$163,889.00
 - Mountaintop Enterprise, LLC - \$151,227.00
- **Bid No. 2025-03 – Bunk Beds @ CCDC** – 4 bids were received:
 - Upstate Welding & Fabrication, LLC - \$125,895
 - Cornerstone Detention Products, LLC - \$265,268.57
 - Frye Marketing, LLC - \$59,999
 - JTP Lawn Care, LLC - \$145,000
- **Bid No. 2025-04 – Fencing @ Landfill** – 8 bids were received:
 - Stick Fencing, LLC - \$19,760.00
 - JTP Lawn Care, LLC - \$29,640.00
 - Bagwell Fencing Co. - \$24,508.62
 - Meric Builders, LLC - \$23,896.00
 - Byrds Taylormade - \$34,900.00
 - A-1 Fence - \$19,934.00
 - Armen Construction - \$27,675.00
 - Capital Gates & Fence, LLC - \$19,000.00
- **Bid No. 2025-05 Pavement Preservation Project** – 1 bid received:
 - CGD Construction, LLC – council had lots of questions and Councilman McDaniel suggested that we do not reveal the price in case we need to rebid. Kevin Thorton with KCI was present and stated that this project will cost around \$12 million to address all roads in the county to bring them up to standard and move forward preserving your roads. Quay Little asked how much was budgeted for this? Merv replied this was not budgeted because when we met with Kevin, we realized this would be a new project moving forward. CTC has not funded the county on any roads yet. Quay Little stated that we do not have a gas tax to help us with this project; we would be paying for this from taxpayer’s property taxes. Tracy replied, this preservation will stabilize some of our roads for a longer time. Administrator Bishop replied he will meet with the committee and review this bid and report back to council.
- **Bid No. 2025-06 C- Funds Paving Project:**
 - CGD Construction, LLC – several different prices
 - Cherokee Landscaping & Grading, Inc. – several different prices

Administrator Bishop stated that he would get with the proper committees and review these bids and report back to council.

Council Chair Tim Spencer made the motion to appoint David Stepp, Bobby Beattie, Ken Moon, Cline Gore, Brooks Allison, Lisa Butler and Michael Walker to serve a term on the Local Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee. 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 5:40 PM.

APPROVED: **9/16/24**

Respectfully submitted,

BY ITS CHAIR: **Tim Spencer**

Doris F. Pearson, Master Clerk to Council