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TO: Cherokee County Council

SUBJECT: Minutes of Regular Meeting of 9/16/24

There was a Regular Meeting of County Council Monday, 9/16/24, 5 PM in Council Chambers. Chairman Spencer presided with Tracy McDaniel leading in prayer. All councilmembers were present along with Admin. Bishop, Asst. Admin. Amanda Walker, Attorney Joe Mathis and Master Clerk Doris Pearson. The news media was informed by agenda and it was posted in accordance with the SCFOIA. There were 2 news media and 100+ visitors.

Councilman David Smith made the motion to adopt the agenda of the Regular Meeting of Monday, 9/16/24 as received and posted in accordance with the SCFOIA. Quay Little seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman David Smith made the motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of 9/3/24 as received. Quay Little seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to pay the claims for Cherokee County in the amount of \$418,215.36. Quay Little seconded and council voted in favor.

Limestone University President Dr. Nathan Copeland had materials passed showing Limestone University Economic Impact on Cherokee County. Dr. Copeland began his tenure in May 2024 and is excited about building his relationship here. Limestone's mission foundation is Christian faith and liberal arts empowers students of all abilities and backgrounds to invest and inspire their spiritual, personal and professional standards. Our vision is to provide the tools students need to graduate, flourish and have a positive impact on their families, communities and professions. We have a lot of great programs and two of our newest ones are the Healthcare Degree Program & Cybersecurity. Limestone wants to continue to have a great partnership with Cherokee County. We come here tonight asking Cherokee County Council to partnership with us and appropriate \$5 million (\$2½ million the first year and \$2½ million the second year) to help us provide scholarships for our students and help us build up our health & science programs. Limestone has been here in the community for 179 years and we would like to continue and stay here another 179 years.

Presenter Joe Craig spoke regarding the ambulance service. He had several complaints regarding the ambulance service but the main one is that we do not have enough ambulances in our county to serve the people and/or the ambulance service we do have is not responding quickly enough when called.

JSC Chair Bill Blanton reported that they met regarding Bid 2025-02 Lock Repair & Replacement CCDC. 3 bids were received and reviewed by Major Anderson. Cornerstone replied to us that they did not want to repair, only replace all the locks and that's why their bid was high. Mountaintop Enterprise was low bid but they did not include sales tax so we added the sales tax of \$6552.64 which made their total bid \$157,779.64 which was still low bid. They met all the spec

requirements. Administration only budgeted \$140,000 for this project making the bid price \$17,779.64 over budget but we can pay that amount from the capital contingency account. **[JSC Chair Bill Blanton made the motion coming from the committee to award Bid No. 2025-02 Lock Repair & Replacement CCDC to Mountaintop Enterprise, LLC for their bid price of \$157,779.64 paying \$140,000 for the budget account and \$17,779.64 from capital contingency. Tracy McDaniel seconded and council voted in favor.]**

JSC Chair Bill Blanton reported the committee met regarding Bid 2025-03 Bunk Beds @ CCDC. 4 bids were received. Major Anderson reviewed them all and all but one did not meet SCDOC standards. Cornerstone Detention Products met SCDOC standards. Their bid was \$265,268.57. Our budget amount was \$260,000; therefore, \$5,268.57 would be paid from capital contingency account. **[JSC Chair Blanton made the motion coming from the committee to award Bid No. 2025-03 Bunk Beds @ CCDC to Cornerstone Detention Products, LLC for their bid of \$265,268.57 and pay \$260,000 from the budget amount and the remainder of \$5,268.57 from capital contingency. Tracy McDaniel seconded and council voted in favor.]**

PWC Chair Tracy McDaniel reported that they met regarding Bid 2025-04 Fencing @ Landfill. 8 bids were received. Capital Gates & Fence, LLC was low bid for \$19,000. Administration budgeted \$19,760 so their bid was actually under the budget amount. **[PWC Chair McDaniel made the motion coming from the committee to award bid No. 2025-04 Fencing @ Landfill to Capital Gates & Fence, LLC for their low bid of \$19,000. Bill Blanton seconded and council voted in favor.]**

PWC Chair Tracy McDaniel reported that they also met regarding Bid 2025-05 Pavement Preservation Project. 1 bid was received from CGD Construction, LLC. Administration, R&B, and KCI reviewed this bid. Administration has been in touch with the Palladian Group to see if we can calculate any of their time as part of in-kind on a grant we received. Cherokee Co. has recently been awarded a grant from the US Department of Transportation under the Safe Streets & Roads for all programs. This funding will play a critical role in enhancing the safety and longevity of our infrastructure. Based on preliminary findings, once we receive the funding and begin collecting this data, we will be closer to the FY 2025/26 budget year. Administration and the PWC recommends postponing this project until we have the appropriate funding & information in place before we begin this new project. By doing this, we hope to maximize the benefit of these federal funds and align our resources effectively. Council consented.

PWC Chair Tracy McDaniel reported the committee met regarding Bid No. 2025-06 C Funds Paving Project. Administration & KCI reviewed these bids; Scott Griffith was not present due to sickness. Two bids were received: CGD Construction, LLC and Cherokee Landscaping & Grading Co, Inc. Last year when we send out bids on this particular project, we had two bids who were also CGD & Cherokee Landscaping & Grading. Cherokee Landscaping & Grading won the bid last year. In comparing the bids this year, CGD Construction was low bid. **[Bill Blanton made the motion coming from the**

committee to award Bid No. 2025-06 C Funds Paving Project to CGD Construction, LLC for their low bid. Tracy McDaniel seconded and council voted in favor.]

Councilman Quay Little made the motion to adopt 1st Reading of Ordinance No. 2024-25 authorizing the execution & delivery of a Fee in Lieu of Tax & Special Source Revenue Credit Agreement by & between Cherokee Co., SC and Nestle USA, Inc. with respect to certain economic development property in the county, whereby such property will be subject to certain payments in lieu of taxes, including the provision of certain special source revenue credits; and other matters related thereto. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor.

Administrator Merv Bishop ask for approval to sign an agreement with KCI Technologies for paving over-sight and other county on-call inspection projects not to exceed \$50,000 on any projects without having to come back to council for approval. **[Councilman Quay Little made the motion to allow Administrator Bishop to sign the agreement with KCI Technology not to exceed \$50,000. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor.]**

Councilman Quay Little made the motion to allow Asst. Admin. Walker to go out for Bid No. 2025-09 – HVAC rooftop replacement units at the Cherokee County Courthouse. Tracy McDaniel seconded and council voted in favor.

Asst. Admin. Amanda Walker reported that the county owns the Cherokee Co. Alcohol & Drug Abuse Bldg., located at 201 W. Montgomery St. and it needs the 13 windows and front & back entrance doors replaced. They have been in that building since 1992 and nothing has been done toward maintaining them. There were no funds put in the FY 24/25 Capital Budget to cover this but will might be able to pay for this with our Local Assistance & Tribal funds. I am asking permission to go out for bid on this project. **[David Smith made the motion to allow Administration to go out for bid on replacing the 13 windows and 2 doors located at 201 W. Montgomery St. Bill Blanton seconded. Tracy McDaniel & Quay Little abstained from voting due to conflict of interest. Motion carried.]**

Asst. Administrator Amanda Walker reminded council of the upcoming Employee Appreciation Day on Sat., 9/21/24, 3-7 PM @ Jolly Park. We have had 451 employees & their families signed up to attend. The employees are really excited about this and thank council for this event.

Attorney Joe Mathis asked council to go into Executive Session for 3 matters pursuant to: **1)** Section 30-4-70(a)(2) regarding discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements and proposed sale or purchase of property pertaining to the Coroner’s Building; **2)** Section 30-4-70(a)(2) receipt of legal advice or other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege; and **3)** Section 30-4-70(2)(5) discussion of matters relating to the proposed location, expansion, or the provision of services encouraging location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by the public body specifically Nestle USA. **[Quay Little made the motion to go into Executive Session regarding these 3 matters. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor and went into Executive Session at 5:30 PM.]**

Councilman Quay Little made the motion for council to come out of Executive Session at 7:00 PM. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor. Attorney Mathis reported no vote or action was taken during Executive Session.

Councilman Quay Little stated our lease for the Coroner’s Office located at 122 Administrative Drive will end 12/18/24. Council has discussed this and we feel it is best we move forward toward building a new office building to house the Coroner’s Office. **[Quay Little made the motion to allow Administration to go out for Procurement to relocate and build a new Coroner’s Office for his needs now and for future growth with cost expectations of around \$1 million. David Smith 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 7:05 PM.

APPROVED: 10/7/24

BY ITS CHAIR: Tim Spencer

Respectfully submitted,

Doris F. Pearson, Master Clerk to Council