

DATE: 8/12/25 FILE NO: DATE651  
TO: Cherokee County Council  
SUBJECT: Minutes of PH & Regular Meeting, 8/11/25

There was a Public Hearing & Regular Meeting of County Council Monday, 8/11/25, 5 PM in Council Chambers. Chairman Spencer presided with Donnie Hardin leading in prayer. All council members were present along with Administrator Bishop, Asst. Admin. Kristy Bradley, 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 three medias present along with 15 visitors.

**Councilman David Smith made the motion to adopt the agenda of the PH & Regular Meeting, 8/11/25, as received and posted in accordance with the SCFOIA and with the addition of Chairman of the Cherokee 250 Committee Tim Lipsey. Tracy McDaniel seconded and council voted in favor.**

Chairman of the Cherokee 250 Committee Tim Lipsey briefed council on the upcoming 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event and invited council to attend the celebration that will be held on El Bethel Rd, Gaffney, Sat. 8/23/25, 9 am to 2 pm. There will be activities for all ages.

**Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to approve the minutes of the PH & Regular Meeting of 7/21/25 and Special Call Meeting of 7/22/25 as received. Billy Blanton seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman Billy Blanton made the motion to pay the claims for Cherokee County in the amount of \$937,593.21. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor.**

Chairman Tim Spencer opened the public hearing on two ordinances: **1) Ordinance No. 2025-26** authorizing the purchase of Real Property by Cherokee County located at 541 Concord Road, Gaffney, SC. Dr. Davis spoke and asked council to reconsider purchasing the property at 541 Concord Rd. I live in that area and we already have too many heavy trucks traveling that road and if you move your PWD out there it will just add more traffic and eventually will tear up the roads. Why don't you consider the Overnight Property? Also, I am concerned about the smell of the trash trucks. Chairman Spencer responded by letting him know that we will ensure trash trucks are enclosed for the sake of the smell and this should not be an issue. **2) Ordinance No. 2025-27** ordering a referendum to determine whether the SC Dept. of Revenue may issue temporary permits to allow for the possession, sale and consumption of alcoholic liquors by the drink to bona fide nonprofit organizations and business establishments authorized to be licensed for consumption on-premises sales and to allow the sale of beer and wine at permitted off-premises locations without regard to the days or hours of sales. No one was present to speak and the public hearing was closed.

**Councilman Billy Blanton made the motion to adopt 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance No. 2025-26 authorizing the purchase of real property by Cherokee County located at 541 Concord Rd., Gaffney, SC. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman Billy Blanton made the motion to adopt 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of Ordinance No. 2025-27 ordering a referendum to determine whether the SC Dept. of Revenue may issue temporary permits to allow for the possession, sale and consumption of alcoholic liquors by the drink to bona fide nonprofit organizations and business establishments authorized to be licensed for consumption on-premises sales and to allow the sale of beer and wine at permitted off-premises locations without regard to the days or hours of sales. Donnie Hardin seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to award RFP 2026-01 Replacement of HVAC systems in the kitchen at the Cherokee Co. Detention Center to MM Services for a bid price of \$95,421 and this will be paid from the FYB 25/26 Capital Project Fund. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor.**

Asst. Administrator Kristy Bradley reported on the RFP 2026-02 Blacksburg Magistrate Court Renovation. *Councilman Tracy McDaniel left the room not to vote on this RFP due to a conflict of interest.* Asst. Admin. Bradley reported that 2 bids were received: **1) McDaniels Construction** - \$39,992 + \$1100 to buff & polish the floors in the building; **2) Quinn Sales, Inc.** - \$89,954 + \$1,626 to strip, wax & buff existing flooring. The Town of Blacksburg pays the rent for the building that the Magistrate Office occupies now and will pick up the monthly rent for the new facility if council moves forward with this project for the Magistrate Office. **[Councilman Donnie Hardin made the motion to award RFP 2026-02 Blacksburg Magistrate Court Renovations to McDaniel Construction for their bid of \$39,992 + \$1100 to buff floors. David Smith seconded. This will be paid from the FYB 25/26 Capital Contingency Fund. Council voted in favor.]** *After the vote Councilman Tracy McDaniel returned to his seat on council.*

Asst. Admin. Kristy Bradley reported that 4 bids were received for RFP 2026-04 Roof replacement at the Cherokee Co. Courthouse: **1) Carolina Made Construction** - \$125,000; **2) Dry-Tech Commercial Roofing Services** - \$119,358; **3) D.K. Mason Roofing** - \$89,000; and **4) WXTITE, LLC** - \$134,616. After reviewing all bids, I recommend D.K. Mason Roofing. **[Councilman Donnie Hardin made the motion to award RFP 2026-04 Roof replacement at the Cherokee Co. Courthouse to D.K. Mason for their low bid of \$89,000. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor.]** This will be paid from the FYB 25/26 Capital Project Fund.

**Councilman David Smith made the motion to change the Regular Meeting date of Monday, 8/25/25 to Monday, 8/11/25. Tracy McDaniel seconded and council voted in favor.**

Administrator Merv Bishop announced the Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony is scheduled for Tuesday, 12/2/25, here at the County Admin. Building. The committee will be meeting Thursday, 8/14/25 to begin plans for the event.

Administrator Merv Bishop announced that that Administration will be meeting with the Solid Waste Dept. to discuss changing the Solid Waste routes from Monday thru Thursday back to Monday thru Fridays. We plan to go back to the 5-day pick-up around mid-September 2025, and will be

discussing routes, etc. Once we make this change, we will notify our social media, put ads in the paper and send out flairs regarding this change.

Asst. Admin. Kristy Bradley informed council of the Friends of the Animal Shelter Program. This program will allow employees to meet monthly to facilitate rescue of animals in the local animal shelter. We feel that this group will improve employee morale and give employees a larger stake in making a positive difference within Cherokee County. The animal shelter is critically full, and finding sponsors to facilitate rescue of animals out of the shelter quickly will help the shelter capacity issues. This type of group also ensures that monies go directly to the shelter and rescue. **[Tracy McDaniel made the motion to allow Administration to move forward with the plans for the Friends of the Animal Shelter Program. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor.]**

Asst. Admin. Kristy Bradley announced the Litter Clean-Up Project will begin again on Fridays over the next few months. We now have a list of about 25 roads and we will choose about 15 of those roads that we will be picking up litter. If council has any more, just let me know within the next two weeks.

**Councilman David Smith made the motion for council to go into Executive Session at 5:33 PM pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a)(2) for the receipt of legal advice where the legal advice relates to matters covered by the attorney-client privilege regarding the Broad River Electric Facility. Donnie Hardin seconded and council voted in favor.**

**Councilman David Smith made the motion for council to come out of Executive Session at 6:17 PM. Billy Blanton seconded and council voted in favor.** Attorney Joe Mathis reported that 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 6:18 PM.

APPROVED: **8/11/25**

BY ITS CHAIR: **Tim Spencer**

Respectfully submitted,

Doris F. Pearson, Master Clerk to Council