

DATE: 9/16/25 FILE NO: DATE654
TO: Cherokee County Council
SUBJECT: Minutes of Regular Meeting of 9/15/25

There was a Regular Meeting of County Council Monday, 9/15/25, 5 PM in Council Chambers. Chairman Spencer presided with Rev. Will Vegara leading in prayer. All council members were present except Elliott Hughes. Administrator Bishop, Asst. Admin. Bradley, Attorney Joe 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 11 visitors.

Councilman David Smith made the motion to adopt the agenda of the Regular Meeting of Monday, 9/15/25 as received and posted in accordance with the SCFOIA and with adding Councilman Donnie Hardin for comments. Donnie Hardin seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman David Smith made the motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of 9/2/25 as received. Donnie Hardin seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to approve payment of the claims for Cherokee County in the amount of \$438,758.76. Donnie Hardin seconded and council voted in favor.

Council heard from Phillip Eggers, 1803 Cherokee Ave., who complained about several things regarding something needing to be done to protect the citizens of Cherokee County: 1) he showed a sword that when three guys came onto his property and threaten him with the sword if he did not give them his money. He had his pistol and when he showed that, they dropped the sword and ran. 2) I tried calling the Sheriff and he never returns my call. I was told council doesn't have jurisdiction over him but you do have over his budget; so, you need to do something to get us more protection. 3) A woman was in my back yard stealing my water, I called 911 and they sent out a deputy but it took him 45 min. or longer to get there when I only live about 2 miles from the LEC. 4) We put fences up around 3 bldgs. but the SOB's cut the fence and stole from us. I called 911 and they sent out a Deputy who said there was nothing they could do because they didn't see them do it. It was on camera but they didn't ask to look at it. There is a Meth house on Logan St. and these people constantly walk there up & down Cherokee Ave. 5) I called 911 about a person cutting the wire off telephone poles and again it took the Deputy about 45 min. to respond and they went to the wrong place and said they didn't know where it was. 6) Girls walk up & down our street nude from the waist up. One lady was on the sidewalk with a bottle of water giving herself a bath. Kathy Crowe is here tonight and she can tell you everything I am telling you is the truth. She lives in that area as well. 7) one day a male was walking up the sidewalk and he stopped and pee right there on the sidewalk in front of everything/everybody. 8) A male driving a pickup truck came into my yard, he was driving so fast & he was drunk and he wrecked. I called 911 and they told me to never call them again. 9) I came up on a Deputy that was fighting a male and they both were on the ground; I called 911 to send him some help and they were asking me all sorts of questions. I told them they had a deputy down and they needed to send him some help. I could go on & on but I'm

just begging that council helps us. You also need to check into the employees at 911 and listen in on how they answer calls.

Asst. Admin. Kristy Bradley reported on RFP 2026-05 Scrap Metal at the Landfill – two bids were received: 1) C&C Metal Recycling, Greenwood, SC-\$141.07 and 2) Metal Recycling Services, LLC, Gastonia, NC-\$160/net ton. Both met the specifications and we would award this bid to the highest bidder. Admin. recommends awarding the bid to Metal Recycling Service, LLC for their high bid of \$160/net ton. **[Councilman David Smith made the motion to award RFP 2026-05 Scrap Metal at the Landfill to Metal Recycling Services, LLC for their high bid of \$160/net ton. Billy Blanton seconded and council voted in favor.]**

Administrator Merv Bishop presented a request to accept the roads into the Cherokee County Road System located within the Bent Tree Subdivision, situated off Grassy Pond Road, Dist. 4. These roads have been inspected by the Cherokee County R&B Dept. and have been certified as meeting all applicable county construction & engineering standards. **[Councilman Donnie Hardin made the motion to take into the County Road System the roads listed in the new Subdivision Bent Tree, Dist. 4, Grassy Pond Community. Billy Blanton seconded and council voted in favor.]**

Asst. Admin. Kristy Bradley asked permission to do a Comprehensive Fee Study. She stated we cannot put impact fees on developers coming into our county unless we have a study. We did appropriate money in this FYB 25/26 for this study. Administration has been studying and reviewing models that would fit our county's needs. We are asking permission to send out RFQ's for a consultant to complete a comprehensive fee study, including the development of impact fees and a cost allocation plan. **[Councilman David Smith made the motion to allow Administration to send out RFQ's for a consultant to complete a comprehensive fee study, including the development of impact fees and a cost allocation plan. Billy Blanton seconded and council voted in favor.]**

Asst. Admin. Kristy Bradley updated council on council's request to find out information on the Road & Bridges Ditch Machines. This ditch machine was purchased in 2019 new and has never been used. The company that sold this machine is out of business and no one sells this type of equipment. I checked with John Deere to see if they were interested in purchasing it and they were not interested. I also checked with SCDOT and they were not interested. Council told me to ask for \$80,000 but John Deere told me I would be lucky if I got \$20,000. I'm asking permission to put this on govdeals.com and try to sell it for \$80,000 and see what prices bounce back. **[Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to allow Administration to place on govdeals.com to sell the R&B Ditch Machine asking for \$80,000. Donnie Hardin seconded and council voted in favor.]**

Councilman Donnie Hardin stated council has been discussing trash collection for some time. We need to inform the citizens exactly what a big expense this is for the county. We get no funding for this service and we have been pulling money out of our reserve fund to pay for this service. We spent over \$16.4 million on collecting trash over the past 4 years and have withdrawn over \$16.3 million from our county reserve fund to cover the cost. Next year administration anticipates spending \$5.3 million

which will probably have to come from our reserve account; plus, we will be adding an extra \$1 million for tipping fees. If we keep pulling out from our reserve account, we will be less than \$10 million by next year. This is not a popular subject to discuss but something has to be done. We need to look into a private company taking over; or implementing a fee for picking up household trash. If we put on a tax, it would probably be no more than \$15 to \$20/household. Can we as council ask Administration to collect information from private waste collection agencies and include the Town of Blacksburg & City of Gaffney. City of Gaffney was to reduce their tax bill once the county took over trash collection for them but they never did. Let us direct Administration to inform the citizens of Cherokee County what we are facing regarding trash collection.

Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to go into Executive Session at 5:45 PM pursuant to Section 34-70(a)(2) discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual matters for CCC-85 2A OWNER, LLC and CCC-85 LANDCO Owner, LLC.; and discussion of negotiations incident to proposed sale of county property. Billy Blanton seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman David Smith made the motion to come out of Executive Session at 6:35 PM. Donnie Hardin seconded and council voted in favor. Attorney Mathis reported that no vote or action was taken during Executive Session.

Councilman David Smith made the motion to adopt 1st Reading for Ordinance No. 2025-29 authorizing the execution & delivery of a Second Amended and Restated Fee in Lieu of Tax Agreement by & between Cherokee County, SC and CCC-85 2AOWNER, LLC 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 Credits and will be designated as being in a Multi-County Industrial & Business Park; and other matters related thereto. Donnie Hardin seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman Billy Blanton made the motion to adopt the 1st Reading of Ordinance No. 2025-30 authorizing the execution & delivery of a Seconded Amended and Restated Fee in Lieu of Tax Agreement by & between Cherokee County, SC and CCC-85 LANDCO OWNER, LLC 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 Credits and will be designated as being in a Multi-County Industrial & Business Park; and other matters related thereto. Donnie Hardin seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman Tracy McDaniel appointed Forest Daniel Love to serve a term on the Antioch Fire District Board of Commissioners. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor.

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As there was no other business to come before council at this time, Chairman Spencer adjourned the meeting at 6:37 PM.

APPROVED: 10/6/25

Respectfully submitted,

BY IT CHAIR: Tim Spencer

Doris F. Pearson, Master Clerk to Council