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**AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNTY COUNCIL
MONDAY, MAY 18, 2026, 5:00 PM
CHEROKEE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 1ST FLOOR
110 RAILROAD AVENUE, GAFFNEY, SC 29340**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Tim Spencer**
- 2. INVOCATION:**
- 3. ROLL CALL:**
- 4. ADOPT AGENDA:**
- 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting of 5/4/26.**
- 6. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS FOR CHEROKEE COUNTY in the amount of \$821,126.98.**
- 7. PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION: National Emergency Medical Services Week**
- 8. PETITION FOR A REFERENDUM: Grassy Pond Fire Department Asst. Fire Chief Stephen Ellis.**
- 9. ORDINANCES:**
 - 2nd Reading of Ordinance No. 2026-05 to develop a Jointly Owned & Operated Industrial/Business Park in conjunction with Spartanburg County, such Industrial/Business Park to be geographically located in Cherokee County and established pursuant to Section 4-1-170 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended; to provide for a written agreement with Spartanburg County to provide for the expenses of the park, the percentage of revenue application, and the distribution of Fee in Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxation; and providing for other matters related (Project Cruiser).**

09. ORDINANCES CONTINUED:

- **2nd Reading of Ordinance No. 2026-06 authorizing the Execution & Delivery of a Fee in Lieu of Tax Agreement by & between Cherokee County, SC and Project Cruiser, the code name for a Delaware Limited Liability Company 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 other matters related thereto.**
- **2nd Reading of Ordinance No. 2026-07 ordering a referendum to determine whether the South Carolina Department of Revenue may issue temporary permits to allow for the possession, sale & 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.**
- **1st Reading of Ordinance No. 2026-09 to amend the agreement for Development of a Joint County Industrial Park by & between Spartanburg County and Cherokee County, South Carolina, so as to include additional property in Spartanburg County as part of the Joint County Industrial Park, and other matters relating thereto. (SC Spartanburg Zimmerman I, LLC and KV Final Spartanburg, LLC).**
- **1st Reading of Ordinance No. 2026-10 authorizing the execution & delivery of a Joinder Agreement to provide for the addition of Aerowerks Real Estate Inc. as a sponsor affiliate to the Infrastructure Credit Agreement between Cherokee County, SC and Aerowerks Corporation of America, to amend the investment period, and to address other matters related thereto.**
- **1st Reading of Ordinance No. 2026-11 to adopt, charge and collect a User Fee for Disposal of Solid Waste for Cherokee County, South Carolina and other matters related thereto.**
- **1st Reading of Ordinance No. 2026-12 adopting a budget for the County of Cherokee and to provide for the levying of taxes & fees for county purposes for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, and declaring that the same shall constitute the budget of the County of Cherokee for such fiscal year.**

09. ORDINANCES CONTINUED:

- **1st Reading of Ordinances adopting a budget proposed by the County Administrator containing estimates of proposed revenues and expenditures by the County of Cherokee and to provide for the proposals for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, and declaring that the same shall constitute the budget of the following Volunteer Fire Departments for such fiscal year:**
 - **Ordinance No. 2026-13 – DMW (Draytonville, Mckowns Mountain & Wilkinsville) Volunteer Fire Department**
 - **Ordinance No. 2026-14 – Grassy Pond Volunteer Fire Department**
 - **Ordinance No. 2026-15 – Buffalo Volunteer Fire Department**
 - **Ordinance No. 2026-16 – Corinth Volunteer Fire Department**
 - **Ordinance No. 2026-18 – Antioch Volunteer Fire Department**
 - **Ordinance No. 2026-19 – Cherokee Creek Volunteer Fire Department**
 - **Ordinance No. 2026-20 – Goucher Volunteer Fire Department**
 - **Ordinance No. 2026-21 – Blacksburg Fire Department**
 - **Ordinance No. 2026-22 – CKC Volunteer Fire Department**
- **1st Reading of Ordinance No. 2026-17 levying an Ad Valorem Tax For the operation and maintenance of the Gaffney Fire Protection Area for the Calendar Year 2026/2027.**

10. AWARD RECOMMENDATIONS:

- **RFP 2026-24 Recycling Bailer Building – Street Building – Recycling Department**

11. ADMINISTRATOR MERV BISHOP:

12. ASST. ADMINISTRATOR KRISTY BRADLEY:

13. ATTORNEY JOE MATHIS:

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a)(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 Cherokee County specifically Project Liberty and other matters.
- pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a)(1) discussion of a personnel matter regarding employment.

15. ACTION TO BE TAKEN FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION:

16. APPOINTMENTS:

17. NEW/OLD/OTHER BUSINESS:

18. ADJOURNMENT:

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5/16/26