

DATE: 4/7/26 FILE NO: DATE669

TO: Cherokee County Council

SUBJECT: Minutes of Regular Meeting, 4/6/26

There was a Regular Meeting Monday, 4/6/26, 5 PM in Council Chambers. Chairman Spencer presided with David Smith leading in prayer. Councilmembers present were Tim Spencer, Billy Blanton, David Smith, Teresa Bonner, Elliott Hughes and Donnie Hardin by zoom call. Admin. Bishop, Asst. Admin. Bradley, Attorney Mathis and Master Clerk Doris Pearson were present. The news media was informed by agenda and one was present. There were 25 visitors.

Councilman David Smith made the motion to adopt the agenda of the Regular Meeting of Monday, 4/6/26, as received and posted in accordance with the SCFOIA. Billy Blanton seconded and council voted in favor with Donnie Hardin saying yes over the phone.

Councilman David Smith made the motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of 3/16/26 as received. Billy Blanton seconded and council voted in favor with Donnie Hardin saying yes over the phone.

Councilman Billy Blanton made the motion to approve the claims for Cherokee County in the amount of \$825,703.69. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor with Donnie Hardin saying yes over the phone.

Appalachian Council of Governments Executive Director Steve Pelissier presented his 2025 Annual Report for Appalachian COG. Chairman of the Board Ed Elliott was also present. (A copy of his report is attached.) They also provided services to the City of Gaffney & Town of Blacksburg. We look forward to working with you next year. Thank you for all you do for ACOG.

Administrator Bishop presented a Proclamation to Cherokee County E-911 for National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week to Director Matt Lawson and at least five E-911 Employees.

Asst. Admin. Bradley reported that she had received 700 bags of dog food which is worth about \$30,000 from Walmart in Spartanburg for our Animal Shelter & Rescue. A lot of county employees from several departments worked together to make this happen.

Asst. Admin. Bradley reported that back in 9/25 we put out a bid & awarded that bid for the scrap metal at the Cherokee County Landfill, since then it has piled up again. I would like to request permission to go out for RFP's for the scrap metal at the Cherokee Co. Landfill. **[David Smith made the motion to allow Admin. to go out for RFP for the scrap metal at the Cherokee Co. Landfill. Teresa Bonner seconded and council voted in favor with Donnie Hardin saying yes over the phone.]**

Admin. Merv Bishop reported that Admin. has been working on the budget and Finance Director Kristy Howell is putting in the insurance figures that she just received. Once this is done, we plan to schedule a workshop with council to go over the budget.

Councilman David Smith reappointed Doug Hubbard to serve another term on the Cherokee County Development Board. Billy Blanton seconded and council voted in favor with Donnie Hardin saying yes over the phone.

Councilman David Smith reappointed Myra McCoy to serve another term on the DMW Fire District. Elliott Hughes seconded and council voted in favor with Donnie Hardin saying yes over the phone.

Councilman David Smith announced that Dean Painter did not want to serve another term on the DMW Fire District Board. **[David Smith appointed Chuck Largent to serve on the DMW Fire Dist. Board of Commissioners. Elliott Hughes seconded and council voted in favor with Donnie Hardin saying yes over the phone.]**

As there was no other business to come before council at this time, Chairman Spencer adjourned the meeting at 5:30 PM.

APPROVED: 4/20/26

BY ITS CHAIR: Tim Spencer

Respectfully submitted,

Doris F. Pearson, Master Clerk to Council