

# CHEROKEE COUNTY

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DORIS PEARSON

**AGENDA FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING OF COUNTY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2026, 5:00 PM  
CHEROKEE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING  
COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 1<sup>ST</sup> 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 5/18/26 and Budget Workshop 5/12/26.**
- 6. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS FOR CHEROKEE COUNTY in the amount of \$753,081.78.**
- 7. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**
  - **Ordinance No. 2026-04 authorizing the execution & delivery of a Fee in Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes and Incentive Agreement by & between Cherokee County, SC, and a company known to the County as Project Liberty acting for itself, one or more affiliates, and/or other project sponsors, to provide for a Fee in Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes arrangement; providing for the designation of the company's project as part of a Multi County Industrial and Business Park arrangement; and providing for other related matters.**
  - **Ordinance No. 2026-07 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.**

**08. ORDINANCES:**

- **3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of Ordinance No. 2026-04 authorizing the execution & delivery of a Fee in Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes and Incentives Agreement by & between Cherokee County, SC, and a company known to the county as Project Liberty acting for itself, one or more affiliates, and/or other project sponsors, to provide for a Fee in Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes arrangement; providing for the designation of the Company's Project as part of a Multi County Industrial & Business Park arrangement; and providing for other related matters.**
- **2<sup>nd</sup> 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).**
- **2<sup>nd</sup> 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.**
- **2<sup>nd</sup> 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.**
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance No. 2026-12 adopting a budget for the County of Cherokee and providing 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.**
- **2<sup>nd</sup> 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**

**08. ORDINANCES CONTINUED:**

- **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**
  
- **2<sup>nd</sup> 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.**
  
- **1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Ordinance No. 2026-23 adopting a Supplemental Appropriation for the County of Cherokee and to amend the Fiscal Year Budget beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, and declaring that the same shall constitute the Budget of the County of Cherokee for such Fiscal Year.**

**09. RESOLUTION:**

- **No. 2026-07 certifying a petition received by Cherokee Co., SC pursuant to Section 4-9-30(5)(a)(i) of the Code of Laws of SC, 1976, as amended, and other matters relating thereto.**

**10. GRASSY POND FIRE DISTRICT FIRE CHIEF GLADDEN SMOAK:**

- **asking permission to move forward with the Grassy Pond Fire District ballot question.**

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**11. ADMINISTRATOR MERV BISHOP:**

- **MEETING DATES FOR JUNE 2026, CHANGED:**
  - **Monday, June 8, 2026, Regular Scheduled Meeting has been cancelled and moved to Monday, June 15, 2026, 5:00 PM for Public Hearings & Regular Meeting.**

**12. ASST. ADMINISTRATOR KRISTY BRADLEY:**

- **Request to go out for Bid 2026-28 C Funds Paving Project**

**13. ATTORNEY JOE MATHIS:**

**14. EXECUTIVE SESSION ON THREE MATTERS:**

- **pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a)(1) discussion of employment, appointment, compensation, promotion, demotion, discipline or release of an employee in Administration.**
- **pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a)(2) discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements and proposed sale or purchase of property.**
- **Pursuant to Section 30-4-70(2) discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangement concerning LDR contract with Benchmark.**

**15. ACTION TO BE TAKEN FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**16. APPOINTMENTS:**

**17. NEW/OLD/OTHER BUSINESS:**

**18. ADJOURNMENT:**

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5/29/26**