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TO: Cherokee County Council

SUBJECT: Minutes of Regular Meeting, Monday, 8/17/26

There was a Regular Meeting of County Council Monday, 8/17/26, 5:00 PM in Council Chambers. Chairman Spencer presided with Merv Bishop leading in prayer and remembering the family of our SWC employee John Dover who passed away this afternoon while riding on the back of the SWC truck. Councilmembers present: Donnie Hardin, Billy Blanton, Tim Spencer, Peter Wilkins, Teresa Bonner and Elliott Hughes. David Smith was absent. Admin. Bishop, Asst. Admin. Bradley, Attorney Mathis and Master Clerk Doris Pearson were present. The news media was informed by agenda and it was posted in accordance with the SCFOIA. No news media was present; there were 12 visitors.

Councilman Peter Wilkins made the motion to adopt the agenda for the Regular Meeting of Monday, 8/17/26 as received and posted in accordance with the SCFOIA. Donnie Hardin seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman Donnie Hardin made the motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Monday, 8/3/26 as received. Billy Blanton seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman Peter Wilkins made the motion to approve the claims for Cherokee County in the amount of $629,375.02. Donnie Hardin seconded and council voted in favor.

Administrator Bishop presented a Proclamation to recognize and honor the Members of the SC State Guard and proclaim September 2026, as National Preparedness Month in Cherokee County. Chief Warrant Officer Vincent Moore was present to receive the proclamation.

Councilman Billy Blanton made the motion to adopt 1st Reading of Ordinance No. 2026-25 to update the Cherokee County Code of Ordinance, Chapter 10, Emergency Preparedness. Peter Wilkins seconded and council voted in favor. Administrator Bishop presented a summary of changes (a copy is attached) for council to review.

Asst. Admin. Kristy Bradley reported that only one bid was received for Bid 2027-02 Administration Building Parking Lot Crack Sealing, Sealcoating & pavement markings. It was from TruBlue Services for a total price of $100,831.17. They met all the specifications, submitted their W9 and COI. We put in the budget the amount of $138,650 so they came in under budget. **[Councilman Donnie Hardin made the motion to award Bid 2027-02 Administration Building Parking Lot Crack Sealing, Sealcoating & Pavement Markings to TruBlue Services for their bid amount of $100,831.17. Billy Blanton seconded and council voted in favor.]**

Asst. Admin. Kristy Bradley reported that 7 bids were received for Bid No. 2027-03 Fencing Installation at the EOC. This is to be funded from part of the grant that we received from Homeland Security. The bids ranged from $178,250 to $62,420.97. All bids met specifications and I recommend awarding the bid to Global Fence & Supply for their low bid of $62,420.97. **[Councilman**

Donnie Hardin made the motion to award Bid 2027-03 Fencing Installation at Emergency Operations Center to Global Fence & Supply for their low bid of $62,420.97. Billy Blanton seconded and council voted in favor.]

Administrator Merv Bishop gave an update to council regarding the sink hole at the Law Enforcement Center. Administration has secured approximately $1.5 million in RIA Grant funding to help address a major stormwater system failure at the Law Enforcement & Detention Center. We have met with KCI to discuss assistance with the grant administration and they are now working to prepare the scope for this 3rd phase of the project. The total project cost is estimated at just over $3 million, with the RIA grant covering about half the cost - $1.5; county share will be $1.5 million; site preparation will be paid from capital contingency funds; and grant administration support of $11,500. The county is pursuing capital asset sales expected to generate funds which would help offset the local share. Our immediate action is to relocate the evidence storage building and impound yard. BWC is mobilizing to complete the relocation within two months and the costs will be covered using existing capital contingency funds. We hope to complete this project by 5/2028.

Asst. Admin. Kristy Bradley gave an update to council on the Impact Fee Study/Process. We met with TischlerBise Thursday, 8/13/26 and they presented this impact fee study overview which you have a copy at your desk. This is a 42-page study. We have scheduled to meet with them several times over the month. Please review your copy and give us your comments. The Citizen Planning Commission has planned another meeting for Thursday, 9/10/26, 10:00 am in Council Chambers to determine their recommendation to council on the final draft of the Impact Fee Study. Our plan is to report back to council on Monday, 10/26/26 at your Regular Meeting to bring our recommendation for your consideration to start the ordinance process.

Councilman Peter Wilkins made the motion for council to go into Executive Session at 5:34 PM pursuant to Section 3-4-70(a)(2) the receipt of legal advice where the legal advice relates to a pending legal matter and update on a pending contractual matter. Donnie Hardin seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman Donnie Hardin made the motion for council to come out of Executive Session at 6:09 PM. Peter Wilkins seconded and council voted in favor.

As there was no other business to come before council at this time, Chairman Spencer adjourned the meeting at 6:10 PM.

APPROVED: **9/8/26**

BY ITS CHAIR: **Tim Spencer**

Respectfully submitted,

Doris F. Pearson, Master Clerk to Council