

# CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF ETHICS

## Fourth Quarterly Meeting Minutes

**Date:** October 20, 2016

**Meeting Location:** Cherokee County Conference Center at The Bluffs

**Board Members:**

Julie Cullins, Member	Present	Gaylen Roberts, Chairman	Present
Phil Dodge, Vice-Chairman	Present	John Seufert, Member	Absent
Natalie Green, Member	Present	Pat Wilder, Member	Absent
Gil Howard, Member	Present		

**Others Present:**

J. Marshall "Buzz" Wehunt, CCBBoE Attorney of Record  
Laura Shoop, CCBBoE Secretary

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- **Chairman Roberts called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.**
  - **Approval of Minutes from July 14, 2016**  
Member Cullins made a motion to accept the minutes as they stood, seconded by Member Green. Motion passed unanimously.
  - **Public Hearing of Ethics Complaints**  
Chairman Roberts opened floor for public hearing/discussion. No issues were brought forward, and no one present had been made aware of any ethics complaints. Floor closed for ethics complaints.
  - **Discussion Item: Revision and approval of CCBBoE General Rules of Procedure**  
Chairman Roberts reported to the Board that the General Rules and Procedures had been finalized and were now on the website. The only document the Board would need to make available to new members is the Sunshine Laws; everything else is now on the website.
  - **Discussion Item: Recognition of Julie Cullins' service to the Board**  
Chairman Roberts recognized and thanked outgoing member Julie Cullins for her five plus years of service to the Board, thanks that was echoed by all other members present.

Chairman Roberts said that he had suggested to Board of Commissioners Chairman Ahrens that CCBBoE members not be designated by political party on the website, unless they are one of the members who constitute the required number of Republicans and Democrats for the Board (two of each). Chairman Ahrens was in agreement.

Chairman Roberts suggested changing the current system of replacing members of the Board who resign prior to the end of their seven year term by having each new appointee serve the full seven year term rather than merely completing the resigning member's term,

as the current system mandates. Brief discussion regarding the original intent of the current system; no disagreement with Chairman Robert's suggestion.

Chairman Roberts reported that Member Howard requested to continue as a member of the Board of Ethics when his term ends at the close of the year. Chairman Roberts passed the request to Board of Commissioners Chairman Ahrens with a recommendation that he grant Member Howard's request to continue.

▪ **New Business**

Discussion regarding breaking with precedent and leaving open the ability to reelect Gaylen Roberts as Chairman for another term and, during his second year, revisit the topic of term limits. Members thanked Chairman Roberts for his service as chairman and for the level of commitment and energy he exhibited during his year as chairman.

*Motion:* Member Howard made a motion that present leadership serve another year and attached a request that the Board take a hard look at the issue of term limits for next year. Motion seconded by Member Green. Motion passed unanimously.

▪ **Next Meeting:**

Dates for 2017 to be confirmed with Christy Black and emailed to all members of the Board. The location will be at the Cherokee County Conference Center at The Bluffs.

**Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.**