

# CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF ETHICS

Second Quarterly 2022, Meeting Minutes

**Date:** April 28, 2022

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

**Board Directors:**

Stephen Divine, Director	Absent	Carolyn Kissiah, Director	Present
Phil Dodge, Director	Present	Larry Mrozinski, Chair	Present
Natalie Green Hosea, Vice-Chair	Present	Mark Rosenhaft, Director	Absent
Gil Howard, Director	Present		

**Others Present:**

Phillip Beggs, CCBBoE Attorney of Record  
Elizabeth Madson, CCBBoE Secretary

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- **Chair Mrozinski called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.**
  - **According to our bylaws, Pledge of Allegiance**
  - **Approval of Minutes from January 27, 2022**  
Director Howard made a motion to accept the minutes as they stood, seconded by Director Kissiah. Motion passed unanimously.
  - **Public Hearing of Ethics Complaints**  
Chair Mrozinski opened the floor for public hearing/discussion. No issues were brought forward, and no one present had been made aware of any ethics complaints. Chair Mrozinski informed the Board that he received a casual inquiry from an individual, but after conferring with the Board's attorney, Phillip Beggs, it was decided that the circumstances included in the email did not fall into the purview of the Board of Ethics. Chair Mrozinski informed the individual of such, and if needed the Chair can produce the inquiry and response for record.  
  
Director Howard highlighted the importance the Board of Ethics has in the county and that the Board is an important deterrent. Chair Mrozinski confirmed the importance of the Board of Ethics and mentioned that our Board is lucky to have a former county commissioner, Director Howard, and others on the Board, including Director Dodge who is an expert on how schools operate.  
  
Floor closed for ethics complaints.
  - **Recognition of New Member**  
Although Director Rosenhaft was not present, it was recognized that he was appointed by the Board of Commissioners in December and recommended by outgoing Chairman Gaylen Roberts. Prior to this meeting an email error was detected for Director Rosenhaft, but was corrected two weeks prior to this meeting.

- **Discussion Item: Board Member Contact Information Updated**  
 Chair Mrozinski asked the Board’s Secretary to contact the County Clerk, Christy Black, in order to remove each Director’s personal phone number from the county’s website. This request is made out of protection for all Directors and to ensure no one is harassed. The request had been made, but personal phone numbers have not been removed yet.
- **Discussion Item: County Phone BOE Contact: (678) 493-6097**  
 Chair Mrozinski contacted the County Clerk and inquired whether the Board of Ethics could receive a personal county phone number for all inquiries. The County’s IT department created an official county phone number for the Board of Ethics. All calls made to the county number will be forwarded to Chair Mrozinski, and the Board’s personal number will be published in all newspaper notices.
- **Discussion Item: Updated Nameplates**  
 Each Director’s Nameplate has been updated to state “Director” rather than “Member”. The Chair and Vice-Chair’s Nameplates were also updated with their appropriate titles. Further noted, the Board’s Secretary is copied onto all correspondence with county.
- **Discussion Item: County Property and Nameplates of Retiring form BOE Directors**  
 The County Clerk informed Chair Mrozinski that all nameplates for the Board are county property. After a Director has retired or resigned, their nameplate will be refurbished and repurposed by the county.
- **Discussion Item: Former BOE Chairman Roberts recognized on February 15, 2022 by commissioners and received a certificate for service**  
 On February 15, 2022 former Chair Gaylen Roberts received a certificate and was recognized by the County for his time served on the Board of Ethics during the Commissioner’s meeting. Chair Mrozinski was present and spoke on behalf of the Board of Ethics.
- **New Business:**  
 Chair Mrozinski reminded the Board that the Board of Ethics only handles complaints relating to county employees or public officials, not school board candidates or other individuals. Chair Mrozinski opened the floor to any additional comments. No additional comments were presented.

Chair Mrozinski ended the meeting by providing the Board’s Secretary with a packet of copy paper for any and all copying or paper needs of the Board.
- **Next Meeting:**  
 The 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarterly Meeting of 2022 will be held on Thursday, July 28, 2022 at 6:00p.m. at the Cherokee County Business Center at the Bluffs.

Meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.