

# CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF ETHICS

Fourth Quarter 2020, Meeting Minutes

**Date:** October 22, 2020

**Meeting Location:** Parking Lot at The Bluffs, Cherokee County

**Board Members:**

Stephen Divine, Member	Present	Carolyn Kissiah, Member	Present
Phil Dodge, Vice-Chair	Absent	Larry Mrozinski, Member	Present
Natalie Green Hosea, Member	Present	Gaylen Roberts, Chair	Present
Gil Howard, Member	Present		

**Others Present:**

Elizabeth Madson, CCBBoE Secretary  
Jalyn Hosea, Guest

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- **Chair Roberts called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.**
  - **Introduction and Swearing-In of New Member Carolyn Kissiah**  
New member Carolyn Kissiah was sworn in by Chair Roberts.
  - **Introduction of Elizabeth Madson, new CCBBoE Secretary**
  - **Recognition of visitor Jayln Hosea, daughter of member Natalie Green Hosea**
  - **Approval of Minutes from January 23, 2020**  
Member Divine made a motion to accept the minutes as they stood, seconded by Member Green Hosea. Motion passed unanimously.
  - **Public Hearing of Ethics Complaints**  
Chair Roberts opened the floor for public hearing/discussion. Chair Roberts announced that he received a phone call from a Cherokee County citizen, but that the issue presented was not one that could be handled by the CCBBoE. No other issues were brought forward, and no one present had been made aware of any other ethics issues. Floor closed for ethics issues.
  - **Discussion Items: Disposition of Board Documents**  
Chair Roberts led a discussion on maintaining written records as previously discussed during the CCBBoE's last meeting. The Cherokee County administration will destroy written records that are more than five years old. In order to comply with the Freedom of Information Act, all documents will continue to be published on the CCBBoE's website thus anyone may have access to all topics discussed at CCBBoE meetings. Member Mrozinski motioned that the recorder have use of all available resources the county has for professional documentation, seconded by Member Howard. Motion passed unanimously.
  - **Election of Officers for 2021**

Chair Roberts opened the floor for nominations for the election of officers of the CCBoE for 2021. Member Mrozinski made a motion to nominate Gaylen Roberts to continue as Chair. Member Howard seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Member Howard made a motion to nominate Phil Dodge to continue as Vice-Chair. Member Green Hosea seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

- **New Business: Meetings for 2021**

Chair Roberts motioned that there would be no public meetings as long as the pandemic continues, unless a properly structured ethics complaint has been submitted. Once a complaint has been determined to be valid for consideration, the CCBoE may decide to meet either via Zoom, outside in The Bluffs parking lot or in the boardroom while maintaining social distance. Chair Roberts further addressed that there is no need to travel if there are no complaints, due to the current pandemic. All members present agreed.

- **Next Meeting:**

Until further notice, the Cherokee County Board of Ethics will not be holding public meetings out of an abundance of caution during the current pandemic.

Meeting adjourned at 12:13 p.m.

(These minutes were approved by an email vote of Board members on January 19, 2021)