

# **Cherokee County Planning Commission**

## **Minutes for November 5, 2025 Meeting**

### **CONVENE**

Chairman Brett Warstler called the scheduled meeting of the Cherokee County Planning Commission (the Commission) to order at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, November 5, 2025 in the break room of the Cherokee County Courthouse.

### **ROLL CALL**

Chairman Warstler conducted roll call. Commission member Roger Draeger, Chairman Brett Warstler, Commission member Randy Commons, Commission member Scott Boyes, and Vice-Chair John Lopp were in attendance.

Counselor Addison Tucker, Secretary Lorie Johnson, Mel Hass, Chris Shires (Confluence), and Abbey Eckberg (Confluence) were also in attendance.

### **REVIEW OF 10/1/2025 MINUTES**

Upon review of the minutes from the October 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, Commissioner Lopp moved to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Commons seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Confluence presented the findings of the community meetings and survey results to the Commission. Those results are available on the Cherokee County Comprehensive Plan webpage. Confluence also updated the Commission on their progress talking to community members and stakeholders.
2. Chairman Warstler advised the Commission that there had been no applications for the attorney's position.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Chairman Warstler introduced Addison Tucker, who will be serving as legal counsel for the Commission. Addison works in the Cherokee County Attorney's Office.
2. Ross King, Cherokee County Resident, offered his thoughts on the community hearings and zoning in general.
3. Commissioner Draeger moved to approve the Confluence Pay Request ~~#4~~<sup>#5</sup> (Invoice #33218) in the amount of \$18,371.75. Commissioner Boyes seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-1, with Commissioner Lopp voting in opposition.
4. The Commission, along with Confluence, identified areas of concern that were consistently raised by residents during the public input meetings. As a result, a motion was made by Commissioner Lopp to ask the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners to consider a moratorium on BESS, digital currency, crypto-mining, quarries, new/unpermitted landfills, transfer stations, and nuclear energy facilities for 9 months to allow for the completion of the Comprehensive Plan and/or any regulations the county would like to consider. Commissioner Commons seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-1 with Commissioner Draeger voting in opposition.

Counselor Tucker will advise the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners of this motion and prepare a resolution, or report back to the Cherokee County Planning Commission with different instruction if necessary.

**ADJOURN**

Commissioner Boyes made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Commons seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this 3rd day of DECEMBER, 2025.**

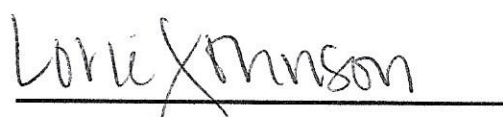
  
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Randy Commons, Planning Commissioner 3

  
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