

Cherokee County Planning Commission

Minutes for May 19, 2026

Joint Meeting with the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners

CONVENE

Chairman Brett Warstler called the joint meeting of the Cherokee County Planning Commission (the Commission) and the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners (the Board) to order at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, in the break room of the Cherokee County Courthouse. Commissioner Commons opened the meeting with prayer.

ROLL CALL

Chairman Warstler conducted roll call of the Commission. Present were Chairman Brett Warstler, Vice-Chair John Lopp, and Commission members Randy Commons, Roger Draeger, and Scott Boyes. County Commissioner and Chairman Cory Moates conducted roll call of the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners. Chairman Moates, Commissioner Jack Garner, and Commissioner Myra Carlisle-Frazier were in attendance.

Also attending were Secretary Lorie Johnson, Counselor Addison Tucker, Counselor Ethan Manke, Mel Hass, and Christopher Shires.

OLD BUSINESS

Date of Public Hearing:

To meet the notification requirements, Commissioner Lopp moved to change the date of the Public Hearing for the Comprehensive Plan to Wednesday, June 10, 2026 at 6:00 pm. Commissioner Boyes seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The Public Hearing will be held in the courtroom to accommodate a larger crowd.

NEW BUSINESS

Joint review of Comprehensive Plan:

Confluence representative, Christopher Shires, presented the scope, schedules, results of surveys and hearings, and draft updates to a joint audience of the Commission and the Board. Chris noted that they are currently in Phase 4 of the process, which includes Final Plan and Adoption.

As a result of the approval by the Board to move forward with Confluence's proposal to create zoning code for the county, the next step will be to begin drafting zoning codes that align with the Comprehensive Plan. This will take approximately 4 months to complete.

Executive Session:

Chairman Warstler requested an Executive Session for Attorney Client Privilege. Commissioner Boyes moved to have a 10-minute Executive Session for Attorney Client Privilege to include the five planning commissioners, the three county commissioners, Counselor Tucker and Counselor Manke. Commissioner Lopp seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously by the Commission.

On behalf of the Board, the same motion was made by Chairman Moates and seconded by Commissioner Garner. Their motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session, extension:

Commissioner Lopp made a motion to extend the Executive Session for Attorney Client Privilege by 10 minutes and to include the same participants. Scott Boyes seconded the motion. Commissioners Warstler, Lopp, Boyes, and Commons voted yes. Commissioner Draeger voted no.

On behalf of the Board, the same motion to extend was made by Chairman Moates and seconded by Commissioner Garner. Their motion passed unanimously.

No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Lopp moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Commons seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

ATTEST: Resolved and ordered this 3rd day of June, 2026.

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Brett Warstler, Chair

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John Lopp, Vice-Chair

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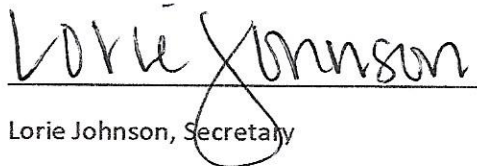
Roger Draeger, Planning Commissioner 1

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Randy Commons, Planning Commissioner 3

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Scott Boyes, Planning Commissioner 4

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Lorie Johnson, Secretary