

Charter Commission Meeting Minutes

July 17, 2014

The third meeting of the Greene County Charter Commission (GCCC) was called to order by Chairman Cobble. All seven commissioners were present. Chairman Cobble opened the meeting with prayer.

Chairman Cobble asked Secretary Houser to read the minutes from the June 19 meeting of the GCCC. Secretary Houser read the minutes from the June 19 meeting.

Chairman *Pro tem* Wood made a motion that the GCCC accept the minutes.

Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion.

GCCC voted unanimously to accept the minutes from the June 19 meeting.

Secretary Houser presented the Commission with the list of committees, boards, agencies, etc., and a list of the Private Acts of the Tennessee Legislature by which Greene County is bound.

A copy of the letter given to Mayor Broyles requesting that information was also presented to the Commission by Secretary Houser.

Secretary Houser addressed the GCCC and stated that the responsibility of the secretary was to take care of the paperwork for the commission.

Secretary Houser continued by saying that in keeping with the wishes of the GCCC to use the Lincoln County Charter as a template, he had facilitated the creation of a working draft of a Greene County Charter using the Lincoln County Charter as a template.

A list of the specific changes made to the Lincoln County Charter was provided to the Commissioners along with a copy of the proposed Greene County Working Draft Charter.

Secretary Houser said he would record changes made to the Greene County Charter by the GCCC.

Chairman *Pro tem* Wood made a motion that the GCCC adopt the proposed draft as a working draft charter for the GCCC to use.

Commissioner Davenport seconded the motion

GCCC voted unanimously to adopt the document as a working draft.

Chairman Cobble introduced the first of the two interviewees, Mrs. Mary Shelton- Budget Director for Greene County.

Mrs. Shelton gave her qualifications for the job and discussed the day-to-day operations of her department.

Discussion with Mrs. Shelton included benefits for employees, salaried positions and hourly positions, raises and pay scales for employees, and Maintenance-of Effort.

The School Director for the Greene County School System was in attendance to help clarify certain issues for the Commission regarding the School Budget.

Chairman Cobble introduced the second interviewee, Mrs. Pam Venerable-Circuit Court Clerk.

Mrs. Venerable spoke about the day-to-day operations of her office.

Discussion with Mrs. Venerable included where money coming into the Circuit Court Clerk's office is generated, and pay scales for her employees.

The GCCC had discussion on the July 31 meeting and decided to use a downstairs room in the Greene County Courthouse Annex.

The Commission decided to discuss the August 7 meeting further because that is Election Day.

In closing comments Secretary Houser stated that he would like to see the GCCC go through the working draft line-by-line at some point.

Commissioner Davenport said that the Citizens For Homerule had reserved a booth at the Greene County Fair.

Chairman *Pro tem* Wood made a motion that the GCCC adjourn

Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion

GCCC voted unanimously to adjourn