

MINUTES

Cherokee County Board of Commissioners

MARCH 3, 2009

REGULAR MEETING

6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

CHAIRMAN AHRENS

Chairman Ahrens called the regular meeting of the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners to order at 6:10 p.m. on Tuesday, March 3, 2009. Those in attendance were Commissioner Harry B. Johnston; Commissioner Jim Hubbard; Commissioner Karen Bosch; County Manager Jerry Cooper; County Attorney Angie Davis; County Clerk Sheila R. Corbin; Agency Directors/Department Heads; the media and the public. Vice Chair/Commissioner Derek Good is out of town.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CHAIRMAN AHRENS

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

There were 2 amendments: (1) Under Chairman, add Affirmation of Local Funding Commitment for R.T. Jones Library and the Northeast Library; (2) Under Chairman, add Authorization to send a letter of support for Etowah HCP to the Fish and Wildlife Service. Commissioner Hubbard made the motion to approve; Commissioner Bosch seconded; the motion was approved 4-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Ahrens announced that the *Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting* has once again been awarded to Cherokee County for the 9th year in a row; and an *Award of Financial Reporting Achievement* has also again been awarded to Amy Davis, Support Services Agency Director.

APPROVAL OF WORK SESSION MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 17th

Chairman Ahrens asked for a motion to approve as submitted by the Clerk. Commissioner Hubbard made a motion to approve: Commissioner Johnston seconded; the motion received a 4-0 approval.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 17TH

Chairman Ahrens asked for a motion to approve the Minutes as submitted by the Clerk. Commissioner Bosch made a motion to approve; Commissioner Hubbard seconded; and the motion received a 4-0 approval.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

COMMISSION BUSINESS

CHAIRMAN

L. B. AHRENS

*Approve Chairman to sign "Affirmation of Local Funding Commitment" in support of the Application for Construction Grants filed this week for Northeast Library and R.T. Jones Library. This affirms the local match portion. **AMENDMENT***

Commissioner Johnston made a motion to approve; Commissioner Hubbard seconded; and the motion was approved 4-0.

*Authorization for Chairman to execute letter to the Fish and Wildlife Service in support of Etowah HCP – **AMENDMENT***

Chairman Ahrens made the motion to approve; Commissioner Bosch seconded; and the motion was approved 4-0.

COMMISSION POST 1

HARRY B. JOHNSTON

COMMISSION POST 2

JIM HUBBARD

COMMISSION POST 3

KAREN BOSCH

VICE CHAIR/COMMISSION POST 4

DEREK V. GOOD

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Acceptance of rights-of-way, roadways and appurtenant drainage structures within **Highland Village** subdivision for County maintenance, including all or part of: Highland Village Drive and Highland Village Lane
- 1a. Acceptance of rights-of-way, roadways and appurtenant drainage structures within **Royal Oaks Unit 2** subdivision for County maintenance, including all or part of: Tower Trace, Knight's Bridge Drive and King's Point Drive
2. Consideration and approval of budget amendment/transfer of \$15,000 from Property Management overtime budget to Conference Center budget for temporary labor costs
3. Approval of a proposal from Traffic Markings, Inc., for traffic striping on Towne Lake Parkway and adjacent streets, in the amount of \$61,094.30. GDOT will reimburse full cost

4. Approval of Professional Services Agreements with Robert W. Graves & Associates and Southern Right-of-Way, Inc., to perform right-of-way acquisition services for County roadway construction projects
5. Approval of Professional Services Agreements with Applied Engineering & Construction Services, Inc. and NOVA Engineering & Environmental, Inc., to perform materials testing services for County roadway and future park construction projects
6. Approval of Professional Services Agreements with Gaskins Surveying, Inc., and Martin Land Surveying, PC to perform miscellaneous land surveying services for County roadway construction projects and future park construction projects

After Mr. Cooper finished reading the Consent Agenda, Commissioner Hubbard made the motion to approve; Commissioner Johnston seconded; and the Consent Agenda was approved 4-0.

COUNTY MANAGER

7. Consideration of Amendment to the Clayton Land Agreement in order to modify certain terms

Commissioner Hubbard made the motion to approve; Commissioner Johnston seconded; the motion was approved 4-0.

8. Consideration and approval of 2009 budget amendment/transfer of \$146,861 from Landfill Fees to Tax Commissioner Budget

Commissioner Johnston made the motion to approve; Commissioner Hubbard seconded; the motion received a 4-0 approval.

9. Consideration and approval of recommended list of *additional* "Preferred Caterers" for the Conference Center contingent on County Attorney review and approval of Professional Services Agreement

Commissioner Johnston made a motion to approve; Commissioner Hubbard seconded; the motion was approved 4-0.

10. Consideration and approval of 2008 year end budget amendment/transfers to cover budget shortfalls

Commissioner Hubbard made the motion to approve; Commissioner Johnston seconded; and the motion was approved 4-0.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

11. Consideration and approval of Conflict Waiver for Jarrard & Davis to act as attorney for Airport Authority, who has also agreed and signed a Conflict Waiver

Commissioner Bosch made a motion to approve; both Commissioners Hubbard & Johnston seconded; the motion was approved 4-0.

12. Notification of annexation by the City of Canton for 101.2 acres located at 906 Worley Road, Canton, GA or more particularly described as Tax Map 14N20, Parcel(s) 22, 22A and 22B; owned by Paul Crafton, Tyler Crafton and Scott Crafton; currently zoned AG-proposed rezoning R1A (Single Family Residential Subdivision with 150 lots). The property is outside the Growth Boundary but contiguous to the Towne Mill development.

Commissioner Johnston made a motion to send letter of objection with 5 specific causes; 1) object to intended density, should consider more closely conforming to County's land use plan; 2) not in growth boundary; 3) not on water and sewer; 4) request letter of intent for mitigation credits; 5) road infrastructure not adequate to meet the needs of requested density. Commissioner Hubbard seconded; the motion was given a 4-0 approval.

ADJOURN

After verifying there was no further business, Chairman Ahrens asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hubbard made the motion to adjourn at 6:35 p.m.; Commissioner Bosch seconded; the motion to adjourn received a 4-0 approval.

These Minutes were approved at the regular meeting on March 17, 2009.