

**MINUTES FROM SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF
MARCH 26, 2009**

Chairman Ahrens called the Special Called Meeting to order at 6:19 p.m. Those present included Vice Chair/Commissioner Derek Good; Commissioner Karen Bosch; Commissioner Jim Hubbard; County Manager Jerry Cooper; County Clerk Sheila R. Corbin; and sitting in for Angie Davis, County Attorney, Paul Higbee. Also present was Mrs. Misti Whitfield, Director of the Development Authority, Carolyn Matthews from The Ledger-News, along with John Hicks and Dan Owen.

Chairman Ahrens said that a situation had come up just before coming in that made it necessary to amend the agenda for this meeting. Chief Danny West from EMS had asked to be placed on the agenda regarding a copy of a letter he had received from Mr. David Lofton from the Region 1 of the Georgia Office of EMS. The letter was from the CEO of Central EMS, Mr. Gary Coker, who was asking that the State designate his service as the Cherokee County Zone as the primary back-up provider to Cherokee County Fire/EMS and a reply needed to be issued as soon as possible to Mr. Lofton.

After hearing the explanation for the amendment, Commissioner Hubbard made the motion amend the agenda; Commissioner Bosch seconded the motion and the amendment was approved by all members present. Chief West said that he had just received the letter that day and wanted to get a response out quickly to David Lofton that the County opposes having a secondary provider and Chief West stated that after seeing a copy of an old "Ambulance Franchise" ordinance, he would also like to get this ordinance rescinded because it was no longer necessary.

After some minor discussion, Commissioner Bosch made a motion to rescind Ordinance 95-O-06, Ambulance Franchise Ordinance, as well as amend the Code of Ordinances as shown in the online library of Municipal Code Corporation; and to authorize the County Attorney's office to draft a letter opposing such a request as was made by Central EMS; and giving the Chairman authorization to sign the letter once finalized. Commissioner Hubbard seconded the motion and the motion was approved by all members present.

Commissioner Hubbard made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss property acquisition at 6:30 pm; Commissioner Bosch seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

At 6:55 pm, Chairman Ahrens called the Special Called Meeting back to order and asked Mr. Cooper to explain the request for the Special Called Meeting at this time.

Mr. Cooper said that the request for the meeting was necessary because it had been asked to close before April 1st; he was asking for the consideration to purchase 25+/- acres for a park accessed by the Heard Road extension and 77+/- acres to be used for business development by the Development Authority. The per acre price is \$20,000 with a \$120,000 credit on the 77 acre parcels and there will be \$250,000 escrowed to cover the cost of improving public right-of-way known as Old Page Place Road.

Paul Higbee then asked that each document be approved separately beginning with the Resolution to approve the financing. Commissioner Hubbard made the motion to approve the Resolution; Commissioner Bosch seconded and the motion was unanimously approved. Commissioner Hubbard next made the motion to approve the note for the financing; Commissioner Bosch seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Commissioner Bosch then made the motion to approve the terms and conditions of the letter of commitment and to authorize Mr. Cooper to execute; Commissioner Hubbard seconded and the motion was unanimously approved. Next Commissioner Hubbard made a motion to approve the Closing Memorandum; Commissioner Bosch seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Commissioner Bosch made a motion to approve the Escrow Agreement; Commissioner Hubbard seconded and the motion was unanimously approved. Commissioner Hubbard made the motion to approve the Purchase Agreement for the 77.37 acres and authorize the Chairman to execute; Commissioner Bosch seconded and the motion was unanimously approved. Commissioner Good made a motion to approve the Purchase Agreement for the 25+/- acres and to authorize the Chairman to execute; Commissioner Bosch seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Chairman Ahrens asked if there was any other business and hearing none, asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hubbard made a motion to adjourn the Special Called Meeting at 7:02 pm; Commissioner Good seconded and the motion to adjourn was unanimously approved.