

# CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

---

## Pre-meeting Work Session

### MINUTES

**FEBRUARY 16, 2010**

**3:00 p.m.**

### **Cherokee Hall**

At approximately 3:05 p.m., Chairman Ahrens began by reading the introduction by Mac Anderson in the Jack Welch book about "Leadership" and the qualities necessary to be a true leader, no matter the business. All members were present.

1. Jo Ann Birrell and Brian Evola from Waste Management presented a facsimile check for Host Fees paid to the County in 2009 of \$3,014,432.90 to Chairman Ahrens and Commissioner Johnston. (Could not hear any of the dialogue from Ms. Birrell after presenting the check)
2. Presentation of LEED® Silver Certification Award by Jay Enck of Commissioning and Green Building Solutions, Inc., established by the U.S. Green Building Council for the Cherokee County Administration Building and Northside Hospital-Cherokee Conference Center facility to the Board members and Mr. Cooper, who said that the award would be placed on display in the Administration Building and he would notify the board members of the location.
3. Diane McNabb will present January, 2010 Financials

The Chairman asked Diane McNabb to come up and Mr. Cooper said that he would give the Financial Report this time. After some discussion regarding when the County could expect tax collections and the impact on projection cash balances, Mr. Cooper completed the review.

4. Status regarding Resource Recovery request – Chairman Ahrens asked Mr. Cooper for information, as another called meeting was scheduled after this Work Session. Mr. Cooper said that he had hoped to have the documentation he had requested by this time and that was why he went ahead and put the called meeting after the Work Session again. However, he had not received it, so it would be a matter of calling the RRDA meeting to order and then postponing any action until such time as he did receive what he had asked for.  
Status of revisions to Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance – Mrs. Davis said that she had copies of the draft ordinance in 2 versions, one with Parks included and one without; she would ask that the Board review these and let her know their concerns and she would be prepared to bring back at the next Work Session to possibly include on the agenda. There was a general discussion as to what constitutes a "Special Event" and whether to allow alcohol in the Parks under the circumstances; more than 1 board member asked what other counties or cities did in this situation and it was suggested that a comparison would be helpful.

Hazard Mitigation list – Chairman Ahrens said that he hoped everyone would take a look at this list, which he had received when he attended the Hazard Mitigation Kick-Off Meeting organized by Mark Harris, who is the Hazard Mitigation Specialist from Emergency Management. The meeting was held to make everyone aware that an update of the Hazard Mitigation Plan is currently underway and it is hoped that this list will give some ideas as to what information should be included.

## 5. Review of Regular Agenda items

After determining there would be some amendments to the agenda, the Chairman asked about the public hearing for the request of Danielle Ruggiero; Jeff Watkins and Vicki Taylor Lee came up and explained the request, they said they had been working with Ms. Ruggiero to come to a compromise on the variance needed.

Next Mr. Watkins reviewed the zoning cases on the agenda, saying that the last one had submitted a request for postponement in order to re-draw the site plan. Commissioner Johnston said that on the Randall Page case, he and Vicki Taylor Lee had worked on clarifying the condition of City Of Canton's Overlay Zone Community Standards Ordinance. On the Kirk Smith zoning case, Commissioner Hubbard said that he had some additional conditions for this one.

Commissioner Johnston said he was going to accept Cherokee Gold Trail under his one mile portion and the Chairman had offered .25 from his road portion.

Before Mr. Cooper started with the Consent Agenda, Commissioner Good said that he wanted to mention the amendment he was requesting regarding the removal of objections to the Hennessey Honda annexation for the City of Woodstock; that he had been working with the City to find a way to make it work and he was satisfied with what had been worked out.

Mr. Cooper went over the Consent Agenda next and then his portion of the agenda. After he concluded, County Attorney Angie Davis asked if she could review the amendment she had requested regarding extending the moratorium on the Adult Entertainment Ordinance. She said that she had sent the request earlier in the day and the reason she was asking for an extension was so that her office could have time to get a draft circulating, time to review and make comments or voice concerns before bringing it back to a future Work Session and of course, hold a public hearing.

Chairman Ahrens said that he wanted to speak about municipal annexations generally; where some of our municipalities were asking to annex portions of County or State roads, specifically the City of Nelson and their new Mayor wanted to annex a portion of Hwy. 372, the City of Holly Springs wants to annex any un-annexed portions of I-575, as does the City of Woodstock. Then the Chairman asked Dr. Jackie McMorris to review the Work Ready initiative undertaken by some of the County employees last week.

After this, Commissioner Hubbard made a motion to adjourn to the called meeting of the Resource Recovery Development Authority and further to Executive Session at 5:11 p.m. to discuss personnel issues, pending litigation and property acquisition. Commissioner Johnston seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.