

CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Pre-meeting Work Session

APRIL 20, 2010

3:00 p.m.

Cherokee Hall

MINUTES

Chairman Ahrens began the Work Session at 3:10 p.m. with a reading of a chapter from the Jack Welch book on "Defying Tradition". All members were present along with staff, media and some members of the public.

1. Honoring Miss Zanyia Parish and Operator Brittany Cross of 9-1-1 Center-Chris Collett

Mr. Collett said that he wanted to play the 911 tape so that everyone could get an idea of what the 911 operators are supposed to do on every call; however this was a special call because the caller was 5 years old and the competency that Ms. Brittany Cross handled the call with made for a successful outcome.

2. March, 2010 financials

Mr. Cooper gave a brief review of the March financials with very few questions or comments.

3. Discussion of Regular Agenda items

Chairman Ahrens said that he did want to spend a few minutes after the agenda items going over additional information on greenspace. The Chairman started with the Announcements and then asked about the public hearing on the agenda. Margaret Stallings came up and said that since there had been no significant changes to what she had shown the board at the Work Session on April 6, she did not anticipate much participation for the public hearing. Mrs. Stallings said they had not received any comments after posting the Master Plan on the web site.

On his portion, Chairman Ahrens said that he wanted to add an update on the census to the agenda. Mr. Cooper went over the Consent Agenda items, with few comments or questions.

Under his portion of the agenda, Mr. Cooper said that on item#9, he wanted to change the request to authorize him to negotiate with the 2 companies who had come out tied in scoring and bring the recommendation back at the next meeting.

When Mr. Cooper finished his portion, the Chairman asked to again bring up the greenspace plans and objectives and said that he was aware that Joe Woycke from GIS had updated a map with some of the information discussed at the last Work Session. Some additional information requested on the maps, which can be accessed via computer, was reference points and/or a spreadsheet. Joe said that he had just recently received or gotten information from Woodstock on the Greenprints project to be included on the map.

Chairman Ahrens said that he just wanted to do a walk-thru of the newly revised document he had handed out that includes some of the ideas given before by the other members. He then said he wanted to refer to the website "Parks for Cherokee" where the \$10.5 million is talked about extensively. One of the terms that seemed to be used interchangeably was greenway/trail system which the Chairman then read a description of from the web site and went on to say that three items that had come from the previous discussion were wilderness, waterways, connectivity and other.

After extensive discussion regarding exactly what has been budgeted for greenspace, in this year's budget and in the Park Bond, and where it might be used to the full potential after initial priorities are set and then final priorities, Commissioner Hubbard said he was looking forward to a spreadsheet format and a fully recognizable map to be able to actually sort everything out. Chairman Ahrens finally said that he wanted to spend 15 or 20 minutes at the next couple of sessions discussing this topic.

When the Chairman asked for a motion to adjourn, Commissioner Hubbard made the motion to adjourn to Executive Session, for the purposes of personnel, pending litigation and property acquisition, at 4:39 p.m.; Chairman Ahrens seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

These Minutes were approved at the regular meeting on May 4, 2010.