

MINUTES

Cherokee County Board of Commissioners

JULY 6, 2010 REGULAR MEETING CHEROKEE HALL 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 6:09 p.m. on Tuesday, July 6, 2010. Those in attendance were Vice Chair/Commissioner Harry B. Johnston; Commissioner Jim Hubbard; Commissioner Karen Bosch; Commissioner Derek V. Good; County Manager Jerry Cooper; County Attorney Angie Davis; County Clerk Sheila R. Corbin; Agency Directors/Department Heads; the media and the public.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

"Veterans of U.S. military service may proudly salute the flag while not in uniform based on a change in the governing law on 25 July 2007"

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- [1] *On Wednesday, July 7th, your Cherokee County House of Representatives delegation will host Speaker David Ralston at the Cherokee County airport for an open press briefing and fund raising reception. The stop is part of a multi stop fly around the state by the Speaker to raise funds for the state Republican Party as it seeks to hold its majority in the House. Representatives from Cherokee, Pickens, Bartow and Forsyth counties have been invited to attend.*
- [2] **REMINDER** No texting while driving and other cell phone laws took effect July 1.

APPROVAL OF WORK SESSION MINUTES FROM JUNE 15, 2010

When Chairman Ahrens asked for a motion to approve the Work Session Minutes as submitted by the Clerk, Commissioner Hubbard made the motion to approve; Commissioner Bosch seconded and the motion received unanimous approval.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FROM JUNE 15, 2010

When Chairman Ahrens asked for a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes as submitted by the Clerk, Commissioner Bosch made a motion to approve; Commissioner Good seconded and there was unanimous approval.

PUBLIC HEARING

Conduct a Public Hearing for public review and comment concerning possible amendments to Cherokee County's Code of Ordinances, TO CONSIDER MODIFYING THE LICENSING QUALIFICATIONS UNDER CHAPTER SIXTY-SIX (66) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF CHEROKEE COUNTY, TO MODIFY THE LICENSING REQUIREMENTS AND OPERATIONAL STANDARDS OF VEHICLES FOR HIRE;

Commissioner Hubbard made a motion to open the public hearing at 6:14 p.m.; Vice Chair/Commissioner Johnston seconded and there was unanimous approval. After Mrs. Davis explained the changes to the Ordinance, the Chairman stated that no speakers had signed up either for or against. Commissioner Hubbard made a motion to close the public hearing at 6:18 p.m.; Commissioner Bosch seconded and there was unanimous approval to close.

Vice Chair/Commissioner Johnston made the motion to adopt the amendments as proposed; Commissioner Hubbard seconded and the motion received unanimous approval.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Tom Ware spoke in reference to Commissioner Good's public disclosures during the previous week and said in light of these disclosures, Mr. Ware requested Commissioner Good submit his resignation.

OLD BUSINESS

Request to post parking restrictions in specific locations within Grantham Park Subdivision based on locations that impair proper site distance, and locations that are too close to intersections

Geoff Morton said the HOA for the subdivision and the Sheriff's Office were going to work to resolve the issues and there was no need for the County to take action at this time.

Decision of appeal of Rodney Ridings whose taxi drivers' permit renewal was denied due to prior felony convictions

Commissioner Hubbard made a motion to re-open the administrative hearing; Commissioner Bosch seconded and there was unanimous approval. There were no speakers. Commissioner Hubbard made a motion to grant the appeal and re-new the license of the applicant, as per the recently revised amendments to the

Ordinance; Vice Chair/Commissioner Johnston seconded and there was unanimous approval.

COMMISSION BUSINESS

CHAIRMAN

L. B. AHRENS

Consider appointment to DFACs Board for vacancy due to resignation of Steve Patterson; term expires June 30, 2012. Two nominees, Jeff Moon from the City of Woodstock and Becky Wentzel.

Commissioner Bosch made a motion to nominate Becky Wentzel; Commissioner Hubbard seconded and there was unanimous approval.

Consider Misti Martin as replacement for Jeff Watkins on Lanier Joint Development Board

Commissioner Bosch made the motion to nominate Misti Martin; Vice Chair/Commissioner Johnston seconded and the motion received unanimous approval.

Re-cap of first Joint Cherokee Transportation Planning Commission, held Friday 18 June with State Delegation and Mayors

Chairman Ahrens said that the first meeting had a very good turnout; all of the board members were present, most of the state delegation, some of the cities' mayors. The transportation issues in our region had been discussed.

VICE CHAIR/COMMISSION POST 1

HARRY B. JOHNSTON

COMMISSION POST 2

JIM HUBBARD

Report on Cherokee Amateur Radio Emergency Service field day Saturday June 26

Commissioner Hubbard said that at this 24-hour event put on by the Cherokee Amateur Radio Service last Saturday, there were 18 radio operators plus 6 new operators. They ran for 24 hours on battery power, solar power and one small generator making some 397 contacts in 45 states, Puerto Rico and Canada. They had an antenna that was 268 feet long and 90 feet high and the furthest point they had made contact with was Hawaii at 4,475 miles. These folks are the ones that are turned to when the power goes down during a disaster and there is no communications other than the ham radio operators. We thank them for their dedication.

COMMISSION POST 3

KAREN BOSCH

Saturday, July 10 is the Second Annual Memorial Run to benefit the Kevin Philip Mahurin Foundation for Motorcycle Awareness

The event will start at 9:00 a.m. at Hooter's in Canton on Saturday morning, July 10th, with the ride going up Old Highway 5 to Jasper and back down I-515/575 to Hooter's again.

COMMISSION POST 4

DEREK V. GOOD

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Acceptance of rights-of-way, roadways and appurtenant drainage structures within **Lathem's Mill** subdivision (f/k/a Freehome Crossing) for County maintenance, including all or part of: Lathem's Mill Lane and Davis Mill Road
- 1a. Acceptance of rights-of-way, roadways and appurtenant drainage structures within **Waterford Oak** subdivision (f/k/a Sable Trace Valley) for County maintenance, including all or part of: Sable Valley Drive
2. Request approval of Budget Amendment/Transfer to allocate new funding source for Senior Services of \$1,000 assigned by ARC for initial start-up costs of the Senior Community Garden Initiative
3. Request approval of budget amendment/transfer of \$776.88 from Insurance Recovery to EMS Vehicle Maintenance for repairs to Reserve Squad 6, involved in accident on 1/8/10

Commissioner Bosch made the motion to approve; Vice Chair/Commissioner Johnston seconded and there was unanimous approval.

COUNTY MANAGER

4. Consider reimbursement agreement with City of Woodstock for Elm Street Arts Village property acquisition in the amount of \$436,000.

Commissioner Good made the motion to approve; Vice Chair/Commissioner Johnston seconded and the motion received unanimous approval.

5. Consider authorizing the County Manager to execute closing documents/purchase agreement for acquisition of property for Elm Street Arts Village Project

Commissioner Hubbard made a motion to approve; Commissioner Good seconded and there was unanimous approval.

6. Consider authorizing County Manager to execute closing documents/purchase agreement for 37.66 acres of property located off Gresham Mill Parkway/Sixes Road for aquatics center project at a cost of \$1.7 million

Commissioner Good made the motion to approve; Commissioner Bosch seconded and the motion received unanimous approval.

7. Request approval for the renewal of the FY2011 ARC contract for a total of \$580,325. a decrease of \$24,659. from FY 2010

Commissioner Hubbard made a motion to approve; Vice Chair/Commissioner Johnston seconded and there was unanimous approval.

8. Request approval for budget amendment/transfer for Elections of \$190,000 from contract labor budget to salary budget to reflect IRS requirement

Vice Chair/Commissioner Johnston made the motion to approve; Commissioner Hubbard seconded and the motion received unanimous approval.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

ADJOURN

When the Chairman asked if there was anything else, hearing none, Commissioner Hubbard made the motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:49 p.m.; Commissioner Bosch seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.