

OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARDS

 **Awards will be given for the 2nd Quarter Recipients on Tuesday, August 3rd. Please join us for a Reception at 2:30 p.m. in the Atrium on the Lower Level.**



Steve McClure and the Chairman presented certificates to those who were present out of the 12 nominees; they were Christy Black, Tamala Davis, Terry Dennison, Brenda Flowers, Ted Flowers, Jonathan Gottfried, Barbara Shearin and Kim Watt. Then the 2nd Quarter Outstanding Service Award was announced as Christy Black, Executive Assistant to the County Manager and the Board of Commissioners. Mrs. Black received a gift basket with several items besides the 2nd Quarter Award. Mr. Cooper and Chairman Ahrens both spoke and related how well she assists them and is exceptional in all areas.

YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE!

There will be a joint meeting of the Board of Commissioners and the Mayors of Ball Ground, Canton, Holly Springs, Mountain Park, Nelson, Waleska and Woodstock to review and discuss SPLOST projects to be included in a referendum for a new SPLOST in November, 2010 before the Work Session.

SUMMARY

Chairman Ahrens said he was going to read a short excerpt from Fortune magazine article on Mr. David Sokol who took over JetBlue Airlines and has turned the company around in a short period of time. Mr. Sokol has written a 120 page book expounding on his "Six Laws of Success" and the Chairman read those which are; Operational Excellence, Integrity, Customer Commitment, Employee Commitment, Financial Strength and Environmental Respect.

Those mayors and/or representatives in attendance were City Manager Eric Wilmarth, Ball Ground; Mayor Gene Hobgood, Canton; Brantley Day, Community Development Director for Holly Springs; Mayor Jim Still, Mountain Park; Mayor Doris Jones, Waleska; and Mayor Donnie Henriques, Woodstock. Chairman Ahrens introduced everyone and then gave a brief talk about how this point had been arrived at, as the most advantageous to get the new SPLOST, which aids both the County and the cities who participate, on the November 2010 ballot. The Chairman asked Mr. Cooper to come up and let everyone know what was still needed.

Mr. Cooper said that he had provided a Potential Project List from the County as well as Estimated Distribution to the cities primarily based on per capita.

There are two methods that can be pursued, a 6 year program and a 5 year program; the 6 year program requires that there is an Intergovernmental Agreement with at least 50% of the municipal population with the cities representing the 50 percent. And we are allowed to identify Level 1 and Level 2 projects. An example of a Level 1 project would be the jail expansion since it is a countywide project, whereas the Level 2 project is similar, but in a much smaller scale such as the renovation and expansion of the Animal Shelter. Under the 6 year program, the amount has been estimated at \$185 million. Mr. Cooper concluded saying the goal is to have the Intergovernmental Agreement and Referendum resolution approved by the cities before August 17, so that the Board could approve it August 17.

When the Chairman asked if any of the cities had any questions or topics they would like to raise, Mayor Henriques asked if he could speak. Mayor Henriques said that he was hoping Rick Roberts, Mayor of Ball Ground would be here because they had been charged by the other mayors to meet with the Chairman and mention a few details. One is a question about the jail and also the library coming off the top, how would that affect the payment schedule? The Chairman had confirmed as had Mr. Cooper that nothing will change, it's basically the same process we currently follow in SPLOST V. The other item brought up with the Chairman is regarding roads being asphalted that in the past when the city limits were reached, that is where the County would stop. The suggestion given was that an agreement would be put in place as the project was advancing wherein the City would pay a certain part of the road and the County would pay a part. Mayor Henriques said finally that if he could speak for the other mayors, the overall feeling was that they were very pleased with the preliminary numbers and there were no major roadblocks.

Brantley Day said that he had spoken with Commissioner Johnston before the meeting about possible sewer plans in Holly Springs downtown; he also said that their next council meeting was on August 16 and he saw no problem getting all necessary information to Mr. Cooper by August 17. After some further discussion about the methodology of getting the right information to the voters and the necessity to have it out in a timely and understandable manner, the Chairman told the visitors they were welcome to stay for the Work Session. They declined.

CHEROKEE COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Pre-meeting Work Session

August 3, 2010

3:00 p.m.

Cherokee Hall

MINUTES

Although it was 3:10 p.m. when the Chairman began the SPLOST portion of the meeting, it was not until 3:45 (according to the video) that the actual Work Session began. All members of the Board were present.

1. Discussion of Regular Agenda items

The Chairman said that he was going to remind everyone to get and vote in the runoff on August 10, if not early then at your precinct on election day. He mentioned the award that Pam Carnes had won, saying that it was an honor both for her and for Cherokee County.

Chairman Ahrens mentioned the DFCS appointment, that Becky Wentzel who had been appointed could not serve after all. He asked Commissioner Hubbard about his item regarding Private Roads; Commissioner Hubbard said it was something that had come to his attention and he just wanted to get it cleared up.

Chairman Ahrens next asked Commissioner Bosch about the item under her portion regarding the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Commissioner Bosch said that she had a different view of what the Advisory Board's roles consisted of than what she was seeing in the Ordinance that created it and set out the duties or procedures they would follow. After a lengthy discussion, mostly between Commissioner Bosch and Commissioner Johnston, with input from Keith Hammond and which the Chairman said that he thought it had been a productive discussion; Commissioner Bosch said that she would like a thorough review of the ordinance by this board to decide if everything in the 16 points shown in the ordinance was relevant. And also the Parks and Rec Advisory Board could do the same at their next meeting and let this board know what they think. The Chairman agreed and said that the September 7 meeting would be a good date for further discussion.

Mr. Cooper began with the one item on the Consent Agenda during which Commissioner Hubbard said that he would like to ask Paul D. to take the wording for the Consent Agenda item to Paul Higbee and have him take a look at the wording used for Commissioner Hubbard's request for a change to the section in the Development Regulations referencing Private Roads.

Mr. Cooper went then to his portion of the agenda and there was very little or no discussion for these items.

Commissioner Bosch asked if , before adjournment, she could ask Commissioner Hubbard a question regarding his item about Private Roads; she wanted to know since he had mentioned the attorneys involvement whether this was something the whole board needed to know about; Commissioner Hubbard said that he would be happy to brief them whenever they wanted, he said that briefly he had been working on it for over a year and it was about a half-finished subdivision that they now wanted to make a gated community and if any of the roads had been accepted as the one on the Consent Agenda, then there was a question of whether it was necessary to deed the right-of-way back to make it a private road.

After a short discussion including Geoff Morton on this, then Commissioner Johnston asked about having chickens in residential zoning and whether anyone was interested in going forward in looking at this again. After a few minutes, he said he would tell the people who he had been talking to that the question was still on the table.

The Chairman asked if there was anything else, hearing none, Commissioner Hubbard made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session at 5:00 p.m. to discuss personnel, pending litigation and property acquisition. Both Commissioner Bosch and Chairman Ahrens seconded and the resulting vote was unanimous to adjourn.

These Minutes were approved at the regular meeting on August 17, 2010.