

SUMMARY

Cherokee County Board of Commissioners

SEPTEMBER 7, 2010 REGULAR MEETING CHEROKEE HALL 6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

CHAIRMAN AHRENS

Chair called at 5:59 p.m. 4 members present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CHAIRMAN AHRENS

"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"

PRESENTATION

Clint Mueller from ACCG presented the "Legislative Service Award for Leadership Excellence" to State Senator Chip Rogers

Mr. Mueller said that he was honored to present this award to Senator Rogers. Mr. Mueller stated that Senator Rogers had been instrumental in assisting the ACCG (Association County Commissioners of Georgia) getting several key pieces of legislation passed in the last session, particularly SB 346 involving property taxes and HB 1221 relating to sales tax and being able to collect taxes from out-of-state vendors on sales within the State. When Senator Rogers took the podium, he said that this was the 3rd time he had won this award and each time was appreciated. Senator Rogers said it was an honor to work with the Board of Commissioners here in Cherokee County and the ACCG in getting legislation adopted that benefited the citizens in his district, especially Cherokee County.

PROCLAMATION

Designating the week of September 12-19 as "Firefighter Appreciation Week"

Chairman Ahrens read the Proclamation and then presented to Chief Raymond Gunnin after thanking Mr. Jim Kilgore for bringing it to the Board's attention. There were several paid and volunteer firefighters in the audience who received a standing ovation after the presentation.

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Patriots Day Ceremony on Friday, September 10, 8:30 a.m. at the Cherokee County Public Safety Memorial located between the Historic Courthouse and the Justice Center

Chairman Ahrens thanked Chief Eddie Robinson for once again arranging the ceremony; the Chairman also noted that his father-in-law, whose plane was the first shot down in WWII, would be the keynote speaker.

APPROVAL OF WORK SESSION MINUTES FROM AUGUST 17, 2010

Hubbard motion to approve; Johnston second; approved 4-0.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FROM AUGUST 17, 2010

Johnston motion to approve; Hubbard second; approved 4-0.

PUBLIC HEARING

To solicit public input on the Cherokee County Development Regulations, Section 4.09 – Private Streets; specifically to address allowing private streets to be constructed in all zoning districts.

Hubbard motion to open at 6:09 p.m.; Bosch second; 4-0 approved. Geoff Morton explained reason for change. One speaker, Tom Ware who said he wanted to comment only. Hubbard motion to close at 6:12 p.m.; Bosch second; approved 4-0.

Hubbard motion to approve the change; Johnston second; 4-0 approval.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Two speakers: (1) Ricky Wilson wanting to know when the end of Garland Mountain Trail will be paved; (2) Tom Ware saying that the meeting room had a bad sound system and it was difficult for the audience to hear most of the time.

COMMISSION BUSINESS

CHAIRMAN

L. B. AHRENS

1] *Update = Post 4 appointment*

Chair motion to appoint Jason Nelms to fill remaining term, effective September 21; Bosch second; approved 4-0.

2] *Update = SPLOST outreach committee*

Chair asked Comm. Bosch to talk about the citizens' committee. Comm. Bosch said that she had only been involved to the point of getting the information they would need to them and speaking at the organizational meeting. They now had elected a Chairman and their next meeting would be on September 13 here at the Bluffs.

3] *Transit Governance Study Committee = Jackie McMorris appointee*

Chair said ARC had developed a 30 year Plan of Transit throughout the Atlanta region and this Committee had been set by legislature and included among the members, representatives from each of the region's 3 transit systems which are Cherokee, Cobb, and Gwinnett County. And Dr. Jackie McMorris as head of the CATS system was appointed to this Committee.

4] *HB 277 - Comments in response to State Planning Director's letter ref criteria for transportation project prioritization*

Chair said informational only.

5] *SR 821 – Constitutional amendment on November ballot*

Chair again said informational only.

6] *Request from Highland Rivers Community Service Board for appointment to replace Kathy Dillon, who has resigned effective when her term expired on June 30, 2010*

Chair said he would like to ask Billy Hayes, who is the other Cherokee County appointee for guidance on a new appointment and the requirements.

VICE CHAIR/COMMISSION POST 1

HARRY B. JOHNSTON

Consideration of approval of a Resolution between Cherokee County and the City of Holly Springs establishing a Growth Boundary Agreement

Johnston motion to postpone to September 21 would like to get this posted on the County web site with the ability to take comments from the public; Bosch second; motion passed 4-0.

COMMISSION POST 2

JIM HUBBARD

Welcome to Boy Scout

Comm. Hubbard introduced Connor Ray who is a candidate for Eagle Scout and a requirement of that is to attend a public meeting and interview a public official. Comm. Hubbard said as an old Eagle Scout, he is happy to oblige.

COMMISSION POST 3

KAREN BOSCH

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consideration of approval to purchase a 2010 Ford Ranger extended cab 4x4 pickup from Wade Ford in the amount of \$21,513.00.
2. Request approval to purchase Trimax rotary mower for Park Operations Division at a cost of \$10,155. From Park Bond program
3. Request approval to purchase Toro Workman HD utility vehicle for Park Operations Division at a cost of \$15,762.61. From Park Bond program
4. Consider indemnity-hold harmless agreement between County and Elm Street Arts project, Boys Scouts and other volunteers for Reeves home area clean-up scheduled for this coming weekend

Johnston motion to approve Consent Agenda; Bosch second; approved 4-0.

COUNTY MANAGER

5. Consideration of the renewal of the VOCA grant for the District Attorney's Office

Hubbard motion to approve; Johnston second; 4-0 approval.

6. Consider renewal of Employee Benefits, including: 1) retention of Blue Cross Blue Shield with changes in premiums and plan changes; 2) moving vision to Blue Cross Vision Benefits with reduction in premiums; and, 3) retention of UNUM (supplemental benefits) with no changes in premiums

Mr. Cooper asked for postponement until September 21 regular meeting on decision and also asked for Work Session to begin at 2 p.m. in order to have time to discuss health care completely.

Bosch motion to postpone; Johnson second; approved 4-0.

7. Consider award of property-casualty insurance. Recommendation is to renew with Trident

Hubbard motion to approve; Johnston second; 4-0 approval.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

ADJOURN

Hubbard motion to adjourn regular meeting at 6:48 p.m.; Bosch second; 4-0 approval.