

# MINUTES

## Cherokee County Board of Commissioners

NOVEMBER 2, 2010 REGULAR MEETING CHEROKEE HALL 6:00 P.M.

### CALL TO ORDER

### CHAIRMAN

Chairman Ahrens called the regular meeting of the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners to order at 6:07 p.m. on Tuesday, September 21, 2010. Those in attendance were Vice Chair/Commissioner Harry B. Johnston; Commissioner Jim Hubbard; Commissioner Karen Bosch; Commissioner Jason Nelms; County Manager Jerry Cooper; County Clerk Sheila R. Corbin; Agency Directors/Department Heads; the media and the public. (Paul Dzikowski was in for County Attorney Angie Davis.)

### 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

Congratulations to **Chief Marshal Ray Waters** for recently receiving a Certificate of Completion for the "*State Certification Manager's Training Course*" from the Georgia Association Chiefs of Police

Congratulations to **Commissioner Karen Bosch** who was named as a commissioner representative on the *Area 6 All Hazard Council* by Charley English, Director of the Georgia Emergency Management Agency and further by recommendation of the Association County Commissioners of Georgia. The council representatives will develop response and recovery strategies for all potential hazards that may impact Area 6, which includes 21 northwest counties, by identifying critical regional infrastructure, preparing regional response plans, facilitating mutual aid and advising the state on potential projects for grant funding.

### APPROVAL OF WORK SESSION MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 19, 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 vote was for unanimous approval.

## **APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 19, 2010**

When Chairman Ahrens asked for a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes as submitted by the Clerk, Commissioner Hubbard made a motion to approve; Vice Chair/Commissioner Johnston seconded and the resulting vote was for unanimous approval.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

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### **COMMISSION BUSINESS**

#### **CHAIRMAN**

**L. B. AHRENS**

#### *Work force survey – Information*

Chairman Ahrens said during the Work Session, Misti Martin from the Cherokee Office of Economic Development, was here and explained that this survey which is available on their web site at [www.cherokeega.org](http://www.cherokeega.org) was to give an indication of how many Cherokee residents travel outside the county to work; this will allow them to target specific companies and possibly bring some of those jobs back into the county. They are also working with the larger neighborhood associations to try to get their members to complete the survey. There was also an ad, announcing the survey, that had come out in the Ledger and one would be in the Tribune on Friday. The Chairman urged everyone who qualified to take the survey and tell their neighbors, friends and co-workers about it.

#### *Discuss appointment to Airport Authority board to fill Quentin Thomas unexpired term and accept resignation*

Chairman Ahrens said he would prefer to consult with the Airport Authority about a replacement and so for now, he would make a motion to accept the letter of resignation; Commissioner Hubbard seconded and the vote was for unanimous approval.

#### *Consider adoption of the 2010 Cherokee County Capital Improvement Element (CIE) and Short Term Work Program (STWP) Annual Update and Resolution as approved by Georgia Department of Community Affairs and the Atlanta Regional Commission*

After the Chairman said that this was a formality, once the letters of approval from the ARC and DCA had been received with no changes

necessary, Commissioner Hubbard made the motion to approve the adoption of the Resolution; Commissioner Nelms seconded and there was unanimous approval.

*Approve Resolution to designate ACCG County Legislative Coordinator - postponed to November 16*

**VICE CHAIR/COMMISSION POST 1**                      **HARRY B. JOHNSTON**

*Consideration of naming planned park on Allison Lane as **Cherokee Veterans' Park***

Vice Chair/Commissioner Johnston said he had been approached by a citizen named Jerry Byess, who is a Vietnam veteran, and a member of the American Legion with the idea of making this park a memorial to the people of Cherokee County who had served in the United States Armed Forces. This would involve not only the naming but the design, for a large passive area, could be worked to provide areas where there would be quiet reflection as well as remembrance in an appropriate place to honor that service. Vice Chair/Commissioner Johnston then made the motion to approve naming the park to honor the veterans of Cherokee County and approve the adoption of a resolution; Commissioner Hubbard seconded and the vote was for unanimous approval. After the vote, Vice Chair/Commissioner Johnston asked the Chairman to go ahead and sign the Resolutions that had been prepared; he then asked Mr. Jerry Byess to come forward and also the representative from the American Legion, Lynne Rollins, who is past commander of the Cherokee American Legion Post and now a State/National officer. He gave both of them copies of the Resolution.

**COMMISSION POST 2**                                      **JIM HUBBARD**

**COMMISSION POST 3**                                      **KAREN BOSCH**

**COMMISSION POST 4**                                      **JASON NELMS**

Commissioner Nelms announced his invitation to accompany Senator Chip Rogers, Billy Peppers from the Woodstock Downtown Development Authority and Chairman of the Authority Jimmy Long to Macon to check out the possible relocation of the Georgia Music Hall of Fame to Woodstock on Thursday. Woodstock is only one of several cities including Macon who are interested in this venue.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Acceptance of rights-of-way, roadways and appurtenant drainage structures within **Centennial Lakes, Pod 3** subdivision for County maintenance, including all or part of: Centennial Drive, Silver Lake Drive and Shaw Drive
2. Approval of budget transfer/amendment of \$5,000 grant received from Petsmart Charities to the Animal Shelter to be used towards the care of the 127 animals seized on September 14, 2010
3. Approval of budget transfer/amendment of \$5,000 grant received from ASPCA to the Animal Shelter to be used towards the care of the 127 animals seized on September 14, 2010
4. Approve 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment to the ARC FY 2011 budget contract and the Federal Medicaid Revenue for Senior Services to increase revenue and expenses by \$21,001.42
5. Request approval of the 2010 updated Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan for Cherokee Sheriff's Office Division of Emergency Management
6. Request approval of the renewal of the Professional Services Agreement with ESI (Emergency Service Integrators) for support of EOC (Emergency Operations Center) systems software at \$9,800.
7. Request approval of procurement of On-board cameras for transit vehicles (CATS) using ARRA funds and contract award to National Bus Sales, Inc. with low bid of \$21,555.12

After Mr. Cooper completed reading the items on the Consent Agenda, Commissioner Bosch made the motion to approve; Commissioner Nelms seconded and the vote was for unanimous approval.

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## **COUNTY MANAGER**

8. Request approval to purchase hardware to replace 6 out of warranty servers for various locations in public safety at a cost of \$90,250.96

Commissioner Hubbard made a motion to approve; Commissioner Bosch seconded and the result was a unanimous approval.

9. Request approval to award bid for Architectural and Engineering services for Senior Center expansion and renovation to G. Hubert Jones & Associates, P.C.

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

10. Consider construction contract between MBC Partners and Cherokee County, as a reduction in purchase price in the amount of \$82,500 at closing, for completion of road improvements to a portion of Gresham Mill Parkway, by the county in preparation for the location of the aquatics center

Commissioner Bosch made the motion to approve; Commissioner Nelms seconded and the resulting vote was for unanimous approval.

11. Consider approval of Soccer Complex Park Use Agreement with the Cherokee Soccer Association, as recommended by the Cherokee Recreation & Parks Advisory Board, for the use and maintenance of the complex

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

12. Consider approval to purchase hardware and software to upgrade the county email system and utilize Dell Professional Services to assist in migration for an amount not to exceed \$96,290

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

13. Consider acquisition of 41.5+/- acre Tyson property for \$48,000 per acre, or \$1,992,000, as recommended by the Cherokee Office of Economic Development, contingent on approval of financing proposal (see below)

Commissioner Bosch made the motion to approve, saying that this acquisition would bring this business park up to a total of 125.7 acres, with the location being off Highway 92 in the I-75 corridor. Commissioner Nelms seconded and there was unanimous approval.

14. Consider award of financing to Wells Fargo for payment of the Tyson property acquisition; 20-year amortization with 5-year balloon and fixed interest rate of 2.34%; annual payments with no pre-payment penalty if paid early

Commissioner Bosch made a motion to approve; Commissioner Nelms seconded and the vote was for unanimous approval.

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**COUNTY ATTORNEY** Paul Dzikowski in for Angie Davis – No topics

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## **ADJOURN**

After asking if there was any other business, hearing none, Chairman Ahrens asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hubbard made the motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:43 p.m.; Commissioner Bosch seconded and there was unanimous approval.

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These Minutes were approved at the regular meeting on November 16, 2010.