

There will be a Reception for the 3rd Quarter Outstanding Service Award Winner at 2:30 p.m. on the Lower Level outside patio with refreshments served in the Lower Level Lobby.

There were two nominees for the 3rd Quarter Outstanding Service Award, Irene Mumphrey from the DSC (Development Service Center) and Judy Campbell from Engineering. After Steve McClure introduced them, he said the nominating committee had a very tough decision to make in only choosing one of them to receive the award. However, the decision had been made to award the 3rd Quarter Outstanding Service Award to Irene Mumphrey. Mr. McClure read the nomination letter and then presented the award to Irene. Irene gave a short thank-you speech.

CHEROKEE COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Pre-meeting Work Session

November 2, 2010

3:00 p.m.

Cherokee Hall

MINUTES

Chairman Ahrens began the Work Session at 3:07 p.m., with a reading from *The Essence of Leadership* by Mac Anderson, the founder of "Successories". Chairman Ahrens read from the section called *The Most Important Leader*, where it begins "THE TITLE BESTOWED on the most important leader in the world today is not president, queen, prime minister or commissioner. It is parent."

All members were present and Paul Dzikowski was in for Angie Davis.

1. Discussion of Parks and Rec Advisory board

Chairman Ahrens again provided copies of the re-worked duties as he had prepared previously, to the other board members.

Chairman Ahrens explained that he had attempted to break the document into categories as to what the Advisory Board would look at as far as Programs, Facilities, Planning and Other. Other includes who should serve or what constitutes membership, meetings or how often to meet and attendance requirements.

Commissioner Bosch said that after looking over what was presented, she was fine with it. As far as what was given for Cobb County, the one item she wanted to definitely include was for the position of Director. Cobb County's description says "The board recommends to the BOC for employment the Director of the Parks and Recreation." Commissioner Johnston said that he thought it should be the Chairman of that board sitting in on the selection along with Jerry and one or more members of the BOC. Commissioner Johnston also said that on the budget process, he would be interested in the advisory board's thoughts on priorities, etc. Commissioner Bosch said that was fine, that they are supposed to be the go-between between the public and the BOC. The discussion continued for some time with input from the board members and Mr. Cooper, with other suggestions for the wording changes coming to convey the intent. Finally, the Chairman said let's go ahead and go to the agenda items.

2. Discussion of appointments to boards and committees Jan 2011 - process and timeline

The Chairman said he was going to jump around the Work Session agenda and he wanted to start with item #2, after giving out a list of all upcoming appointments, he said the purpose is two-fold. One to look at the calendar and see what's in front of us, but two is to talk about the process we might want to consider in new appointments, re-appointments and what have you. Christy has this organized by individual and by board, so you can kind of see what you have.

He mentioned that there are 4 Development Authority expiration dates and that Larry Lusk had been in to see him the other day and he is not seeking to be re-appointed to the Development Authority. Mr. Lusk said that the others would consider re-appointment. Chairman Ahrens said that he hoped by the end of the year, the board members would have a good idea of who they wanted to re-appoint, who wants to be re-appointed, and any new appointments already vetted about their willingness to serve. He asked if there was any comment from the other board members.

Commissioner Bosch said first they would need to determine who would be interested in staying, obviously on the individual appointments, each commissioner could contact their appointments and get the answer to that question. She said the Development Authority is a tough one, if they have had some folks come to them wanting to serve, it would be good to hear from them.

Chairman Ahrens said the Chairman of the Authority had a candidate for them to consider; then he said that the Authority has an interesting mix, it should have a balanced mix of abilities. They have financial, they have realty-related, there is an entrepreneur and corporate giant. Commissioner Bosch said that Mr. Lusk was the developer/builder on it. She also said that she had some people come to her asking to serve on the Development Authority, so she would be taking a look at them to see if they would be a good fit into the mix of abilities.

Commissioner Johnston said that he wasn't sure that Robert Morrison was his appointment to the Lake Allatoona Preservation Authority; the Chairman said that could be checked on, that there is time to check into these before the first meeting in January.

3. Discussion of 2011 retreat - timing and location

Chairman Ahrens said for the past 4 years the board members had met offsite for planned meetings that have been very productive; they are public meetings and occasionally the Ledger and AJC has been there. He said that Christy tentatively booked the same location as last year, Barnsley Gardens, for January 20 and 21st; he wanted to see if those dates were ok for everyone and to put forth a topic that he would like to be the anchor which is a 3 year strategic plan. He would also like to include other subjects such as ethics, term limits, lifelong communities which has been on the back burner for a couple of years.

4. Discussion of State Delegation meeting 08 Nov at 6 pm

Chairman Ahrens said they were advised a week ago that the date for the meeting with the delegation is on Monday, November 8, at 6 p.m. which is the time we chose because some of us would be involved at the Development Authority annual activity at Hawks Ridge.

Sean Jerguson had wanted to use that time slot to have the second meeting of the joint Cherokee delegation Transportation Planning Committee meeting, however after confirming that back via Jan Brown to Representative Byrd, the word came back yesterday that is not acceptable. This time is only for items you wish to have considered during the upcoming legislative session. Chairman Ahrens said that he did not have anything to go before the delegation, but Commissioner Bosch does have an important topic.

Commissioner Bosch will be asking the legislators to sponsor or support limiting class M driver's licenses to people at least 26 years old or to people at least 17 years old who have completed an approved motorcycle training course. Commissioner Hubbard also would like to ask about deannexation legislation, however, he will be out of town and not able to attend. Chairman Ahrens said he had put forth the topic of immigration legislation in both written and verbal communications with some of the members of the local delegation.

Commissioner Johnston said that he would make an effort to be there to meet with the delegation at 6 p.m. The other board members with the exception of Commissioner Hubbard said they would try to be there at 6 as well.

5. Discussion of appointing ACCG County Legislative Coordinator

Postponed

6. Discussion of Regular Agenda items

Chairman Ahrens apologized to Commissioner Bosch for his memory lapse regarding her appointment to the Area 6 All Hazard Council at the last meeting. Commissioner Bosch asked Robby Westbrook, who was present, how many counties were in the Area 6 region; he answered that there were 21 N.W. Georgia counties in that region. She asked how many regions there were and he answered there was a total of 8 regions covering the State.

Then the Chairman went to his portion where when he saw Misti Martin in the audience, asked her to come up and explain the Work Force Survey. Misti said that the Cherokee Office of Economic Development, as part of their "White Collar Recruitment Strategy" about 18 months ago, a portion of the implementation plan was to do a work force analysis to try to figure out exactly where the residents are feeding out to for work. It will be on their web site at www.cherokeega.org and they are also working with the larger neighborhood associations to try to get them to complete the survey. The Chairman asked if the announcement was also going to be a mailer in the Water & Sewer bills; Misti answered yes. She said that an ad had come out in the Ledger and one would be in the Tribune on Friday.

Next the Chairman asked Margaret about the adoption of the CIE and STWP update; she said it was just a formality now that it had been approved by both ARC and DCA.

When he asked Commissioner Johnston about the item under his portion, Commissioner Johnston said while it was not a done deal, as far as the voting was concerned, the naming of the park as Cherokee Veterans' Park implied that in the design, accommodations would be made to commemorate their service.

Chairman Ahrens asked Commissioner Nelms about the item he wanted to mention saying that there was no need for an amendment for that. Commissioner Nelms said that Mr. Billy Peppers from the Downtown Development Authority in Woodstock and the Chairman of that board, Mr. Jimmy Long had invited him to go to Macon with them this coming Thursday and look at the Georgia Music Hall of Fame, as a possible venue in Woodstock.

After this, Mr. Cooper went over the Consent Agenda with the only discussion coming at the end when Commissioner Hubbard thanked Robby Westbrook for putting the Hazard Mitigation Plan update together, as well as utilizing all the resources he could find when there was so much damage from the September floods. Chairman Ahrens asked Robby if there was anything that he wanted to elaborate on; Robby came up and said that in the book, they would find a lot of goals and objectives, but if there was ever another event such as the September flood, then those goals and objectives would be considered shelf ready by FEMA. In other words, it would be more likely to receive funding from FEMA if these were shelf ready projects. Robby also said that by keeping the HMP updated, it would keep the County eligible to receive grants related to this.

Chairman Ahrens asked Robby if he would provide 10 or 15 minutes of a summary training of the HMP to the board members during some future Work Sessions, sooner rather than later. Robby said he would be happy to, and the Chairman asked the Clerk to work with Mr. Westbrook on getting these on the agendas.

Mr. Cooper gave the details of the items under his portion of the agenda next with much of the discussion coming on item #14. Mr. Cooper explained that the information showing on the agenda was incorrect, it had been added before he received the correct information. It should read that it is a 20 year amortization with a 5 year balloon at a fixed rate of 2.34% based on annual payments, with no pre-payment penalty. When he had finished, Chairman Ahrens asked Misti Martin how many acres would that give the business park; she responded that there would be a total of 125.7 acres. After a few minutes more of discussion, the Chairman asked if there was anything else. When no one spoke, Commissioner Hubbard made a motion to adjourn at 4:59 p.m. to Executive Session to discuss personnel, pending litigation and property acquisition. Commissioner Bosch seconded and the motion to adjourn was passed unanimously.

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