

# SUMMARY

## Cherokee County Board of Commissioners

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

### CALL TO ORDER

CHAIRMAN AHRENS

Chair called at 6:12 p.m. All members present with the exception of Commissioner Nelms who is in Athens at the Newly Elected Commissioners conference.

### 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

There were 2 amendments: (1) Under the County Manager-add Consideration of approval of Medical Premium Retirement resolution; (2) Under the Chairman-add Consideration of Resolution of support for the City of Woodstock's application submission for the Georgia Music Hall of Fame.

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

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

On November 13<sup>th</sup>, Lake Arrowhead Communities was honored with *"Community of the Year"* in the Master Plan category of the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Obie Awards by the Greater Atlanta Home Builders Association-Chairman said he wanted to mention, even though information was a month old because any good news about the County is worth sharing with everyone.

Chairman also mentioned the status update Chief Gunnin had given at the Work Session on the 3 firemen who were injured in the house fire on Sunday.

### APPROVAL OF WORK SESSION MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 16, 2010

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

### APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 16, 2010

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

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Thomas Weaver was the only person to sign up and said he wanted to point out that the signage on the front door of this building should be checked against the current State law on types of weapons allowed; he also wanted to thank the board for considering his request to have parts of the Code of Ordinances verified against the current State laws on weapons, which is on the agenda under the Chairman.

## **PUBLIC HEARING/APPEAL**

Consideration of a variance to Article 7, Table 7.2 to allow boat storage along with the recreational vehicle storage already permitted for GC zoned property – Vicki Taylor Lee

Hubbard motion to open at 6:19 p.m.; Johnston second; approved 4-0. After Vicki Taylor Lee gave a brief explanation of the request made, she said that the applicant, Mr. Minkara was here tonight and asked that he come up and state the reason for his request. There were no speakers signed up either for or against.

Hubbard motion to close at 6:23 p.m.; Bosch second; approved 4-0. Bosch motion to postpone decision until December 21 to allow time to gather additional information; Hubbard second; 4-0 approved.

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## **COMMISSION BUSINESS**

### **CHAIRMAN**

**L. B. AHRENS**

- A. Discussion Cherokee County Code of Ordinances, Article 6-106 relating to firearms and weapons and possible conflict with current State laws

Chairman said at the Work Session the County Attorney had been directed to review the information received from Mr. Weaver, State laws, and the Code of Ordinances relating to firearms/weapons

- B. Update - Cherokee Office of Economic Development "Developers Day" outing at Hawks Ridge Golf Club

Chairman said the turnout had been very good. Commissioner Johnston pointed out that while it was still called "Developers Day" which had the connotation it was residential developers, indeed it was not. It was commercial and business developers.

- C. Reminder – Participation in Commuter Survey, Cherokee Office of Economic Development

Chairman said he just wanted to give a reminder that the survey was still available and the more response received, the better the data presented.

- D. Board and Committee Appointments - discussion, timeline

Chairman said there had been a rather broad discussion at the Work Session on the Boards and Committees appointments that were coming up either at the end of the year or the first meeting in January; Chairman mentioned there were 4 appointments on the Development Authority, three of which wished to be re-appointed and they have the name of one to appoint in the other's place. Also mentioned the Airport Authority which has one appointment for unexpired term, they have 6 candidates to evaluate before they will make a recommendation to the board.

**AMENDMENT** – Consideration of a Resolution of Support to the City of Woodstock for their application to move the Georgia Music Hall of Fame to Woodstock

Ahrens motion to approve; Bosch second; approved 4-0.

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

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

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

- E. Cemetery Preservation Committee

After discussion at the Work Session and request from Commissioner Bosch to re-establish the Cemetery Preservation Committee here; Ahrens motion to re-establish the Cemetery Preservation Committee with one member each to be appointed by each Commissioner, for a total of 5 and the terms to run concurrent with the appointing board members. Bosch second; approved 4-0. Bosch appointed James Durr; Ahrens appointed Lowell Lawson; other board members will appoint at December 21 meeting.

- F. Update on the Area 6 All Hazards meeting on December 1

Commissioner Bosch mentioned at this meeting City of Woodstock Mayor Donnie Henriques was also a member of the council. And that \$19.2 million dollars in grants had been provided to Georgia.

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**CONSENT AGENDA**

- (1) Consider execution of Quit Claim Deed for drainage easement rights in conjunction with a drainage easement inadvertently recorded on Fairmount Road
- (2) Approval to award bid and contract for services to Butch Thompson Enterprises to repair/replace the concrete driveway/pad for Fire-ES Station 1/Acworth with a low bid of \$30,156
- (3) Request approval to renew contract for services to Fire One, Inc. to provide ground ladder inspection, testing and repair services at a cost initially of \$13,000, plus additional funding if required by inspection and testing results
- (4) Request for approval to enter into new contract with DECA/Higher Ground to provide a Maintenance contract for 911 Recorder and 24 hour monitoring at a cost of \$10,800. Current contract expires in April however DECA/Higher Ground has prorated the 2011 contract to reflect a January to December rotation
- (5) Request for approval to enter into renewal contract with Lee Technologies to provide a back-up power supply for Cherokee County E-911 and the Emergency Operations Center at a cost of \$7,000
- (6) Request approval to award bid and purchase a EasyLawn replacement for 1999 Finn Hydroseeder from Ladd's Farm Supply, Cartersville at a cost of \$39,500 for Roads and Bridges

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

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**COUNTY MANAGER**

- (7) Approve lease to Express Employment Professionals of 2,237 square foot space located at 155 Towne Lake Parkway with monthly lease payment of \$2,197.50 beginning February 1, 2011

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

- (8) Approval and award of bid and contract with Correct Health of Stockbridge, GA for inmate medical services at a cost of \$1,746,889.24

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

- (9) Consideration of approval of Local Aid Agreement between Cherokee County and the Georgia Department of Transportation for the 2011 LMIG Resurfacing of various County roads totaling \$1,093,000.56 and covers 12.46 miles of resurfacing on 8 roadways

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

- (10) Approval to submit applications for funding for the Robin Road and SR92 Enhancement projects under GDOT's 2011 Transportation Enhancement (TE) call for projects

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

- (11) Request authorization for Chairman to execute agreement to allow the County to make retirement contributions of 4 percent to the Georgia Judicial Retirement System on behalf of Judge John B. Sumner beginning on January 1, 2011

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

**AMENDMENT** Consideration of approval of resolution providing payment of medical premiums for employees who qualify for retirement: 100% - 20+ years of service; 75% - 15 years of service; 50% - 10+ years of service.

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

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**COUNTY ATTORNEY** (Paul Dzikowski in for Angie Davis)

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**ADJOURN**

Hubbard motion to adjourn at 7:04 p.m.; Bosch second; 4-0 approval.