

# SUMMARY

## Cherokee County Board of Commissioners

JANUARY 4, 2011 REGULAR MEETING 6:00 P.M.

### CALL TO ORDER

CHAIRMAN AHRENS

Chair called at 6:15 p.m. All members present.

### 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

Four amendments: (1) Under County Manager-add Consideration of approval of MOU between Cherokee County School System and Cherokee County; (2) Under County Attorney-add Call for public hearing to be advertised for February 1, 2011 to consider and Ordinance to ban "Booting" in unincorporated Cherokee County; (3) Under the Chairman-add Consideration of a letter to the State Ethics Commission naming Steve Swindell to work as a lobbyist on behalf of Cherokee County related to property tax issues; (4) Under the Chairman-add Consideration of Resolution to rescind Resolution adopted April 6, 2010 transferring all participants from old 401(a) Plan to Defined Benefit Plan.

Hubbard motion to approve; Johnston second; unanimous approval.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Invitation to Make a Difference at Garland Mountain** On Saturday, January 8, starting at 10 a.m., another trail day at Garland Mountain will be held for volunteers to continue working on the trails. The Cherokee County Saddle Club is hosting an after-work food and drink social starting at 1:30 p.m. in the new pavilion at the trailhead parking lot. All volunteers are asked to pre-register with Cindy Young at [cdingodog1@aol.com](mailto:cdingodog1@aol.com) or by calling (770) 846-6486.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM WORK SESSION-DECEMBER 21, 2010

Bosch motion to approve; Nelms second; unanimous approval.

### APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES-DECEMBER 21, 2010

Bosch motion to approve; Nelms second; unanimous approval.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

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## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- 1) Consider the adoption of standards for the construction and/or development of indoor and outdoor firing ranges – Vicki Taylor Lee requested 30 day postponement in order to gather additional information from State contact at Work Session.

Nelms motion to postpone to February 15; Johnston second; unanimous approval.

- 2) Consideration of revisions to the Zoning Districts, the Permitted Uses Table and related sections of the Zoning Ordinance – Margaret Stallings presented additional material to answer questions and concerns at Work Session and asked for a postponement in order to make the changes requested from that discussion.

Bosch motion to continue to February 1; Nelms second; unanimous approval.

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## **COMMISSION BUSINESS**

### **CHAIRMAN**

**L. B. AHRENS**

- (A) *Nomination and Election of 2011 Vice-Chairman – Post 2*

Ahrens motion to elect Post 2 Commissioner Hubbard; Johnston second; unanimous approval.

- (B) *Notice of Fifth Annual BOC Planning Review on 20 and 21 January*

Ahrens gave information to be presented to public and media after January 10.

- (C) *Request for appointment to the Georgia Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities Region 1 Planning Board (formerly the Department of Health and Human Services Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Addictive Diseases)*

Delaying appointment for further consideration of candidates.

- (D) *Request and recommendation from Northwest Georgia Region 1 Emergency Medical Services Council to replace Dr. Jill Mabley, who resigned to take a position with the State*

Delaying appointment to consider additional candidates.

**AMENDMENT** Consideration of a letter to the State Ethics Commission appointing Steve Swindell to work as a lobbyist on behalf of Cherokee County related to property tax issues and authorizing County Manager to produce

Ahrens motion to approve; Bosch second; unanimous approval.

**AMENDMENT** Resolution to rescind action taken (Resolution) on April 6, 2010 transferring participants out of old 401(a) plan to Defined Benefit Plan

Ahrens motion to approve; Bosch second; unanimous approval.

**COMMISSION POST 1**

**HARRY B. JOHNSTON**

(E) *Appointments to various boards and committees*

Johnston re-appointed Rob Kimmer to Animal Control Advisory Board; Roy Taylor to the Construction Board of Appeals; Lynn Phillips to the Fire Code Appeals Board; Carrie McKinney to the Impact Fee Appeals Board; Tom Hill to the Planning Commission; Johnny Weaver to the Wrecker Service Advisory Board and Roy Taylor to the Zoning Board of Appeals. These are all individual appointments.

On the re-appointment of Robert Morrison to the Lake Allatoona Preservation Authority, Johnston said he had checked the creating legislation and this should be a Board appointment, not a post commissioner appointment as was originally thought and as is shown in the listing for that board. Johnston motion to re-appoint Robert Morrison for a 4 year term beginning January 1, 2011 and ending December 31, 2015. Hubbard second; the vote was for unanimous approval.

**COMMISSION POST 2**

**JIM HUBBARD**

**COMMISSION POST 3**

**KAREN BOSCH**

**COMMISSION POST 4**

**JASON NELMS**

*Appointment to the Wrecker Service Advisory Board – Marshall Green-individual appointment*

Nelms appointed Marshall Green to term to run concurrent with appointing Commissioner and beginning January 1, 2011.

(F) *WMA Firearms Ranges – Rules and other information*

Just for information.

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**COUNTY MANAGER**

1. Requesting approval of the bid award and contract for office supplies to Quick Delivery Office Supply and to piggyback on the State's contract with Staples, Inc.

Hubbard motion to approve; Nelms second; unanimous approval.

2. Requesting approval of the transfer of Elm Street property to the City of Woodstock w/deed restriction providing the property reverts to the County if full payment is not made by March, 2012 deadline

Nelms motion to approve; Bosch second; unanimous approval.

**AMENDMENT** Consideration of approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Cherokee County School System and Cherokee County in support of the School System's application for funding for a grant through GDOT's Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program

Hubbard motion to approve; Johnston second; unanimous approval.

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**COUNTY ATTORNEY**

**AMENDMENT** Call for public hearing to be advertised for February 1 to take public comment on possible Ordinance to ban "booting" in unincorporated Cherokee County

Hubbard motion to approve; Bosch second; unanimous approval.

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**ADJOURN**

Bosch motion to adjourn at 6:50 p.m.; Nelms second; unanimous approval.