

MINUTES

Cherokee County Board of Commissioners

JANUARY 18, 2011

REGULAR MEETING

6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

CHAIRMAN

Chairman Ahrens called the regular meeting of the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners to order at 6:03 p.m. on Tuesday, January 18, 2011. Those in attendance were Commissioner Harry B. Johnston; Vice Chair/Commissioner Jim Hubbard; Commissioner Karen Bosch; Commissioner Jason Nelms; County Manager Jerry Cooper; County Attorney Angie Davis; County Clerk Sheila R. Corbin; Agency Directors/Department Heads; the media and the public.

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"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lori Pesta, President of Cherokee Republican Women, read a Resolution to honor President Reagan's accomplishments and legacy during his 100th birthday

The Board of Commissioners and Mr. Cooper extend their sincere thanks and appreciation for the smooth functioning and professionalism of the Emergency Operations Center (EOC), and in particular the diligence of our Roads and Bridges Dept. and the Parks and Recreation Maintenance crews to make our streets safe

Chairman Ahrens announced a joint event, sponsored by Cherokee Bank and the Ledger-News to be held here in the conference center, at which he would be making the introduction. It is called "**SNAPSHOT 2011**" and will be on Thursday, January 27th beginning at 8 a.m. Michael Carnathan, who is a Senior researcher with the Atlanta Regional Commission, will present past, present and future demographics and economics of Cherokee County, for businesses or anyone who has an interest in the future of Cherokee County. There is no charge to attend, but reservations are required. Contact Cindy Poole at CindyPoole@cherokeebank.com

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

APPROVAL OF WORK SESSION MINUTES January 4, 2011

Commissioner Bosch made a motion to approve; Commissioner Nelms seconded and the motion received unanimous approval.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FROM January 4, 2011

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

(1) In consideration of 2011 Budget

Vice Chair/Commissioner Hubbard made the motion to open the public hearing at 6:14 p.m.; Commissioner Johnston seconded and the motion to open received unanimous approval.

Mr. Cooper explained that while the public hearing advertisement had said that adoption would be considered after the public hearing, because there had been a delay in getting the documents completed and online before today, he would ask that the public hearing be held tonight, but adoption would not take place until February 1, 2011.

And he would ask that at that meeting, if there was anyone who wished to speak on the proposed budget, it be done during the Public Comment portion of the meeting.

Mr. Cooper gave a brief Power Point presentation of the 2011 budget; after this, he asked for any comment from the public. There were no speakers.

Vice Chair/Commissioner Hubbard made a motion to close the public hearing at 6:37 p.m.; Commissioner Bosch seconded; the vote was for unanimous approval to close the public hearing. No action taken.

(2) To consider repealing Section 6-106 entitled "Dangerous Weapons Prohibited" of Article II entitled "Alcohol Beverage Tax and Regulation" of Division III entitled "On-Premises Consumption" of Chapter 6 entitled "Alcoholic Beverages" in its entirety

Vice Chair/Commissioner Hubbard made a motion to open the public hearing at 6:40 p.m., after Mrs. Davis gave a brief explanation; Commissioner Johnston seconded and the motion to open received unanimous approval. There were no speakers.

Vice Chair/Commissioner Hubbard made the motion to close the public hearing at 6:42 p.m.; Commissioner Bosch seconded and the vote was for unanimous approval to close.

Commissioner Johnston made the motion to adopt as recommended by the County Attorney; Commissioner Nelms seconded and the vote was for unanimous approval.

SUMMARY OF ZONING CASES HEARD ON JANUARY 4

CASE NUMBER : 11-01-002
APPLICANT : Steve Turner
ZONING CHANGE : R-80 to AG
LOCATION : 600 Old Mill Road, Ball Ground
MAP & PARCEL NUMBER : 03N16-062 and 063
ACRES : 10.74
PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT : Rural Residential
COMMISSION DISTRICT : Post 1
FUTURE DEVELOPMENT MAP : Suburban Growth
PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION: APPROVAL

Commissioner Johnston made a motion to approve as AG with the addition of one condition, which states "No storage or staging of heavy equipment except as primarily used in owner's farming operation". Vice Chair/Commissioner Hubbard seconded and the vote was for unanimous approval.

CASE NUMBER : 11-01-003
APPLICANT : B.T. Associates, Inc.
ZONING CHANGE : AG & R-80 to GC
LOCATION : Highway 20
MAP & PARCEL NUMBER : 03N23-144 and 03N23A-047A
ACRES : .4.43
PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT : Commercial – Tractor Supply
COMMISSION DISTRICT : Post 1
FUTURE DEVELOPMENT MAP : Community Village/Suburban Growth

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION: APPROVAL WITH CONDITIONS:

1. Maximum parking should be 4 spaces per 1,000 square feet of building space.
2. Access road to be completed according to Engineering recommendations.

Commissioner Johnston made the motion to approve as GC with conditions as recommended by Planning Commission; Vice Chair/Commissioner Hubbard seconded and the vote was a unanimous approval.

COMMISSION BUSINESS

CHAIRMAN

L.B. AHRENS

- A. *Appointment of Ashley Holcomb to the Development Authority of Cherokee County to replace Larry Lusk and as recommended by Development Authority Board Chairman Marshall Day*

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

- B. *Re-Appointment of Marshall Day, Skip Spears and Harold Swindell to the Development Authority of Cherokee County*

Commissioner Bosch made the motion to re-appoint; Commissioner Nelms second and the motion received unanimous approval.

- C. *Appointment of Mark Goddard (Cobb EMC) and David Pitts (GA Power) to the Cobb-Cherokee Joint Development Authority and the re-appointment of Steven Woodruff as Cherokee County's representatives-terms are 6 years*

Commissioner Nelms made the motion to appoint and re-appoint as requested; Commissioner Bosch seconded and the vote was a unanimous approval.

- D. *Appointment of Billy Hayes to the Region 1 EMS Council to replace Dr. Jill Mabley and as recommended by Chief Dan West*

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

- E. *Appointment of ACCG Legislative Coordinator ... Commissioner Karen Bosch and adoption of ACCG Resolution stating same*

Chairman Ahrens nominated Commissioner Bosch and requested approval of the ACCG resolution; Commissioner Nelms seconded; the nomination and request was approved by vote of 4-0, with Commissioner Bosch abstaining.

COMMISSION POST 1

HARRY B. JOHNSTON

- F. *Possible change to Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance to permit serving of wine or alcoholic beverages at special events in the space leased as the Historical Society Museum in the Historic Courthouse*

Commissioner Johnston said after discussion at the Work Session when he explained the issue, a decision to call for a public hearing was also discussed

and so he would make a motion to advertise the public hearing on the issue for February 1; Vice Chair/Commissioner Hubbard seconded and the motion received unanimous approval.

VICE CHAIR/COMMISSION POST 2 **JIM HUBBARD**

COMMISSION POST 3 **KAREN BOSCH**

COMMISSION POST 4 **JASON NELMS**

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Request approval to surplus old IT equipment

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

COUNTY MANAGER

2. Modify Retirement Medical Policy, adopted December 7, 2010, to change ending period from January 31 to July 1, 2011 for employees who qualify, for payment of medical premiums

Commissioner Bosch made a motion to approve; Commissioner Nelms seconded and the motion received unanimous approval.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

ADJOURN When the Chairman asked if there was any other business, hearing none, Commissioner Bosch made a motion to adjourn at 6:57 p.m.; Vice Chair/Commissioner Hubbard seconded and there was unanimous approval.