

# SUMMARY

## Cherokee County Board of Commissioners

FEBRUARY 1, 2011 REGULAR MEETING CHEROKEE HALL 6:00 P.M.

### CALL TO ORDER

CHAIRMAN

Chair called at 6:04 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

One amendment – under Announcements, on Saturday, February 12<sup>th</sup> starting at 10:00 a.m., there will be another trail improvement day at Garland Mountain.

Bosch motion to approve; Hubbard second; unanimous approval.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

At the Wednesday, 26 January Board meeting of the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC), Chairman Tad Leithead appointed Buzz Ahrens Vice Chairman of that organization

Update on Cherokee County EMS *"State of the Art"* and medically advanced service levels – Chief Danny West and Dr. Jill Mabley spoke.

On Saturday, February 26 at 8:00 a.m. (check-in at 7 a.m.) at Hobgood Park, the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual **GUNS and HOSES** 5k Run/Walk will be held. Registration is \$20.00 in advance and \$25.00 race day. The Sheriff's Office **GUNS** will donate to CASA. The Fire Department **HOSES** will donate to the Hope and Light Foundation. You can register online at [www.active.com](http://www.active.com) or print a registration form at [www.crpa.net](http://www.crpa.net) and mail it in or register in person at the South Annex Recreation Center. For additional information, contact Neely Motiejunas at (770) 924-7768 or [nmotiejunas@cherokeega.com](mailto:nmotiejunas@cherokeega.com)

**AMENDMENT** On Saturday, February 12<sup>th</sup> starting at 10:00 a.m., there will be another trail improvement day at Garland Mountain. Plan to arrive at the parking lot by 9:45 a.m. All volunteers are asked to pre-register with Cindy Young at [cdingodog1@aol.com](mailto:cdingodog1@aol.com) or (770) 846-6486.

### APPROVAL OF WORK SESSION MINUTES FROM JANUARY 18, 2011

Bosch motion to approve; Nelms second; unanimous approval.

## **APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FROM JANUARY 18, 2011**

Bosch motion to approve; Nelms second; unanimous approval.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Brandon Roberts asked to speak about forming the Cherokee County Teen Republicans and thanked Commissioner Nelms who had agreed to act as an advisor to the group.

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- 1) Consideration of a ban on Vehicle Immobilization Devices "booting" in unincorporated Cherokee County except by law enforcement

Hubbard motion to open at 6:23 p.m.; Bosch second; unanimous to open. After a brief explanation by Commissioner Nelms, the Chair called the first speaker, Mr. Tom Ware. Mr. Ware said he would like to wait until after Mr. Anthony Leete of Atlanta Impound spoke. Mr. Leete, who is the owner of Atlanta Impound said he would be willing to cut the fees and put out more signs if necessary. When asked what the fees for having the boot removed were, he said they range from \$125 to \$500, depending on the size of the vehicle. Commissioners Nelms, Bosch and Hubbard all said they had gotten several complaints saying they had to pay \$500, no matter what size the vehicle. Mr. Ware was in support of the ban, saying that it sounds to him like it is extortion.

Hubbard motion to close at 6:49 p.m.; Bosch second; unanimous to close.

Nelms motion to adopt the proposed Ordinance to ban vehicle immobilization devices (booting) in Cherokee County, except for law enforcement; Bosch second; vote was for unanimous approval.

- 2) To allow the serving of wine at special events in the Historical Society Museum in the Historic Courthouse

Hubbard motion to open at 6:56 p.m.; Johnston second; unanimous to open. After Commissioner Johnston made a brief statement regarding the request, the Chairman called the only speaker, Mr. Steve Nelson, who was in favor. Hubbard motion to close at 6:59 p.m.; Johnston second; unanimous to close.

Johnston motion to approve as proposed in the corrected Ordinance; Hubbard second; unanimous approval.

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**COMMISSION BUSINESS**

**CHAIRMAN**

**L. B. AHRENS**

- A. *Appointment to Cherokee County Recreation and Parks Advisory Board*

Chair appointed Jim Haslam-individual appointment.

- B. *Recap of BOC planning meeting at Barnsley Gardens, 20 – 21 Jan.*
- C. *Cherokee recently reached qualifying criteria to earn designation as a “Work Ready Community”, under the State’s Work Ready program. In moving to the next phase of post-certification, the Cherokee Chamber of Commerce will assume direct responsibility with support from Cherokee County staff and Chattahoochee Technical College*

**COMMISSION POST 1**

**HARRY B. JOHNSTON**

- D. *Appointment to Cherokee County Recreation and Parks Advisory Board*

Johnston appointed Bryan Roach-individual appointment.

**VICE CHAIR/COMMISSION POST 2**

**JIM HUBBARD**

- E. *Appointment to Cherokee County Recreation and Parks Advisory Board*

Hubbard appointed Tom Ware-individual appointment.

- F. *Appointment to Animal Control Advisory Board-replacement*

Hubbard appointed Peggy Paris-individual appointment.

**COMMISSION POST 3**

**KAREN BOSCH**

**COMMISSION POST 4**

**JASON NELMS**

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**CONSENT AGENDA**

- (1) Request for approval of Williams Consulting Engineering, PC to provide electrical engineering services for the Blalock Soccer Complex in the amount of \$15,000; and to approve same to provide other miscellaneous electrical engineering services on a work order basis

- (2) Request approval of distribution line easement to Georgia Power at 1229 Univeter Road (Cherokee Day Training Center) for construction and maintenance of electric lines

Bosch motion to approve; Nelms second; unanimous approval.

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**COUNTY MANAGER**

- (3) Consideration of lease between Cherokee County and Youth Basketball of America (YBA) for YBA's use of the Buffington Gym for basketball lessons, training and play

Johnston motion to approve; Hubbard second; unanimous approval.

- (4) Adoption of 2011 Budget of \$179,286,400.00

Hubbard motion to approve; Bosch second; unanimous approval.

- (5) Consider adoption of Fitness/Wellness Project budget of \$1,499,714.

Hubbard motion to approve; Bosch second; unanimous approval.

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**COUNTY ATTORNEY**

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**ADJOURN**

Hubbard motion to adjourn at 7:23 p.m.; Johnston second; unanimous approval.