

MINUTES

Cherokee County Board of Commissioners

APRIL 5, 2011 REGULAR MEETING CHEROKEE HALL 6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

CHAIRMAN AHRENS

Chairman Ahrens called the regular meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. Those present include 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. Also present were 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

- 1) Water Tank Road at State Route 20: Closed March 24, 2011-April 7, 2011
- 2) Roscoe Collette Road inside Dawson County: Closed April 2, 2011-April 10, 2011
- 3) Lower Birmingham Road will be closed to thru traffic beginning Monday, April 4, 2011 at 8:00 a.m. between Sugar Pike Road and County Line through Friday, April 8, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. A posted detour will be provided; for questions, call 770-345-5842.
- 4) Announcing the appointment of Dana McKinzie as Chief Deputy Tax Commissioner – formality only
- 5) Announcing "Thank you" received from the location manager for Green House Pictures **"The Odd Life of Timothy Green"**
- 6) Announcing the availability of the full text of the Minutes and Ordinances on the web site under "Public Meeting Records" from January 1, 2000.

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

2 amendments to agenda: (1) Under County Attorney-from Executive Session-add Authorization to proceed with settlement in lawsuit; (2) Under Chairman – add Cherokee County will now have a permanent seat on North Georgia Water Planning District Board. After the Chairman read the amendments, he asked for a motion. Commissioner Bosch made a motion to approve; Vice Chair/Commissioner Hubbard seconded and the resulting vote was for unanimous approval.

APPROVAL OF WORK SESSION MINUTES FROM MARCH 15, 2011

When the Chairman asked for a motion, Commissioner Bosch made the motion to approve; Commissioner Nelms seconded and the motion was approved 4-1 with Commissioner Johnston abstaining due to absence.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FROM MARCH 15, 2011

Chairman Ahrens asked for a motion, Commissioner Bosch made a motion to approve; Commissioner Nelms seconded and the resulting vote was for a 4-1 approval with Commissioner Johnston abstaining due to absence.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Richard Mauldin was the only speaker; he asked about status of Canton Park. Chairman Ahrens asked Mr. Cooper to break practice, explaining to Mr. Mauldin that normally there is no comment from the board. Mr. Cooper stated that HDR Engineering was 98% complete on the design of the park with the bid going out soon and construction to begin in the fall of this year. And of course, the City of Canton would have to approve the design, etc.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS Postponed from March 15, 2011.

CASE NUMBER	: <u>11-03-004</u>
APPLICANT	: Lafarge Building Materials, Inc.
ZONING CHANGE	: <u>AG to HI</u>
LOCATION	: <u>Bethesda Trail</u>
MAP & PARCEL NUMBER	: <u>04N03, 041A</u>
ACRES	: <u>11.6</u>
PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT	: <u>Buffer</u>
COMMISSION DISTRICT	: <u>Post 1</u>
FUTURE DEVELOPMENT MAP	: <u>Suburban Living</u>

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION: Denial

Commissioner Johnston made a motion to approve as HI with a condition of "Property more than 30 feet north of the existing power line easement shall be left as undisturbed buffer and not used for storage of over burden or other industrial operations." Vice Chair/Commissioner Hubbard seconded and the vote was for unanimous approval.



COMMISSION BUSINESS

CHAIRMAN

L. B. AHRENS

1] Cherokee 2010 census results

Cherokee growth at 51% between 2000 and 2010; 3rd highest in State.

AMENDMENT Census results have enabled Cherokee County to secure permanent seat on North Georgia Water Planning District board. Before it was a rotating position.

2] Participation in Water Conservation program www.mydropcounts.org

Innovation through North Georgia Water Planning District encouraging conservation and reducing usage.

New – The final project list, for the RTA referendum, of Cherokee County and its cities was hand delivered to ARC/GDOT Planning Director before deadline. Total request for Cherokee is approximately \$600 million with the 10 county total being \$28 billion. As the projected value for the RTA, if passed, is only \$7 billion there will need to be a lot of paring down.

COMMISSION POST 1

HARRY B. JOHNSTON

VICE CHAIR/COMMISSION POST 2

JIM HUBBARD

COMMISSION POST 3

KAREN BOSCH

3] Update on Cherokee 75 property

Commissioner Bosch wanted to pass along information re former Woodtech property purchased by the Cherokee Office of Economic Development; will be bringing back for a public hearing on a variance request in the near future. Also will be bringing a board initiated rezone on the Tyson & Dunn properties.

COMMISSION POST 4

JASON NELMS

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve budget amendment/transfer to ARC FY2011 Budget to start a new service to replace the Congregate Program at the Bells Ferry Senior Services Satellite Center with a new program, the Senior Recreation Group

2. Approval of the purchase of two (2) Parks vehicles for maintenance activities in the amount of \$45,746 from Park Bond funds
3. Requesting approval to award contract for services to repair/replace concrete driveway/pad at Station 13-Knox Bridge Rd. to Concrete Services Group in the amount of \$13,000
4. Requesting approval of Intergovernmental Agreement between Cherokee County and the City of Ball Ground for paving a portion of Mineral Springs Road
5. Consider approval of a proposal from Sunbelt Structures, Inc. for the installation of concrete sidewalk along Woodcreek Drive in the Woodcreek Subdivision in the amount of \$9,789.

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

COUNTY MANAGER

6. Request approval of GDOT Section 5311 Grant Application for FY2012 in the amount of \$463,464 for the CATS program

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

7. Requesting approval to establish Benefits Committee and by-laws

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

8. Approval to award construction contract to W.E. Contracting for a total amount requested of \$615,931 for the Sequoyah Park Improvements and Renovations – Park Bond funds

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

9. Request approval to award contract for construction services on Justice Center Juvenile Court renovation (old Commission offices) to R.G. Williams Construction Inc. for \$697,700; with projected completion date of 120 days

Commissioner Bosch made a motion to approve; Commissioner Johnston seconded and there was unanimous approval.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

AMENDMENT

From Executive Session – Request for authorization for settlement of lawsuit

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

ADJOURN

After the Chairman asked if there was any other business, hearing none, Vice Chair/Commissioner Hubbard made a motion to adjourn at 6:32 p.m.; Commissioner Johnston seconded and the vote was for unanimous approval.

These Minutes were approved at the regular meeting on April 19, 2011.