

SUMMARY

Cherokee County Board of Commissioners

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

CALL TO ORDER

CHAIRMAN AHRENS

Chair called at 6:03 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"

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.

Bosch motion to approve; Hubbard second; unanimous approval.

APPROVAL OF WORK SESSION MINUTES FROM MARCH 15, 2011

Bosch motion to approve; Nelms second; approved 4-1 with Johnston abstaining due to absence.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FROM MARCH 15, 2011

Bosch motion to approve; Nelms second; approved 4-1 with Johnston abstaining due to absence.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Richard Mauldin only speaker; asked about status of Canton Park.

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

Johnston motion to approve as HI with 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." Hubbard second; 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.

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

Initiative through North Georgia Water Planning District.

New – The 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

Just wanted to pass along information re Woodtech property purchase; 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.

Hubbard motion to approve; Johnston second; 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

Johnston motion to approve; Hubbard second; unanimous approval.

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

Nelms motion to approve; Bosch second; 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

Hubbard motion to approve; Johnston second; 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

Bosch motion to approve; Johnston second; unanimous approval.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

AMENDMENT

From Executive Session - Authorization for settlement of lawsuit

Hubbard motion to approve; Bosch second; unanimous approval.

ADJOURN

Hubbard motion to adjourn at 6:32 p.m.; Johnston second; unanimous approval.