

MINUTES

Cherokee County Board of Commissioners

JULY 19, 2011

REGULAR MEETING

6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

CHAIRMAN

Chairman Ahrens called the regular meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.; present including the Chairman was Commissioner Harry Johnston and Commissioner Jason Nelms. Also present were County Manager Jerry Cooper; County Attorney Angie Davis and County Clerk Sheila R. Corbin. In attendance were Agency Directors, Department Heads, the media and the public. (Vice Chair/Commissioner Hubbard is out-of-town, as is Commissioner Bosch this week.)

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"

PRESENTATION

Sheriff Roger Garrison will recognize the Cherokee County Marshal's Office for obtaining State Re-Certification and present a plaque awarded by the Georgia Association Chiefs of Police

Sheriff Garrison presented the first plaque to Chief Marshal Ray Waters telling the audience there are only two Marshal's Offices in the State to have received certification. A plaque was also presented to the Marshal's Office Certification Manager, Jo-Ann Faverey, for her hard work and determination to achieve re-certification for the office.

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

There were three amendments: (1) Under County Manager - add 2011 ERIP Budget Amendment; (2) Under Chairman – add Update on Transportation Investment Act of 2011 (H.B. 277) Regional Transportation Tax referendum and progression of Cherokee's submitted project list; (3) Under Chairman – add mention of additional need for appointment to replace Terry Green on Board of Ethics and mention appointment to LAPA to replace John Hicks. After the Chairman read the amendments, he asked for a motion. Commissioner Johnston made the motion to approve; Commissioner Nelms seconded and the amendments were approved 3-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(1) *The Cherokee County Board of Commissioners congratulates Cherokee Sheriff's Office Division of Emergency Management Deputy Director Renee Cornelison for obtaining the Certified Emergency Managers® (CEM®) credential. Deputy Director Cornelison's approval for this designation makes Cherokee County the only emergency management program in Georgia with both the Director and Deputy Director holding the CEM® credential.*

(2) *Congratulations to the Twin Creeks Express for bringing home the Georgia ASA 8 & Under All Stars State Championship held July 1st & 2nd at Central Park in Forsyth County. The Express went undefeated throughout the tournament winning the Championship Game 18-3! This is the seventh state championship for Cherokee Youth Softball teams in seven years of softball @ Twin Creeks Softball Complex. The Twin Creeks Twins were State Runner-Ups in the 12 & Under division.*

CRPA also hosted the Georgia Recreation & Parks Association state tournament on July 7-9 @ Twin Creeks for the 10 & Under and 12 & Under divisions. The Twin Creeks Thunder were State Runner-Ups in the 10 & Under division at this tournament.

APPROVAL OF WORK SESSION MINUTES FROM JULY 5, 2011

When the Chairman asked for a motion, Commissioner Nelms made a motion to approve; Commissioner Johnston seconded and the motion was approved 3-0.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FROM JULY 5, 2011

Chairman Ahrens asked for a motion, Commissioner Johnston made a motion to approve; Commissioner Nelms seconded and the vote was a 3-0 approval.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

PUBLIC HEARING

(1) SECOND PUBLIC HEARING re 2011 Millage Rate

Commissioner Johnston made a motion to open the public hearing at 6:19 p.m.; Commissioner Nelms seconded and the motion was approved 3-0.

Mr. Cooper went through his presentation. There were no speakers for or against. Commissioner Johnston made the motion to close the public hearing at 6:36 p.m.; Commissioner Nelms seconded and the motion was approved 3-0. No action taken.

ZONING SUMMARY

At the July 5th, 2011 meeting the Planning Commission reviewed the following items:

CASE NUMBER : **11-07-010**
APPLICANT : Tribble Alley, LLC
ZONING CHANGE : R-60 to AG
LOCATION : Holbrook Campground Road
MAP & PARCEL NUMBER : 03N30, 099
ACRES : 23 +/-
PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT : Rural Residential
COMMISSION DISTRICT : Post 1
FUTURE DEVELOPMENT MAP : Suburban Growth

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION: Approval

Mr. Watkins reviewed the case. Commissioner Johnston made a motion to approve as requested to rezone to AG (Agricultural) zoning with one condition of "No swine and no poultry beyond those allowed in residential zoning." Commissioner Nelms seconded the motion and the vote was for a 3-0 approval.

COMMISSION BUSINESS

CHAIRMAN

L. B. AHRENS

- (A) *Appointment to fill unexpired term of Becky Brown, on Board of Ethics, who resigned effective March 21, 2011, as she was moving out of state. Mrs. Brown was the Democratic appointment. Recommending Mark Webb to serve until the end of this term, which is January, 2016. This is a Board appointment and the term is 7 years.*

Chairman Ahrens made a motion to appoint Mark Webb; Commissioner Johnston seconded and the motion was approved 3-0.

AMENDMENT 2. Update on Transportation Investment Act of 2011 (H.B. 277) Regional Transportation Tax referendum and progression of Cherokee's submitted project lists.

Chairman Ahrens briefly explained where the process is and what the status of Cherokee's list is for now.

AMENDMENT 3. Mention need for a Republican appointment to replace Terry Green, who resigned last week, on Board of Ethics; Mention appointment to LAPA to replace John Hicks.

Chairman Ahrens said he would like to request that anyone who is interested in either of these 2 boards to please let us know.

(B) Follow-up on recommendations from Mr. Cooper for One-time Voluntary Incentivized Retirement Plan

Chairman Ahrens stated as two board members were absent, he would rather wait until all board members are present before making a decision. So will postpone until August 2.

COMMISSION POST 1 **HARRY B. JOHNSTON**

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

COMMISSION POST 3 **KAREN BOSCH**

COMMISSION POST 4 **JASON NELMS**

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consider approval of Resolutions and agreement with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources for reimbursement from the Hazardous Waste Trust Fund for mitigation work at the Blalock Road Landfill site in the amounts of \$17,455.08 and \$24,030.00 for a total of \$41,485.08
2. Acceptance of rights-of-way, roadways and appurtenant drainage structures for maintenance in **Woodmont Unit 7B** subdivision including but not limited to: Glencedars Lane

After Mr. Cooper read the items on the Consent Agenda, Commissioner Johnston made the motion to approve; Commissioner Nelms seconded and the Consent Agenda was approved 3-0.

COUNTY MANAGER

AMENDMENT 1.

Approve Budget Amendment to transfer portion of budget from salaries to ERIP expense.

Commissioner Johnston made a motion to approve; Commissioner Nelms seconded and the motion was approved 3-0.

3. Requesting approval to enter into Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with Georgia Tax and Regulatory Solutions, LLC (GTRS) for a potential revenue opportunity relating to billboards and telecommunications facilities (cell tower sites)

Commissioner Johnston made the motion to approve; Commissioner Nelms seconded and the request was approved 3-0.

4. Approval to award Professional Services Agreement (PSA) to American Environment & Infrastructure, Inc.(AMEC E&I) formerly MACTEC Engineering and Consulting, Inc. for the most responsive bid proposal to provide master planning, design & engineering; and bid/award and construction administration services for park improvement projects for the cities of Nelson, Ball Ground and Waleska, and the County's Waleska Park for \$75,646. and additional \$25,000.00 in contingency for expected supplementary meetings for a total of \$100,646.00 (Park Bond Funds)

Commissioner Nelms made the motion to approve; Commissioner Johnston seconded and the vote was for a 3-0 approval.

5. Approval of CDBG 2011 Amended Annual Action Plan

Commissioner Johnston made a motion to approve; Commissioner Nelms seconded and the motion was approved 3-0.

6. Requesting approval of budget amendment/transfer of funds to increase revenues and expenses to account for adding CCYB (Cherokee County Youth Basketball) to the athletic program for CRPA

Commissioner Nelms made a motion to approve; Commissioner Johnston seconded and the vote was for a 3-0 approval.

7. Approval of an increase to the contingency account for the Hobgood Park Improvements and Additions construction project in the amount of \$50,000.

Commissioner Nelms made the motion to approve; Commissioner Johnston seconded and the motion was approved 3-0.

8. Approval of change order to the PSA (Professional Services Agreement) with Cooper Carry for additional services and compensation in the total amount of \$43,000. for Aquatic Center

Commissioner Johnston made a motion to approve; Commissioner Nelms seconded and the vote was for a 3-0 approval.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

ADJOURN

When the Chairman asked if there was any other business, hearing none, Commissioner Johnston made the motion to adjourn at 7:05 p.m.; Commissioner Nelms seconded and the motion was approved 3-0.

These Minutes were approved at the meeting on August 2, 2011.