

MINUTES

Cherokee County Board of Commissioners

AUGUST 2, 2011 REGULAR MEETING

6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

CHAIRMAN AHRENS

Chairman Ahrens called the regular meeting to order at 6:07 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"

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

There were 2 amendments: (1) Under Announcements-add Public Release of information on new Northside-Cherokee Hospital; (2) Under Consent Agenda-Move item 2 to County Manager's portion. After the Chairman read the amendments, he asked for a motion, Vice Chair/Commissioner Hubbard made the motion to approve; Commissioner Nelms seconded and there was unanimous approval.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cherokee County Roads and Bridges announces the closing of Gantt Road at the creek halfway between Pearls Farm and Bowen Lane for an indefinite period of time due to road/drainage issues, effective Monday, August 1, 2011. A detour will be posted. For questions, please call Roads and Bridges at 770-345-5842.

Reminders-Still need 2 appointees to the Region 1 Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Addictive Diseases Planning Board; Need a replacement appointment for Terry Green, Republican, who resigned from the Board of Ethics, term ends January 2017; Need a replacement appointment for John Hicks, who resigned from the Lake Allatoona Preservation Authority, term ends December 31, 2012.

Chairman Ahrens mentioned he has two names for the Board of Ethics appointment, and will bring forward at August 16 meeting.

Chairman Ahrens mentioned he has one name for the Lake Allatoona Preservation Authority appointment and will bring forward at next meeting.

AMENDMENT Chairman Ahrens made an Announcement re Public Release of information from an invitation only luncheon and presentation by Northside Hospital of the construction of a new Northside-Cherokee Hospital with at least a 350 bed capacity, an investment of \$250 million dollars and possible opening date of early 2015.

APPROVAL OF WORK SESSION MINUTES FROM JULY 19, 2011

When the Chairman asked for a motion, Commissioner Johnston made a motion to approve; Commissioner Nelms seconded and the Work Session Minutes were approved 3-2 with Commissioner Bosch and Vice Chair/Commissioner Hubbard abstaining as they had not been at the meeting.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FROM JULY 19, 2011

Chairman Ahrens asked for a motion, Commissioner Nelms made the motion to approve; Commissioner Johnston seconded and the Regular Meeting Minutes were approved 3-2 with Commissioner Bosch and Vice Chair/Commissioner Hubbard abstaining as they had not been at the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

(1) Fourth and final public hearing on 2011 Millage Rate; After the public hearing is completed, the Board will adopt the millage rates for the County and the Board of Education

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

Mr. Cooper gave a PowerPoint presentation explaining shortfall and the options available and necessity of millage rate increase in order to avoid service interruptions and/or furloughs. Seven had signed up to speak, 5 spoke in opposition to the increase, 1 in support and one who decided not to speak but was in opposition.

Vice Chair/Commissioner Hubbard made a motion to close the public hearing at 7:04 p.m.; Commissioner Johnston seconded and the vote was for unanimous approval.

After much discussion among the board members, Commissioner Johnston made the motion to approve the General Fund millage rate at 5.365, the Fire District millage rate at 3.129, and the Parks Bond millage rate at 0.641;

Commissioner Johnston also included in his motion approval of School Board M&O millage rate of 19.450 and School Board Bond millage rate at 0.400 for a total combined millage rate of 28.985. Vice Chair/Commissioner Hubbard seconded and the motion was approved 4-1 with Commissioner Nelms voting nay.

- (2)** Consideration of an Ordinance to levy and impose a 911 charge of 75 cents on prepaid wireless service at the retail point and in accordance with O.C.G.A. §46-5-134.2

Vice Chair/Commissioner Hubbard made the motion to open the public hearing at 7:30 p.m.; Commissioner Johnston seconded and there was unanimous approval. Mr. Cooper presented the request. There were no speakers. Vice Chair/Commissioner Hubbard made the motion to close the public hearing at 7:30:59 p.m.; Commissioner Bosch seconded and there was unanimous approval.

Vice Chair/Commissioner Hubbard made a motion to approve the request; Commissioner Nelms seconded and the motion received unanimous approval.

- (3)** To consider a modification to the Cherokee County Procurement Ordinance to correct a scrivener's error at Sub-Article 6, §2-5-6.01

Vice Chair/Commissioner Hubbard made a motion to open the public hearing at 7:31:45 p.m.; Commissioner Johnston seconded and the approval was unanimous. Mr. Cooper presented the request. There were no speakers. Vice Chair/Commissioner Hubbard made the motion to close the public hearing at 7:32 p.m.; Commissioner Johnston seconded and there was unanimous approval.

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

REQUEST

Request a Public Hearing be held to take public comment on Increase in Building Permit Fees on September 6, 2011

After hearing from Jeff Watkins briefly, Commissioner Bosch made the motion to set public hearing; Commissioner Nelms seconded and there was unanimous approval.

COMMISSION BUSINESS

CHAIRMAN

L. B. AHRENS

COMMISSION POST 1

HARRY B. JOHNSTON

VICE CHAIR/COMMISSION POST 2

JIM HUBBARD

COMMISSION POST 3

KAREN BOSCH

Accept Jim Derr's resignation from Cemetery Preservation Committee – Informational only

COMMISSION POST 4

JASON NELMS

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Requesting approval to exercise "Option to Renew" Bobby Tucker Grading and Hauling contract from September 8, 2011 through September 7, 2012 for Roads and Bridges
2. Requesting approval of the renewal of the IGA (Intergovernmental Agreement) between Cherokee County and the City of Canton to administer and conduct Special/Municipal Elections
3. Requesting approval of Updated List of Roads for Radar Permit and authorization for Chairman to execute

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

COUNTY MANAGER

AMENDMENT Moved from Consent Agenda

4. Request approval to retain the services of e Plan Solutions, Inc. to accept on-line plan submittal for review and permitting

Vice Chair/Commissioner Hubbard made the motion to approve; Commissioner Johnston seconded and the motion received unanimous approval.

5. Consideration of one-time, incentivized, voluntary* (*changed to selective) retirement plan

Mr. Cooper reviewed the details of the ERIP. After a motion was made by Commissioner Nelms to approve and Vice Chair/Commissioner Hubbard seconded, Commissioner Johnston asked that language in motion and agenda be changed from "voluntary" to "selective", as an amendment to the motion. Commissioner Nelms and Vice Chair/Commissioner Hubbard agreed to amend the motion; and the final vote was for unanimous approval.

6. Requesting approval to renew and accept the FY2012 ARC Aging Subgrant Contract for a total budget of \$613,599, which is an increase of \$16,274 from ARC FY2011 initial budget for Senior Services

Commissioner Bosch made a motion to approve; the motion was seconded by both Commissioner Nelms and Vice Chair/Commissioner Hubbard the resulting vote was for unanimous approval.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

ADJOURN

When the Chairman asked if there was any further business, hearing none, Vice Chair/Commissioner Hubbard made the motion to adjourn at 7:47 p.m.; Commissioner Nelms seconded and the motion received unanimous approval.
