

# SUMMARY

## Cherokee County Board of Commissioners

AUGUST 2, 2011 REGULAR MEETING

6:00 P.M.

### CALL TO ORDER

CHAIRMAN AHRENS

The Chairman called at 6:07 p.m. All members were 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

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.

Hubbard motion to approve; Nelms second; unanimous approval.

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### 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.

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*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 mentioned he has two names for Board of Ethics appointment, will bring forward at August 16 meeting. Chairman mentioned he has one name for Lake Allatoona Preservation Authority appointment and will bring forward at next meeting.

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

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**APPROVAL OF WORK SESSION MINUTES FROM JULY 19, 2011**

Johnston motion to approve; Nelms second; approved 3-2 abstaining; Hubbard and Bosch.

**APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FROM JULY 19, 2011**

Nelms motion to approve; Johnston second; approved 3-2 abstaining; Hubbard and Bosch.

**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

Hubbard motion to open at 6:14 p.m.; Johnston second; unanimous approval.

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

Hubbard motion to close at 7:04 p.m.; Johnston second; unanimous approval.

After much discussion, Johnston motion to approve General Fund millage rate at 5.365, Fire District millage rate at 3.129, and Parks Bond millage rate at 0.641; included in 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. Hubbard second; Motion approved 4-1 with Nelms voting nay.

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- (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

Hubbard motion to open at 7:30 p.m.; Johnston second; unanimous approval. Mr. Cooper presented. No speakers. Hubbard motion to close at 7:30:59 p.m.; Bosch second; unanimous approval.

Hubbard motion to approve; Nelms second; unanimous approval.

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- (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

Hubbard motion to open at 7:31:45 p.m.; Johnston second; unanimous approval. Mr. Cooper presented. No speakers. Hubbard motion to close at 7:32 p.m.; Johnston second; unanimous approval.

Johnston motion to approve; Bosch second; unanimous approval.

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### **REQUEST**

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

Bosch motion to set public hearing; Nelms second; unanimous approval.

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### **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 – Information only

**COMMISSION POST 4** **JASON NELMS**

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### **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

Bosch motion to approve; Nelms second; unanimous approval.

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**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

Hubbard motion to approve; Johnston second; 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 Nelms to approve and Hubbard seconded, Johnston asked that language in motion and agenda be changed from "voluntary" to "selective", as an amendment to the motion. Nelms and Hubbard agreed to amendment of motion; 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

Bosch motion to approve; second by Nelms and Hubbard; unanimous approval.

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**COUNTY ATTORNEY**

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**ADJOURN**

Hubbard motion to adjourn at 7:47 p.m.; Nelms second; unanimous approval.