

MINUTES

Cherokee County Board of Commissioners

AUGUST 16, 2011

REGULAR MEETING

6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

CHAIRMAN

Chairman Ahrens called the regular meeting to order at 6:04 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"

PRESENTATION

Presentation of 2010 HOST fees check in the amount of \$2,296,564.02 for Pine Bluff Landfill/Waste Management by JoAnn Birrell, Brian Evola and Marla Prince

Cobb County Commissioner Birrell made a brief statement about the HOST fees and how they are arrived at, after introducing Marla Prince, who is the Community Relations Manager for Waste Management and Brian Evola, who is the Landfill Manager at Pine Bluff Landfill.

PROCLAMATION

To recognize Cherokee County Firefighters' Bucket Drive on behalf of the Muscular Dystrophy Association and a patient family joining Angela Brown, Caileigh (7) and her mother Shauna Roudabaugh (who works for Cherokee County Sheriff's Office)

The Chairman read the Proclamation and then presented it to Chief Raymond Gunnin, Chief Tim Prather and Chief Eddie Robinson, after Ms. Brown made a brief statement about the appreciation of the patients and their families for the Firefighters efforts to help the Muscular Dystrophy Association over the years.

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

- Five Amendments: 1. Under Announcements - add Road Closure-Salacoa Road;
2. Under Consent Agenda – Acceptance of grant for Fire & Emergency

Services; 3. Under County Manager – add Authorization use of four (4) larger soccer fields by Cherokee Soccer Association; 4. Under Chairman – add update on constrained list of projects for the Transportation Investment Act referendum; 5. Under the County Attorney – from Executive Session – add ratification of separation agreement.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- (1) **Electronics Recycling Day is coming!** On Saturday, October 29, 2011 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Cherokee County Administration Building located at 1130 Bluffs Parkway. This event is made possible by Cherokee County, RecycleTronics, and Waste Management. For more information, please call (404) 394-9601.
- (2) **AMENDMENT** The Cherokee County Roads & Bridges Department announces that **Salacoa Road** will be closed beginning 8:00 am Monday August 22, 2011 until 5:00 pm Friday August 26, 2011, for pipe replacement at the creek between Cagle Circle and Cagle Circle. A single lane detour will be available and residents will need to find an alternate route. Questions regarding the road closure should be directed to the Roads & Bridges Department at 770-345-5842.

APPROVAL OF WORK SESSION MINUTES FROM AUGUST 2, 2011

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

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FROM AUGUST 2, 2011

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Two had signed up; Mr. Tom Ware who wanted to speak about the architecture, and design and construction of the Aquatic Center; Mrs. Carolyn Cosby thought she would be able to speak again about the Sunday Package Referendum, however, the Chairman told her as the public hearing had already been held on this, she would not be able to speak.

REQUEST

Call for a Public Hearing to consider transmittal of the 2011 Cherokee County Capital Improvement Element (CIE) and Short Term Work Program (STWP) Annual Update to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs and the Atlanta Regional Commission for review and approval on September 6, 2011.

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

COMMISSION BUSINESS

CHAIRMAN

L. B. AHRENS

- (A) *Recommendations for appointment needed for the Cherokee County Board of Ethics*

Chair said there were several names in nomination and as he had not had the opportunity to speak with each one, he asked to move this item to the September 6 meeting agenda for resolution.

- (B) *Recommendation for appointment needed for the Lake Allatoona Preservation Authority*

Commissioner Bosch made the motion to appoint Bill McDade; Commissioner Nelms seconded and there was unanimous approval.

- (C) *Approval of Resolution authorizing referendum to be placed on election ballot re Package Sales on Sundays by retailers of Package malt beverages and wine as stated in O.C.G.A. § 3-3-7(p) and O.C.G.A. § 21-2-540*

Chairman Ahrens Made the motion to approve; Commissioner Nelms seconded and the motion received unanimous approval.

AMENDMENT Update on status of Cherokee list of projects under Transportation Investment Act 2010

Chairman Ahrens stated the ARC Roundtable Executive Committee succeeded in whittling down a \$22 billion dollar project list to a \$6.1 billion dollar "constrained list" that was sent to the full Roundtable, who has to finalize the list and send on to the GDOT Planning Director by October 13. Chairman

Ahrens said there would be a public information meeting here in Cherokee Hall on September 19 at 6 p.m. where there would be more complete information available. The details would be published later in the month.

COMMISSION POST 1 **HARRY B. JOHNSTON**

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

COMMISSION POST 3 **KAREN BOSCH**

COMMISSION POST 4 **JASON NELMS**

ANNOUNCEMENT Town Hall meeting on Thursday, August 18, 2011, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the Recreation Center / South Annex, 7545 Main Street, Woodstock, GA 30188. The purpose is to answer any questions you have regarding your Community and Cherokee County and includes Chairman Buzz Ahrens, Post 3 Commissioner Karen Bosch, Sheriff Roger Garrison, County Manager Jerry Cooper, Woodstock Mayor Donnie Henriques, Woodstock City Manager Jeff Moon, Fire Chief Raymond Gunnin, Chief Marshal Ray Waters, County Engineer Geoff Morton, Cherokee Recreation and Parks Director Bryan Reynolds as well as many Community and Business leaders in Cherokee County

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Requesting final approval for a temporary pouring license for "YMCA of Metro Atlanta" for a non-profit special event on Monday, October 3, 2011 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Eagle Watch/Towne Lake - Marshal's Office
2. Approval of budget amendment/transfer for Sheriff's Office to differentiate between full time and part time employee (crossing guards) costs
3. Approval of annual stone contracts for Roads and Bridges to Lafarge Aggregates, Inc. and Vulcan Materials
4. Requesting approval to award contract to Bateman Senior Meals for home-delivered and congregate meals for Senior Services
5. Approval of budget amendment/transfer for Tax Commissioner to transfer from Regular Salaries to Professional Services for Temp Services

6. Approval of budget amendment/transfer for Public Works to increase revenues for DNR reimbursement of mitigation work at Blalock Road landfill

AMENDMENT – Acceptance of “The Heritage Program” Grant of \$8,028 to Cherokee County Fire & Emergency Services for equipment

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

COUNTY MANAGER

7. Requesting authorization for budget amendments/transfers for Senior Center Fund, Animal Shelter Fund, Victim/Witness Fund and DUI Court Fund to reduce the use of reserves

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

8. Requesting approval to award design/build contract to Gay Construction Company for the renovation/expansion of the Senior Center on Univeter Road for a cost of \$212,000

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

AMENDMENT – Requesting authorization to allow Cherokee Soccer Association the use of four (4) larger soccer fields at Soccer Complex during the fall season (August 29-December 1, 2011) contingent on the execution of a Volunteer Waiver & Release form completed by all who access the property

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

COUNTY ATTORNEY

AMENDMENT From Executive Session – Ratify separation agreement of employee

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

ADJOURN

When the Chairman asked if there was any further business, hearing none, Vice Chair/Commissioner Hubbard made the motion to adjourn at 6:52 p.m.; Commissioner Nelms seconded and the motion received unanimous approval.
