

**CHEROKEE COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Work Session

November 1, 2011

3:00 p.m.

Cherokee Hall

MINUTES

The Chairman began the meeting at 3:09 with all board members present. He started by reading from "Good Habits".

1. Land Conservation Workshop Summary

Margaret Stallings gave a summary from the County-wide Workshop hosted by Cherokee County on October 12. She said that the goal of the workshop included restarting county planning in terms of Greenspace and Stormwater Education. The day-long event attracted a diverse group of individuals interested in Land Conservation in Cherokee County for the environmental, economic and quality of life benefits. A number of the attendees volunteered to participate in a steering group to refine the results of the workshop and push forward with implementation. The steering group will meet in early December to begin their work. Staff will keep the Commissioners updated on their progress.

Commissioner Bosch asked what was different than what we have now. Ms. Stallings replied that they narrowed down to more specific priorities and worked on a more detailed map.

2. Citizens Committee

Chairman Ahrens said that he had agreed to let Mrs. Cosby speak for 10 minutes on their committee's recommendation following the information the Board provided to them regarding the Aquatics Center Business Plan.

Mrs. Cosby gave a presentation that with the committee's recommendation which was to ask the county to cut the Aquatic Center project.

Chairman Ahrens then asked Ms. Cosby why the group sent a press release to the media this morning without copying the Board, especially since the group insists that they want to work with Cherokee County.

Ms. Cosby replied that some derogatory remarks had been made about the committee in the Ledger News. Chairman Ahrens reminded her that this was not the Ledger News.

3. Discussion of Regular Agenda Items

Chairman Ahrens read through the announcements and added the announcement that early voting is going on and that regular voting would begin at precinct locations on November 8th from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Chairman Ahrens said that the proclamation for Johnny Hunt day would be moved to the next BOC meeting to give time to get the information needed for the proclamation.

Chairman Ahrens said that the retreat dates were waiting to be confirmed but that it looks like January 26 and January 27 would be the dates. He said the dates would be confirmed soon and the proposed agenda sent out.

Commissioner Hubbard announced that another Child Safety Seat Check event would be on Saturday, November 5 at the R.T. Jones Library. He says that as a follow up to the last seat check event, 76% of seats checked were improperly installed.

Chairman Ahrens announced that the agenda would be amended to add a consent agenda item for the funds received from the Patton Mold Settlement.

Consent Agenda

Consider approval of budget amendment for Patton Mold Settlement in the

amount of \$1,076,662.50 to SPLOST V – Fire.

Mr. Cooper said that the County has received three checks from the settlement so far, totaling \$1,076,662.50. These funds are going to be used towards the new fire training facility. He said that the County is expecting an additional \$200,000 to \$300,000 from the settlement.

COUNTY MANAGER

- Consider approval to purchase new squads from Ten-8 / Medtec. Requesting an initial purchase of 5 units be made, funded by SPLOST V, and that a contract with 3 each 1-year extensions be approved to allow for a time-phased purchase of additional units, until the entire fleet is replaced. Purchases in 2012 and subsequent years would be from SPLOST VI. A tiered fleet replacement would keep the County from having an entire fleet with high mileage or low mileage, and provide Fire-ES some flexibility to move units around to balance maintenance and in-service time. Medtec / Ten-8 had a bid of \$141,355 per unit and a final score of 90.55. The total amount requested is \$710,000.
- Consider approval to rescind the award of Cherokee Youth Basketball Uniform bid to Atlanta Hawks and award bid to Chandler Graphics. The Atlanta Hawks submitted the low bid of \$22.50 per uniform but have requested multiple changes to the standard professional services agreement and bid a different uniform than the one specified in the request for bid packet.

Mr. Cooper said that the contract with the Atlanta Hawks was not valid because they had not completed the subcontractor affidavit for Score. After discussion on this, he asked Procurement Director Greg Dodgen to notify the Atlanta Hawks' subcontractor (Score) that they had until 5:00 this evening to provide an E-Verify number or the bid award would be rescinded.

- Consider approval of Wellness Program Compliance Guidelines contingent upon recommendation of the Cherokee County Benefits Committee.

- Consider approving a resolution requesting the relocation of E-911 Public Safety RF receiver site from Reinhardt University to the Georgia Forestry Commission site at Pine Log Mountain.
- Consider approval of Business Associate Agreement with both Gallagher Benefits Services, Inc. and Communit-Y Health Network (CHN) outlining responsibilities regarding the use and/or disclosure of Protected Health Information in Compliance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA).
- Requesting approval of final draft agreement with Communit-Y Health Network of Northeast Georgia (CHN) for period of November 1, 2011 to September 30, 2012, in the amount of \$336 per employee enrolled in the county health plan with guaranteed rate for period of 2 years and guaranteed savings in one year. Contingent upon approval of County Attorney and Benefits Committee recommendation.
- Consider approval of an amendment to the CDBG PY2010 (\$55,300) and PY 2011 (\$98,576) CDBG Annual Action Plans to award funds that had been set aside for an Activity to Be Determined to MUST Ministries for the acquisition of property located at 111 Brown Industrial Parkway, Canton, GA.

Mr. Cooper stated that Mr. Don Hausfeld with MUST Ministries was in attendance this evening.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

- Notice of annexation from the City of Woodstock, #0060-11, for parcels 15N18-153, .5 acres off Neese Road just north of Edinburgh Lane.

Paul Dzikowski said that basically Woodstock was wanting to add the parcels to their city limits.

- Notice of annexation from the City of Woodstock, #059-11, for parcels 15N24-145, 6.32 acres off Hwy. 92 east of Trickum Road.

After much discussion, the Board asked Mr. Dzikowski to find out more details of this annexation, particularly the applicant, and present the findings to the Board.

Chairman Ahrens asked if Dan Hausfeld would like to speak about MUST Ministries' new facility which received some funding from the CDBG grant.

Mr. Hausfeld spoke about the new location at 111 Brown Industrial Parkway, across from the library. He said he was very pleased with the location and that there were several government services located in the building. He said the new location would provide 1500 more square feet than the current location.

Chairman Ahrens asked if the current facility was leased and Mr. Hausfeld replied that it was leased.

Commissioner Johnston asked if the funds were in jeopardy of being forfeited. Mr. Cooper replied that they were not, but that the funds had to be used for qualified Capital Projects.

Commissioner Hubbard made an announcement about Cherokee Hall's sound system as it relates to meeting recordings and playback for assistance in creating meeting minutes. He stated that the best type of microphone to use is the lapel mics. Chairman Ahrens mentioned that he would be fine with using lapel mics. Commissioner Johnston said that maybe the current mics would record better if they moved closer to them when they spoke.

The Chairman asked if there was anything else. Hearing none, Vice Chair Commissioner Hubbard made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session at 4:54 p.m. to discuss personnel issues, pending litigation and property acquisition. Commissioner Nelms seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session to Follow