

CHEROKEE COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Work Session

November 15, 2011

3:00 p.m.

Cherokee Hall

MINUTES

The Presiding Chairman Jim Hubbard began the meeting at 3:05 with all board members present except for Chairman Ahrens.

1. Financial Update by Janelle Funk.

Janelle went over the October Financials with a slide presentation. She said that 67% of the 2011 budget has been spent and that at this time last year 73% had been spent. She said that this is partly due to departments watching their spending closely. She also said that while the cash position is positive now, we have used a lot of one-time sources that won't be available in future years.

Commissioner Hubbard asked if we were starting 2012 with a new fiscal year, a nine-month budget. She replied that we were.

2. Elm Street Update by Ann Litrel

Ann Litrel handed out a report which included a summary of the past year's events, visitor/participation numbers and partnerships at the Elm Street Cultural Arts Village. She also gave an update on the new location site.

Commissioner Johnston asked what facilities they were currently using. She replied that they were using the City Center, a 500 seat theater, which was an old Church.

Commissioner Nelms asked what participation numbers would she was anticipating with the three Christmas plays coming up. She replied that a conservative guess would be an additional 6,000 over the usual 10,000 from October through December.

3. Commissioner Hubbard invited Carolyn Cosby to speak on behalf of the Citizens' Committee. Ms. Crosby began by stating that the Committee would not endorse a project for parks and recreation while the County is considering furlough days or salary/staff reductions. She then asked if the Aquatic Center Project was being promoted as a Family Water Park or a swim team facility. She said the Aquatic Center was too small for a Family Water Park. She said that the committee was asking the Board to consider using the Bond to pay off existing debt and to abandon the Aquatic Center project.

4. Discussion of Regular Agenda Items
 - There are two zoning requests, both in Post 1

 - County Manager, Jerry Cooper, went over the one **Consent Agenda** Item
 - Award of proposal for gutter replacement to ABUCK for the South Annex building

 - Mr. Cooper went over the 10 items under the **County Manager** portion:
 - Award of proposal to DECA for software support for recording equipment in the E-911 Center

 - Consider acceptance of 11 roads that have not been formally accepted by the County for maintenance

 - Approval of MOA between Cherokee County and Ancient Oaks Landscaping for the County Sign at Wade Green Road

 - Approval of Fund Equity Policy for formally committing funds

 - Requesting adoption of the modified Personnel Policies Manual, dated November 15, 2011

- Approval to award construction services contract for the Aquatic Center to New South Construction, Inc.
- Approval of CDBG application in the amount of \$623,622
- Consideration of 90 day moratorium on the licensing and permitting of personal care homes in residential zones
- Approval to purchase two vehicles in the amount of \$132,557
- Amended: Consider extending the existing lease with the Malon D. Mimms Boys & Girls Club for use of the Trolley in 2012
- Angie Davis went over the two items under the **County Attorney** portion:
 - Notice of annexation from the City of Woodstock, parcels off of Hwy. 92 east of Trickum Road.
 - Request to set public hearing for December 6 to consider an amendment to the Alcohol Beverage Ordinance to provide for the Sunday sale of beer and wine

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