

# MINUTES

## Cherokee County Board of Commissioners

December 6, 2011      REGULAR MEETING      CHEROKEE HALL      6:00 P.M.

### INVOCATION

Instead of an invocation, Chairman Ahrens asked everyone to observe a moment of silence in memory of the recent tragedy with the seven year old little girl in Canton.

### CALL TO ORDER

### CHAIRMAN AHRENS

Chairman Ahrens called the regular meeting to order at 6:10 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 Christy Black. Also present were Agency Directors/Department Heads; the media; and the public.

Chairman Ahrens showed a picture on the big screen of a B17 aircraft from WWII. He said the pilot was 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Ernest Roy Reid, who is his father-in-law and lives in Eagle Watch. He mentioned that another piece of history regarding the picture was that 30,000 aircraft were shot down and this was the first plane coming in on final approach to be shot down during the war. He asked everyone to remember all of our WWII veterans when we honor veterans for what they have provided to us with their legacy.

### 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"*

Chairman Ahrens led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

Two items under Consent Agenda; 1.7 and 1.8

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

### PRESENTATION

The Cherokee Sheriff's Office received re-certification through the State of Georgia Law Enforcement Certification Program. Chief David Bores will be presenting Sheriff Garrison with the State Certification plaque.

Chief Borres commended the Sheriff's Office for having achieved both State Re-Certification for the third or fourth year, along with National Accreditation, adding that the Sheriff's Office set a standard of excellence for all of us that all agencies should try to emulate. He presented the plaque to Chief Deputy Vic West on behalf of Sheriff Garrison and recognized Valerie Johnson for her efforts as State Certification Manager.

Director of Elections and Voter Registration, Janet Munda, will recognize student poll workers with a certificate of service for working the November 8, 2011 election as part of a civic service project.

Janet Munda presented the certificates to the student poll workers and read a few comments she had received which included diligent, outstanding, responsible and 'go getter'. Ms. Munda said that she also presented them with a letter that would be suitable for college applications, etc. She added that their volunteer efforts were really helpful due the shortage of poll workers and a shortage of funds.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Cherokee County E-911 received national accreditation by CALEA (Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc.) on November 19, 2011.

Chairman Ahrens spoke about the recent achievement for Cherokee County noting that they are only the fourth E-911 Center in Georgia to receive National Accreditation. Chief Marshal and E-911 Director Chris Collett praised of all of the E-911 staff, particularly Greg Argo, Accreditation Manager and Assistant Director Priscilla Bridges and Jason Jenkins for their team effort in this achievement. He then thanked the Board and Mr. Cooper for their support as well. Chairman Ahrens thanked Chief Collett for his leadership.

### **APPROVAL OF WORK SESSION MINUTES FROM November 15, 2011.**

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

### **APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FROM November 15, 2011.**

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

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No one had signed up to speak.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

Consideration of implementation of an ordinance to amend Chapter Six (6) of the Code of Ordinances of Cherokee County, relating to alcohol beverages; to provide for the Sunday package retail sales of malt beverages and wine; to provide for severability; to provide for an effective date; and for other lawful purposes.

Commission Johnston made a motion to open the Public Hearing at 6:25 p.m., Commissioner Nelms seconded and there was unanimous approval.

County Attorney Angie Davis went over the details of the proposed ordinance to allow Sunday package sales of beer and wine. She read some of the specifics from the draft ordinance, pointing out a couple of revisions she wanted to make. She stated that the fee of \$250 for the Sunday sales permit would be set by a separate resolution which she read. She said that both the new ordinance and the resolution would be emailed to County Clerk Christy Black by tomorrow for execution. Both documents are included as part of the minutes for this meeting.

Carolyn Cosby had signed up to speak in opposition of the ordinance. She said felt that the Sunday Sales was a step in the wrong direction and that it would increase taxes in the long run due to an increase in crime in Cherokee County.

Commissioner Johnston made a motion to close the Public Hearing at 6:35 p.m.; Commissioner Nelms seconded and there was unanimous approval.

Commissioner Johnston made a motion to adopt the ordinance as amended by the County Attorney; Commissioner Nelms seconded and there was unanimous approval.

Commissioner Johnston made a motion to adopt the resolution setting the permit fee at \$250; Commissioner Nelms seconded and there was unanimous approval.

Commissioner Johnston commented that per discussion with Chief Marshal Chris Collett in Work Session, that a plan by the Marshal's Office for the process of the selling the permits was already in place. The permit can be purchased beginning on Thursday, December 8, 2011. The permit would be effective immediately through December 31, 2012.

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## **COMMISSION BUSINESS**

### **CHAIRMAN**

### **L. B. AHRENS**

Appointing Mr. Norman Sosebee to the Cemetery Preservation Committee.

Chairman Ahrens said that at this time, rather than increase the number of committee members, that Mr. Sosebee would be appointed to the committee in an advisory role.

**COMMISSION POST 1**

**HARRY B. JOHNSTON**

**VICE CHAIR/COMMISSION POST 2**

**JIM HUBBARD**

**COMMISSION POST 3**

**KAREN BOSCH**

Appointing Mr. Clarence Bramlet to the Cemetery Preservation Committee to replace Jim Derr.

Commissioner Bosch appointed Mr. Bramlet to the Committee.

**COMMISSION POST 4**

**JASON NELMS**

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**CONSENT AGENDA**

- 1.1 Requesting approval of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board's recommendation to name the inline hockey rink at the Recreation Center in memory of Greg Stathis.
- 1.2 Requesting approval of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board's recommendation to install and dedicate a flag pole at Weatherby Park in memory of Chip Prance.
- 1.3 Considering the adoption of the 2011 Cherokee County Capital Improvement Element (CIE) and Short Term Work Program (STWP) Annual Update as approved by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs and the Atlanta Regional Commission.
- 1.4 Consideration of contract renewal with the Consolidated Telecom of Dallas, Texas for providing telephone service and equipment for use by the inmates of the Cherokee Sheriff's Office Adult Correction Center.
- 1.5 Consideration of contract renewal with Trinity Services Group, Inc., to provide food service to the inmates and staff of the Cherokee Sheriff's Office Adult Detention Center. Trinity has agreed to provide the same level of service with no increase in cost to the county.

- 1.6 Consider increasing the Juvenile Court Construction Project by \$50,000.00 to pay for furniture, fixtures and construction of two (2) additional conference rooms.
- 1.7 Amended: Consider approval of lease agreement between Cherokee County and State Properties Commission for location of radio equipment on Pine Log Mountain. The Board recently approved a resolution requesting to relocate the public safety RF receiver site from Reinhardt University to Georgia Forestry Commission at Pine Log Mountain.
- 1.8 Amended: Requesting approval of lease agreement to use Chris G. Hite Memorial Community Center gymnasium facility for Cherokee Youth Basketball Practices and games during 2011-2012.

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

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## **COUNTY MANAGER**

- 2.1 Requesting approval of a two-year contract with Motorola to provide systems maintenance, technical support and installation services to 9-1-1's radio infrastructure, dispatch services and emergency phone system in the amount of \$299,999.76. This amount matches the previous two-year contract.

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

- 2.2 Approval of a contract with Renova Data Services, Inc. to provide secure off-site vaulting for the 9-1-1 Center's emergency call management system in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00. The amount of \$10,000.00 was budgeted based on previous years' storage needs which ranged from \$573.00 to \$828.00 per month and the cost per GB stored has not changed.

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

- 2.3 Consideration of contract renewal with Correct Health to provide medical services to the inmates of the Cherokee Sheriff's Office Adult Detention Center. Correct Health has agreed to the same level of care with no increase to the county.

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

- 2.4 Requesting approval of proposals and contracts with Cherokee County Officials Association and Georgia Basketball Officials Association to provide officiating and referring service for the 2011-2012 Cherokee Youth Basketball Program.

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

- 2.5 Requesting approval to award the construction contract to Mauldin & Cook, the lowest responsible bidder, in the amount of \$86,765.00 for fencing of selected areas and playing fields of the Soccer Complex on Blalock Road. The second lowest bid was in the amount of \$92,330.00 submitted by Natural Enclosures Fence Company. As the final length and location of the fencing has not been finalized, requesting to approve an amount not to exceed the budgeted amount of \$163,000.00, based upon the unit prices for fencing contained in the bidding documents and contract.

Commissioner Hubbard made a motion to approve; Commission Johnston seconded; Commissioner Bosch commented that she wanted to amend the contract to state that there would be no further change orders, additional fencing, gates, etc. for the Soccer Complex, that would exceed the \$163,000.00. Commissioner Johnston asked Mr. Cooper if this contract included fencing by the road. Mr. Cooper replied that it did not, that if a fence was installed by the road the Soccer Association would pay for that.

Commissioner Johnston made a motion to approve with the stipulations; Commissioner Hubbard seconded and there was unanimous approval.

- 2.6 Requesting approval to purchase 10 LifePak 21 monitors in the amount of \$139,705.00, of which only \$40,305.00 will be paid by the County, due to the offset of selling existing monitors for a total of \$74,400.00 and a committed amount of \$25,000.00 from Northside Cherokee.

Commissioner Bosch made a motion to approve with the amendment; Commission Hubbard seconded and there was unanimous approval.

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**COUNTY ATTORNEY**

## **ADJOURN**

The Chairman asked if there was any further business. Hearing none, Vice Chair/Commissioner Hubbard made the motion to adjourn at 6:54 p.m.; Commissioner Nelms seconded and the motion received unanimous approval.