

CHEROKEE COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Work Session

December 6, 2011 at 3:00 p.m.

CHEROKEE HALL

MINUTES

The Chairman began at 3:03 p.m. with all members of the Board present. In commemoration of December 7, 1941, he showed a picture of his father-in-law, Retired Colonel Ernest Roy Reid who was 2nd Lieutenant and co-pilot of the B-17 that was the first aircraft shot down in WWII.

The Chairman spoke about "Service" reading from John Maxwell's book. He then introduced HR Director Steven McClure for the employee years of service recognition.

1. Recognition of employees who have reached service milestones of 10, 15, 20 and 25 years by Steven McClure, Human Resources Director.

Steve McClure called and the names and presented certificates to those reaching the service milestones.

2. Brief presentation summarizing the work done by the Cemetery Preservation Committee in 2011 by Margaret Stallings, Principal Planner.

Margaret Stallings gave a PowerPoint presentation of an overview of what the Committee had worked on throughout the year. She said that there were four members on the committee and that members Scott Barnes and Steve Audia were present tonight. She went over the role of the Committee that is based on the zoning ordinance and asked for feedback from the Commissioners to let them know if they were heading in the right direction. She said that responsibilities for the Committee stated in the ordinance included formulating a county-wide cemetery plan, providing maintenance to County cemeteries and abandoned cemeteries, to assist in legal research and to establish contact with other organizations and state legislation. It was decided to revisit the topic in six months to look at specifics.

Chairman Ahrens mentioned that he would not be appointing Mr. Sosebee to the Committee tonight since he had spoken with Mr. Reuben and he does not want to resign his position on the board. After much discussion, rather than change the ordinance at this time to allow for more members, that Mr. Sosebee be appointed in an advisory

capacity and that in the future if more members needed to be added, it would be done by amendment to the ordinance.

3. Delegation meeting scheduled for Monday, December 12, 2011.

Chairman Ahrens handed out a list of topics from last year's delegation meeting which included: district posts, LOST/HOST, TSPLOST, Economic Development-State of Georgia competitiveness, immigration, unfunded mandates and tax legislation.

Commissioner Bosch asked had it much changed for this year. Chairman Ahrens replied that it was basically the same. He said that he did want to discuss in order to have answers for people because he has heard mixed messages from our delegation about the referendum. Commissioner Bosch asked if the question was whether to put it on the ballot or how to put it on. He replied that it would be for consideration to change legislation to allow opt-out.

4. Discussion of Retreat Topics.

Chairman Ahrens handed out a draft list of potential retreat topics which included: ethics ordinance, LOST legislation, TSPLOST, Development of 5-year or 10-year Strategic Plan, communications enhancement, budget-upside/downside impacts and related probabilities, Lifelong Community Initiative and parks build out priorities.

He said that he would like to send the public announcement with retreat topics to the media by the first meeting in January.

5. Parks bond draw down in early 2012.

Janelle Funk went over the park bond funds schedule, showing the PowerPoint presentation from the prior meeting as a reminder. The next bond issue will be in February 2012 to keep from losing out the 1.6 Million that is part of the schedule. One question is whether we can use the available funds and keep the millage rate in a reasonable area.

6. Discussion of Regular Agenda Items.

- The Chairman mentioned that there were a couple of presentations.
- He spoke about the presentation for E-911 regarding their recent National Accreditation by CALEA. He asked Chief Marshal Chris Collett if he wanted to say a few words. Chief Collett said he was very proud of his team, having

come from where they were to achieve this honor with the same group of people. Commissioner Bosch stated that this was a sign of good leadership.

- Angie Davis introduced the topic of the Public Hearing regarding the Sunday Sales Ordinance. Chief Collett was asked if his office was prepared to sell the permits if the ordinance was approved. He said that they were fully prepared with a plan in place upon approval.

County Manager Jerry Cooper went over agenda items:

- 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 Bosch asked if this fencing was for the entire complex. Mr. Cooper replied that it was for the fields themselves.

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

Chairman Ahrens asked HR Director Steven McClure how things were going with the Wellness Sign up. Mr. McClure gave a brief update, stating that we were in the assessment stage. The Chairman asked him if he could provide a summary of where we are at the next Work Session.

The Chairman asked if there was anything else. Hearing none, Vice Chair Commissioner Hubbard made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session at 5:11 p.m. to discuss personnel issues, pending litigation and property acquisition. Commissioner Nelms seconded and the motion carried unanimously

Executive Session to Follow