

MINUTES

Cherokee County Board of Commissioners

January 3, 2012

REGULAR MEETING CHEROKEE HALL 6:00 P.M.

INVOCATION

Commissioner Hubbard gave the invocation.

CALL TO ORDER

CHAIRMAN AHRENS

Chairman Ahrens called the regular meeting to order at 6:08 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.

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"

County Manager Jerry Cooper led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

Under Chairman's section: Consider a resolution by the Board requesting our local delegation to introduce legislation at the 2012 Session of the General Assembly to authorize an election concerning the imposition of a Homestead Option Sales Tax (HOST).

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

PRESENTATIONS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

APPROVAL OF WORK SESSION MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 20, 2011.

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

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 20, 2011.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tom Ware signed up to speak about the Soccer Complex. He told the Board that he personally walked every field and has concerns with landscaping due to most of the fields having severe slopes. He said he noticed that water stands for over 24 hours in some areas and if this wasn't addressed now it would cost more later.

PUBLIC HEARING

None scheduled.

ZONING CASES

CASE NUMBER	: 11-12-016
APPLICANT	: Hoyt T. Champion
ZONING CHANGE	: R-40 to GC
LOCATION	: Hickory Flat Highway
MAP & PARCEL NUMBER	: 14N24, Parcel 031
ACRES	: 5.9
PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT	: Assisted Living/Medical Use
COMMISSION DISTRICT	: 1
FUTURE DEVELOPMENT MAP	: Country Estates/Transitional Corridor

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION	: Approval of NC with two (2) story height maximum
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This case was postponed from the December 20, 2011 meeting.

Jeff Watkins briefly went over the details of the zoning request.

Due to the application stating for proposed office use, Commissioner Johnston made a motion to approve as Office & Institutional with the conditions below; Commissioner Hubbard seconded and there was unanimous approval.

1. Two-story maximum as recommended by Planning and Zoning.
2. Recommendations below from the City of Canton's Street Scape Ordinance:
 - 30'' concrete curb and gutter

- 4' grassed strip, 6' sidewalks with 20' expansion joints
- Scarlet Oak street trees planted 55' – 65' on center
- Two understory trees for every street tree, from the Large Scale Plant Schedule, 30% to be evergreen
- Shrubs from the Large Scale Plant Schedule, 70% to be evergreen
- 30% ground cover calculated from the total landscape buffer including the curb cuts and driveways

3. Free Standing sign height limited to 10' or 12' if display area is fully incased in masonry.

Commissioner Bosch stated that her only concern at the last meeting had been to allow the applicant the opportunity to speak with Commissioner Johnston and that has happened so she has no further objections.

COMMISSION BUSINESS

CHAIRMAN

L. B. AHRENS

A. Election of Vice Chair for 2012 to Post 3.

Chairman Ahrens elected Commissioner Bosch as Vice Chair.

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

B. Notice of Retreat on January 26 & 27, 2012.

Chairman Ahrens said that he was formalizing the Public Notice of the Barnsley Garden Retreat and mentioned that the retreat was open to the public and media. He read from the Public Statement that will be sent to the media for publication:

The Cherokee County Board of Commissioners' 6th Annual Planning Review will be at Barnsley Gardens, Kingston Cottage, 597 Barnsley Gardens Road, Adairsville, GA.

The dates are Thursday, January 26 beginning at 2:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Friday, January 27 beginning at 8:00 a.m. We expect to conclude by 12:00 p.m. Topics of discussion include, but are not limited to: Review of 2011 / Priorities for 2012; Parks Build-Out Options; Budget Contingencies; Review/Revise Ethics Ordinance; LOST/HOST legislation; and Executive Session.

- C. Amended: Consider a resolution by the Board requesting our local delegation to introduce legislation at the 2012 Session of the General Assembly to authorize an election concerning the imposition of a Homestead Option Sales Tax (HOST).

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

Angie Davis added that the draft bill before the Board currently has a date inserted. She said that after discussion in Work Session she would like to amend Exhibit A of the draft bill to remove the date and leave it blank.

Commissioner Bosch made a motion to approve as amended; Commissioner Nelms seconded and there was unanimous approval.

Commissioner Johnston added that with reluctance he would approve the HOST in order to keep the option open although he has a preference for the LOST referendum.

COMMISSION POST 1

HARRY B. JOHNSTON

VICE CHAIR/COMMISSION POST 2

JIM HUBBARD

COMMISSION POST 3

KAREN BOSCH

COMMISSION POST 4

JASON NELMS

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1.1 Requesting to authorize Chairman Ahrens to execute contract with GDOT for resurfacing of 13.96 miles of road in the amount of \$1,202,687.15 funding provided by GDOT.
- 1.2 Consideration of a one-year extension of Professional Services Agreement with Key Risk Management Services from January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012.

- 1.3 Consider approval of contract renewal between Cherokee County and Rindt-McDuff Associates, Inc. (RMA) for the Blalock Road Landfill closure at a cost not to exceed \$159,000.00.
- 1.4 Consider approval of new lease for 2,237 square foot space located at 155 Towne Lake Parkway with monthly lease payment of \$2,197.50 beginning January 1, 2012 between the County and Express Employment Professionals under new ownership.

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

COUNTY MANAGER

- 2.1 Requesting acceptance of proposal and approval of contract with Rec1.com in the amount of \$250 per month for website management services and 1% fee of online registration transactions (approximately \$10,000.00 annually) to provide web-hosted recreation registration and reservation software contingent upon receipt of executed affidavit and valid certificate of insurance as well as county attorney review and approval. Other two bids were from: Active Network for \$8,400 initiation and \$30,888 annually with no website; Vermont Systems for \$47,944 initial year and \$24,528 annually for software and no website.

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

- 2.2 Consider approval to award construction contract to the lowest responsible bidder, with the most responsive bid proposal for landscape and trees at the Soccer Complex at Blalock Road to Ed Castro Landscape, Inc. of Roswell GA in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00. Bidders included: Ed Castro Landscape Inc. at \$56,219; Athens Landscape Group at \$73,353; Ruppert Landscape at \$94,147; Tri Scapes Inc. at \$59,974 and three others.

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

2.3 Consider adoption of a resolution by the Board of Commissioners authorizing the 2012 Tax Anticipation Notes and approval of the accompanying closing documents providing for closing and funding of the TAN's on January 4, 2012.

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

Commissioner Johnston added for clarification that the TAN will not be used to float the operational budget, but strictly for a specific land purchase.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

ADJOURN

The Chairman asked if there was any further business. Hearing none, Vice Chair/Commissioner Hubbard made the motion to adjourn at 6:34 p.m.; Commissioner Bosch seconded and the motion received unanimous approval.