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CHEROKEE COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Work Session

January 17, 2012

3:00 p.m.

Cherokee Hall

MINUTES

The Chairman began at 3:06 p.m. with all members of the Board present by reading quotes from Mary Kay Ash, "Ideas are a dime a dozen, those who implement them are priceless". He went on to read quotes from Plato, Socrates, Mark Twain, Churchill, Thomas Edison and Ben Franklin.

The Chairman said that the city of Woodstock's City Manager Jeff Moon and Mayor Donnie Henriques were present, as well as engineer Mike Ross from Mike Ross and Associates to answer any questions regarding the resolution request from the City of Woodstock. Mr. Ross went over the proposed road plan.

Commissioner Nelms asked if it was correct that the proposed project would relieve 37% of the congestion from Towne Lake Parkway. Mr. Ross replied that that was correct.

Commissioner Johnston said that he understands that the road improvements are needed with or without the mall, but asked if Woodstock would object if the County caveated its commitment of this money to something that assures that the mall is actually going to happen. Mayor Donnie Henriques replied that they have approached this part of the road improvement totally independent of the Outlet Mall. He said that the City thinks that they have a good project and that it will stand on it's on.

Commissioner Hubbard asked what they would think about the County matching funds with the developer. Mr. Ross referred the question to Mr. Moon who said he thought matching funds would not be problematic.

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Chairman Ahrens asked if Horizon has made public the partnership with CBL and the reply was that it had gone public.

Mr. Cooper then gave an overview of the proposed 2012 budget.

Chairman Ahrens announced that there would be an amendment to the agenda under Commissioner Bosch's portion, a brief update on Blalock Road Soccer neighborhood requests.

Chairman Ahrens asked Mr. Cooper to give a brief summary on the Martin Luther King Unity Breakfast event held the past weekend. Mr. Cooper said that this was the 14th Annual MLK Unity breakfast and this year the County offered to host the event at the Conference Center. He said that the event was a huge success with approximately 600 people attending.

1. Discussion of Regular Agenda Items.

Mr. Cooper went over the **Consent Agenda**:

- Consider approval of contract amendment between Cherokee County and the Georgia Department of Human Services for increase in funding to the CATS demand response service.

Mr. Cooper then went over the items under the **County Manager's** portion:

- Consider approval of proposal from Routematch Software System for implementation of an Auto Vehicle Location and Mobile Data tablet management system for the CATS bus system in the amount of \$47,214.00.
- Consider approval of the issuance of \$11.41 Million General Obligation Park and Greenspace Bonds to the most competitive bidder.

Mr. Cooper said that Bank of America won the bid with the lowest rate at 1.90%. He turned the topic over to Mr. Bryce Holcomb who went over the bond details.

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- Consider of approval of Escrow Termination and Release Agreement for Victoria Crossing subdivision.
- Consider renewal of Conference Center Management Agreement with Eventmark, LLC. (Lorrie Keener) with modifications to allow automatic renewal with 30-day cancellation provision by either the county or Eventmark and to allow Eventmark to provide consultation, promote and sell complementary or event-related services and accept compensation for this work, excluding catering services.
- Requesting approval of a change order to the Professional Services Agreement with Ross Consulting Engineers, PC for addition services and compensation in an amount not to exceed \$9,000.00 for improvements at Blankets Creek.

Commissioner Hubbard commented that he had received compliments recently on the improvements at Garland Mountain. He said that he assumes that the improvements at Blankets Creek will generate similar compliments.

- Requesting approval of amendment to CSA Field Use Agreement for the soccer complex, to include terms for CSA payment of \$100,000.00, CSA responsibility for irrigation, and CSA responsibility for submittal and county review and approval of lighting plan.

Chairman Ahrens asked about the original date of the agreement. Mr. Cooper said that he thought it was March 2011. Commissioner Johnston asked about adding a provision that no lighting would be added except for on fields 1 through 5 for the duration of the contract.

Commissioner Bosch noted that the contract was not signed yet by the Soccer association. Mr. Cooper replied that he had wanted the Board to review the contract prior to getting signatures.

Chairman Ahrens asked Angie Davis about the qualifying fees under her portion. She replied that she understands that the resolution for setting qualifying fees was something that Christy Black was working on this and her office sent out a final to Christy this afternoon for the Board to review.

Commissioner Johnston mentioned that he ran into a member of the Republican Party and they had asked about using a room at the conference Center for conducting the qualifying process. Commissioner Johnston said that if we did for one that we would do for the other. Mr. Cooper said that he would run the dates by Lorrie Keener to check for availability.

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Chairman Ahrens reminded everyone that the retreat is next week. He said that he would have a fully detailed agenda out soon including a couple of the major attachments.

The Chairman asked if there was anything else. Hearing none, Commissioner Hubbard made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session at 4:40 p.m. to discuss personnel issues, pending litigation and property acquisition. Commissioner Bosch seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session to Follow