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**CHEROKEE COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**Work Session**

**February 7, 2012**

**3:00 p.m.**

**Cherokee Hall**

**MINUTES**

The Chairman began at 3:04 p.m. with all members of the Board present by speaking about the Aquatic Center groundbreaking and the terrific turnout for the event. He then read quotes from Henry Ford, Bolivarian Proverb, Duke Snyder, Will Rogers, Tennessee Williams, and Florence Nightingale.

The Chairman announced that there would be a presentation by the Fireman's Fund to the Cherokee County Fire and Emergency Services.

Chief West spoke about the grant they had applied for in hopes of updating technology and were very pleased to have received the grant. He stated that in the past they had a protocol binder in the back of each squad. With the grant money received, they were able to put iPad's in the back of each squad. The protocol is now accessible through the iPad as well as a program to help determine the dosage of medicines to give patients on site. Chief Robinson then introduced Renee Teddleton who provided information on Fireman's Fund. Mr. Buddy Hodges with IOA was introduced to present the Fireman's Fund Grant to Chief West.

The Chairman then asked members from the Cooperative Extension Program to speak about the services they provide to Cherokee County. Trudy Robinson spoke about the program and then introduced Paul Pugliese who left Cherokee County but came back tonight just to speak of the many services the program provides to the County.

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The Chairman decided to skip ahead to some of the items under his section of the agenda. He began with Section B.

- Consider County Capital funding support of Commerce Parkway as part of the new Northside Hospital site development in Canton Place. Roadway and bridge over Canton Creek will connect at GA 140. Cherokee County is a sponsor of this project with GDOT. Total estimated cost is \$8.5 Million with GDOT contributing 50% of project costs. Balance to be shared between Northside Hospital, City of Canton and Cherokee County.

Chairman Ahrens asked for Don Hausfeld to present the plan to the Commissioners. Mr. Hausfeld gave a 10-year summary on the project since the hospital was first approached about the project. Billy Hayes with Northside Hospital Cherokee was on-hand to answer questions on the project.

Commissioner Johnston asked if it would be offensive to anyone if the County's commitment was contingent on the City's commitment, as in "matching funds". Chairman Ahrens responded that he considered that to be fair.

Commissioner Bosch stated that even if Canton did not come up with their part of the money, that Northside-Hospital Cherokee would find it somewhere.

County Manager Jerry Cooper then spoke about the updated County's Transparency Page on the website. The Transparency Page was recently rated an A+ by the Sunshine Review. He gave a special thanks to Michael Haines with the IT Department for building the transparency page. Mr. Cooper stated that he was prompted to create the project to make public information easier for citizens to find because of problems he had while researching other counties.

## 1. Discussion of Regular Agenda Items.

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

- Consider approval of Intergovernmental Agreement as revised by the County Attorney with the City of Ball Ground and Cherokee County allowing the County to install public safety communications equipment to the Ball Ground water tank to improve coverage in Ball Ground and surrounding areas. This item was approved by the Board contingent upon approval of the County Attorney on October 18, 2011.

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- Consider approval of FY2013 GDOT grant application in the amount of \$850,845.00 for operating and capital expenses associated with the CATS 5311 Rural Public Transportation program. The County's obligation is \$301,103.00 (50% Match). Anticipated DHR reimbursement funds in the amount of \$206,636.00 will be used to off-set the County's match.
- Consider the approval/disposal of a multi-way stop at the intersection of River Creek Drive and Chattooga Drive in Little River Crossing.
- Consider approving the disposal of surplus equipment hardware from Cherokee Recreation and Parks Agency and the Tax Commissioner's Office.
- Consider donating four (4) surplused Sheriff's Office patrol vehicles in disrepair with no value to the county to the Georgia Public Safety Training Center (GPSTC).
- Consider Georgia Power Lighting Services Agreement for an estimated monthly charge of \$189.78 for lighting at the Waleska Splash Pad project.
- AMENDED: Requesting approval of mileage reimbursement in the amount of \$115.50 to Commissioner Bosch for the ACCG Training Committee meeting in Monroe. (Commissioner Bosch serves on this committee.)

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

- Consider adoption of the proposed 2012 Annual Budget and ordinance as presented.

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- Consider approval of the contract as approved by the County Attorney with Rec1.com to provide web-hosted recreation and reservation software. This item was brought before the board on January 3, 2012 contingent upon approval of the County Attorney.
- Consider approval to award RFP 2011-33 to Fisher Safety for the purchase of air flow testing of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) in the amount of \$11,500.00. A second bid was received by American Safety & Fire Hose in the amount of \$13,994.00.
- Consider approval of Change Orders in the total amount of \$45,000.00 to contractors for additional fencing and landscape/trees at the Soccer Complex at Blalock Road. Mauldin & Cook – ADD not to exceed \$25,000.00; Ed Castro Landscape – ADD not to exceed \$20,000.00.
- Consider approval of a Professional Services Agreement with RCE Consulting to assist with surety bond update services for the Cherokee County Engineering Department in the amount of \$5,000.00. (Budgeted amount was \$30,000.00).
- Consider approval to award Senior HOME Repair inspection services contract to Stephen L. Chalfant in the amount of \$2,800.00 per unit for a total contract amount of \$22,400.00, all of which will be reimbursed by the Home Program Grant through the Georgia Urban County Consortium (GUCC).
- Consider renewal of contract with Lee Technologies, Inc. to provide service/maintenance on the UPS (Uninterrupted Power Supply) equipment at the E 9-1-1 Center in the amount of \$7,280.00.

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- AMENDED: Consider ratification of Amendment to the Cherokee County Soccer Association Agreement approved during the January 17<sup>th</sup> BOC meeting, as modified by the County Attorney.

Angie Davis went over the items under **County Attorney's** portion:

- Consider adopting a resolution authorizing the County Attorney to proceed with condemnation proceedings related to the East Bells Ferry Road Project.

Commissioner Bosch stated that they had tried everything before resorting to this and unfortunately it is the only option they have left.

- Consider adoption of a resolution that indicates that the County intends to maintain all minutes of the Board of Commissioners' meetings electronically.

Angie Davis requested that this item be postponed until the next meeting in order for her to do some more research.

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The Chairman asked if there was anything else. Hearing none, Commissioner Hubbard made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session at 4:57 p.m. to discuss personnel issues, pending litigation and property acquisition. Commissioner Bosch seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session Followed.