

MINUTES

Cherokee County Board of Commissioners

February 21, 2012 REGULAR MEETING CHEROKEE HALL 6:00 P.M.

INVOCATION

Lynn Eynon with Woodstock Christian Church gave the invocation.

CALL TO ORDER

CHAIRMAN AHRENS

Chairman Ahrens called the regular meeting to order at 6:07 p.m. Those present include Commissioner Harry B. Johnston; Commissioner Jim Hubbard; Vice Chair/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"

Chairman Ahrens led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

1. Announcement: Road closure
2. County Manager Portion: Authorize letter of intent regarding property acquisition
3. County Attorney: Authorize remove of material/debris by court order with issuance of 7 days notice.
4. Move item 3.1, the Precious Metal Ordinance hearing, to the top of the agenda.

Vice Chair/Commissioner Bosch made a motion to approve the amendments; Commissioner Nelms seconded and there was unanimous approval.

PRESENTATIONS

Christine Wolfe with the Kids for Peace - Woodstock Chapter to speak about the program and to introduce the children in the group. Their website is www.kidsforpeaceglobal.org.

The children said their pledge and introduced themselves, each thanking the commissioners for the work they have done the community. Chairman Ahrens asked Ms. Wolfe if she would like to say a few words. She said that one of the group's goals was to teach the children to interact with the public and to use their voice to make peace in the community.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Amended: Cherokee County Roads and Bridges announced that Hunt Road will be closed from Plantation Road to State Route 92 beginning Monday, February 27 to Friday, March 2 for road improvements. A detour will be posted during the repairs. Questions regarding the road closure should be directed to Roads and Bridges at 770-345-5842.
- Early voting for the March 6 Presidential Preference Primary:

February 13 to February 24 (M-F) 8:30 to 5:00 at Cherokee County Elections Office at 400 E. Main Street in Canton.

February 25 (Saturday) 8:30 to 4:00 at the County Elections Office, Ball Ground Public Library, Hickory Flat Library, Rose Library and Woodstock Public Library.

February 27 to March 2 (M-F) 8:30 to 7:00 at the County Elections Office, Ball Ground Public Library, Hickory Flat Library, Rose Creek Library and Woodstock Public Library.

Amended: 3.1 Consider suspension, revocation, or probation of precious metal dealer's permit for Butch Roberts d/b/a Goldhound, 2382 Marietta Hwy, Canton, GA.

Angie Davis asked that due to the business not having a permit under the Precious Metals Ordinance, if the hearing scheduled for tonight could be postponed to the March 6 meeting.

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

APPROVAL OF WORK SESSION MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 7, 2012.

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

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 7, 2012.

Commissioner Hubbard made a motion to approve; Vice Chair/Commissioner Bosch seconded and there was unanimous approval.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

No one had signed up to speak.

PUBLIC HEARING

None Scheduled.

COMMISSION BUSINESS

CHAIRMAN

L. B. AHRENS

A. Consider appointment to CRPA Advisory Board to replace Jim Haslam.

Chairman Ahrens said that he had a couple names as candidates for the vacancy for the unexpired term of Mr. Haslam and asked if anyone else would like to nominate someone. He said he was not going to make an appointment tonight but at a later meeting.

B. Consider resolution in support of amended Cherokee County Development Authority 'Powers and Duties'.

Chairman Ahrens said that this item was discussed at the last meeting and that a couple of revisions had been made on the scope of the powers and duties. He said the Development Authority Board had passed the new language and that the BOC could either send a resolution or letter of support to the delegation.

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

COMMISSION POST 1

HARRY B. JOHNSTON

COMMISSION POST 2

JIM HUBBARD

VICE CHAIR/COMMISSION POST 3

KAREN BOSCH

COMMISSION POST 4

JASON NELMS

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1.1 Consider approval of Settlement and Release Agreement for the Millstone at Little River Subdivision from performance bonds for a total amount of \$72,368.52 for asphalt topping installation and \$3,730.00 for trees.
- 1.2 Consider approval of a proposal from American Engineers, Inc. for revisions to East Cherokee Drive Safety Enhancement project in the total amount of \$16,500.00.
- 1.3 Consider approval of a proposal from American Engineers, Inc. for revisions to the Earney Road project in the total amount of \$26,440.00.
- 1.4 Consider request to transfer reimbursed Insurance Recovery Funds in the amount of \$5,150.00 to EMS Vehicle Maintenance.
- 1.5 Consider approval of budget amendment to transfer ASPCA Grant funds awarded to the Animal Shelter in the amount of \$6,500.00 for the purchase of vaccines and spaying/neutering.
- 1.6 Consider approval of disposition to surplus computer hardware from the Tax Commissioner's Office for disposal at the next Electronics Recycling Day.
- 1.7 Requesting approval of budget amendment establishing adopted budget for Fiscal Year 2012 for the GEMA Grant in the amount of \$15,000.00.
- 1.8 Requesting approval to set a public hearing for March 20 to consider changes to definitions and regulations for Residential Care Facilities.
- 1.9 Requesting approval to amend DATE Fund budget to include Drug Court training in the amount of \$15,000.00.

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

COUNTY MANAGER

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- 2.1 Consider adoption of County Grant Fiscal Management Policy for Fiscal Year 2011 and later.

After discussion at Work Session, in order to give the Commissioners more time to review the policy as there was no rush, it was decided to postpone the item until the March 6 meeting.

Vice Chair/Commissioner Bosch asked that the current policy be sent to the Commissioners. Mr. Cooper replied that the proposed policy would put into writing a process to follow for grants where the board would first approve the grant application, then have the chance to review the potential award and the financial impact if granted in order to make a decision as to accept the award or not.

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

- 2.2 Consider approval of budget amendment to transfer \$1.0M Bond Premium Proceeds to Debt Service Fund to cover debt service payments.

Commissioner Johnston made a motion to approve; Vice Chair/Commissioner Bosch seconded and there was unanimous approval.

- 2.3 Consider approval of budget amendments for SPLOST V and RRDA Budgets: Transferring \$1,827,000.00 assets previously purchased by the General Fund to SPLOST V Fund; Use the resulting reserves from the transfer to fund RRDA Debt Service payments until June 2012 for a total of \$1,826,015.03.

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

- 2.4 Requesting consideration of CRPA Advisory Board's recommendation for naming the park on Blalock Road.

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

- 2.5 Requesting acceptance of low bid by Morgan's Ace Hardware in the amount of \$12,918.96 to purchase from Parks Bond funds one (1) zero turn mower with 72" deck. Other bidders were Jerry Pate Turf & Irrigation at \$13,068.96 and Bells Ferry Ace Hardware at \$13,499.00.

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

2.6 Consider approval of submission of application for the Bureau of Justice Assistance Drug Court Discretionary Grant Program for a federal award amount of \$350,000.00 with a 25% (\$116,667.00) match by the County to be provided through DATE funds.

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

2.7 AMENDED Acquisition of property for future library.

The opportunity to acquire approximately 6.14 acres on State Route 20 for a future library site was discussed in Executive Session.

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

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Amended: This item was moved to the top of the agenda.

3.1 Consider suspension, revocation, or probation of precious metal dealer's permit for Butch Roberts d/b/a Goldhound, 2382 Marietta Hwy, Canton, GA.

See beginning of minutes.

3.2 AMENDED Angie Davis said that court orders for compliance have been unsuccessful in having the property of Bert Kinast cleaned up. She asked that a seven day notice be sent and that the county go onto the property and do the work and put a lien on the property for the clean-up costs.

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

ADJOURN

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The Chairman asked if there was any further business. Hearing none, Commissioner Hubbard made the motion to adjourn at 6:41 p.m.; Commissioner Johnston seconded and the motion received unanimous approval.