

By policy, minutes are not official until approved by the Board at a future regular meeting.

CHEROKEE COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Work Session

April 17, 2012

3:00 p.m.

Cherokee Hall

MINUTES

The Chairman began at **3:06 p.m.** with all members of the Board except Commissioner Bosch present by reading motivational quotes by Mac Anderson.

He said that two items were being amended to the agenda;

1. Remove item 3.1 under the County Attorney Portion at the request of the attorney for the Goldhound Case. Angie Davis commented that it would not hurt the county to allow the postponement.
2. Add an announcement regarding the burn ban issued by Georgia Forestry in effect from May 1 to September 30. For information on burn permits, contact the Georgia Forestry Commission at 1-877-OK2-BURN.

The Chairman then called on Bill Echols to speak about the Blankets Creek Project. Mr. Echols introduced Mike Ross with Ross and Associates to give a presentation on the design of Blankets Creek. Chairman Ahrens asked if they could provide a timeline. Mr. Echols said they had submitted for permitting and he believes they will be ready to issue with that permit sometime in late May. He also said he is working on doing a new cash flow of the park bonds. Mr. Echols said they think it will be a six month construction schedule. Commissioner Johnston asked how long the park would have to be closed for this construction and Mr. Echols replied that 15 Monday-Friday weeks with the belief that they can get back up with some interim measures for the weekends. Commissioner Johnston asked if a contractor had been selected yet and Mr. Echols said they had not

By policy, minutes are not official until approved by the Board at a future regular meeting.

selected one yet at this time. Commissioner Hubbard asked if during the 15 days, citizens could park at the church and walk to the park. Mr. Echols responded that the church lot was already being over allocated by two other churches.

The Chairman then asked Mr. Cooper to the podium to go over the **Consent Agenda**.

- 1.1 Consideration to surplus obsolete printers, calculators and other miscellaneous outdated or non-working electronic equipment from Finance Department. Upon approval, recommend recycling on Electronics Recycling Day on May 5, 2012.
- 1.2 Consider approval to accept insurance recovery revenue and budget amendment in the amount of \$676.00 due to a no-fault accident involving Property Management vehicle.
- 1.3 Consider approval to accept insurance recovery revenue and budget amendment in the amount of \$1,330.46 received for damaged patrol vehicles.

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

- 2.1 Consider approval of change order to the Construction Services Agreement with New South Construction Company, Inc., for an increase in allowance for rock blasting and removal in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.00 for the Aquatic Center. Does not impact project budget.
- 2.2 Consideration to purchase three (3) vehicles for CRPA under equipment portion of the Park Bond. 1. Ford Escape from Brannen Ford in the amount of \$22,500.00, next lowest bid was \$22,511.00; 2. Ford Explorer from Wade Ford in the amount of \$23,558.00, next lowest bid was \$23,899.00; 3. Ford F-350 Dump truck from Wade Ford in the amount of \$28,185.00, next lowest bid was \$29,387.00.
- 2.3 Consideration to purchase skid steer loader for CRPA under equipment portion of Park Bond in the amount of \$39,500.00 from Border Equipment, the second lowest bidder as recommended by Fleet Director. Lowest bid was \$38,388.96 from JCB of Georgia but was not recommended due to concerns with the new design having no

By policy, minutes are not official until approved by the Board at a future regular meeting.

track record; Other bids were from Mason Tractor at \$44,100.00 and Yancey Caterpillar at \$44,761.00.

- 2.4 Consider approval of FY2011 GEMA Homeland Security / Citizen Corps Grant Program in the amount of \$9,000.00. Consider budget amendment to transfer the grant revenue in the amount of \$9,000.00 to account 23920555 to be used to fund public education for the citizens of Cherokee County.

The Chairman asked if there was anything else. Commissioner Nelms said that he would like to comment to Mr. Cooper and Chief Marshal Chris Collett that the Marshal's Office Annual report was a very impressive document compared to the past, and he particularly liked the way the agencies and departments were combined in the report. Commissioner Hubbard said that he understood the report would officially be presented at the May 1 meeting. As the discussion on the Annual Report concluded, Commissioner Hubbard made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session at 3:35 p.m. to discuss personnel issues, pending litigation and property acquisition. Commissioner Nelms seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session to Followed