

CHEROKEE COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Work Session

May 1, 2012

3:08 p.m.

Cherokee Hall

MINUTES

The Chairman began at **3:08 p.m.** with all members of the Board except Commissioner Bosch who had called to say she was running late. The County Attorney was not present as of this time either. Note: Commissioner Bosch arrived at 3:48 and Angie Davis arrived at 3:29. He said that he would dispense with the motivational comments he usually reads because of the busy agenda.

He then called Janelle Funk to the podium.

1. First Quarter 2012 Financials presentation by Janelle Funk.

Janelle presented a slideshow of the first quarter financials. She said that we are right where we should be but that is was a little early to detect any trends at this point.

2. Economic Development Update by Misti Martin.

Misti Martin presented the quarter update for the Office of Economic Development. She announced that their new website is up and running and they also have Facebook. Highlights of the presentation included:

- Prospects for this quarter are comparable to the same time year at approximately 25.
- At a press conference today Senator Rogers said that he predicts the Opportunity Zone to be the next hot spot for economic growth with over 150 new jobs in 2012 and an additional 140 jobs over the next two years.
- Cherokee 75 Park is about to the bidding phase.

Commissioner Johnston said it has been discussed before and that he would like to get verified whether credit can be applied against state income tax withholding or not to help companies not producing taxable income. Misti said they would check on that.

Chairman Ahrens asked her if they had discussed incubations. She replied that they had. They have looked at a big group of properties located around the county and have narrowed down to three properties to build three different business models.

3. Marshal's Office / E 9-1-1 Annual report presentation by Chris Collett.

Chief Collett gave a presentation on the Annual Report. Highlights of the presentation of 2011 included:

- Code Enforcement – Violations down due to stricter enforcement.
- 9-1-1 – Dispatch time has been reduced by 30 seconds since 2009.
- Animal Control – Public education continues to be the best remedy for the neglect and abuse of pets.
- Animal Shelter – Although the number of pets turned in to the shelter continues to climb, we still euthanize less pets by percentage than other metro shelters.
- Recycling Center – 174 tons of trash was picked up from our highways in 2011.

4. Discussion of Regular Agenda Items.

Mr. Cooper went over the following **Consent Agenda** Items.

- 1.1 Consideration to surplus vehicles and equipment identified as no longer meeting the needs of various County departments and to dispose of or schedule for the May 12 equipment auction: Twelve (12) vehicles; six (6) pieces of equipment; one (1) trash trailer and various outdated auto parts.
- 1.2 Consider acceptance of two (2) streets in the Millstone at Little River subdivision that have not been formally accepted for County maintenance; Millstone Parkway and Millstone Lane.
- 1.3 Consider final acceptance of all public rights-of-way, roadways and appurtenant drainage structures in the Northbrook Manor subdivision.
- 1.4 Consideration to surplus miscellaneous outdated computer equipment from the Voter Registration office and to dispose of at the Electronic Recycling Day on May 5, 2012.

Mr. Cooper went over the following items under **County Manager**:

- 2.1 Consider acceptance of a bid from Ridgeline Homes, LLC for the sale of surplus property; Two (2) parcels, Lot 102 and Lot 118 in the Belmont Trace Subdivision, in the amount of \$15,000.00.
- 2.2 Consider approval of a change order to the Professional Services Agreement with HDR for additional design and engineering services and compensation for the planned new parks at Etowah and Killian for the City of Canton in a total amount of \$255,000.00 to be funded from the City of Canton portion of the Park Bond Program.
- 2.3 Consider acceptance of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development CDBG funding approval/agreement in the amount of \$904,196.00 for PY 2012 CDBG Funding. (Grant does not require match.)
- 2.4 Consideration of Partnership Agreement between Cherokee County and Northside Hospital-Cherokee for payment to Cherokee County in annual installments of \$25,000.00 for a period of five (5) years to be used for the Safe Kids Cherokee Program managed by Fire & Emergency Services.
- 2.5 Consider purchase agreement for acquisition of 6.14 acre parcel located on SR 20 and Old Mill Road in the amount of \$170,000.00 for a future location of a library.

Susan White with the Library System was in attendance to answer questions. Commissioner Johnston asked her if she approved of the purchase and she replied that she did.

- 2.6 Consider intergovernmental agreement between Cherokee County and the City of Woodstock for road improvements in conjunction with the Horizon Outlet Mall Project.

The Chairman asked if there was anything else. Jeff Watkins spoke about the award the DSC (Development Services Center) recently received at the ACCG Annual Conference, the 'Community of Excellence' for the category of Financial and Organizational Efficiency. When Mr. Watkins finished, Commissioner Hubbard made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session at 4:56 p.m. to discuss personnel issues, pending litigation and property acquisition. Commissioner Nelms seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session to Follow