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CHEROKEE COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Work Session

May 15, 2012

3:00 p.m.

Cherokee Hall

MINUTES

The Chairman began at **3:11 p.m.** with all members of the Board present except Commissioner Bosch. He spoke about cultivating and 'pulling the weeds'.

He acknowledged that the flag was flown today at half-staff in observance of Peace Officers Memorial Day.

1. Discussion of Regular Agenda Items.

The Chairman then went over the regular agenda items. He announced that due to Commissioner Bosch's absence today that the zoning case on tonight's agenda would be postponed at her request due to her being the post commissioner.

The Chairman then went over some items under his section of the agenda beginning with a review of the Resource Recovery and Development Bond issuance.

He then announced that there were two resignations from our authority boards. Kenneth Perry who was Commissioner Bosch's appointment resigned from the Board of Ethics. Chairman Ahrens then made it known publicly that there was now an open position. Mike Nixon will be resigning from the Airport Authority Board. The Airport Authority would be coming up with a name or two but again he publicly announced that there was

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an open position. Commissioner Johnston said he believed the new appointments should be people not associated directly with any of the Commissioners.

Chairman Ahrens' next topic was the ARC's initiative to speak one-on-one with citizens regarding the transportation referendum. The ARC will be conducting wire-side chats. He also announced that the Republican Women's club will be holding a debate about the transportation referendum.

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

- Mileage reimbursement for Commissioner Bosch in the amount of \$122.10 for round trip to Tift College in Forsyth, GA for ACCG Training Committee meeting on May 14, 2012. (A committee on which she serves.)

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

- Consider approval of agreement with CGI Communications for a cost-free County video promoting Cherokee County.

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

- Appeal by Mr. Dennis Ray of the denial of a precious metal dealer's permit application for Goldhound, 2382 Marietta Hwy, Canton, Georgia.

Mr. Dennis Ray has sold out and there has been a permit issued to that location with a new owner. Angie Davis said they had tried to reach out to Dennis Ray's lawyer to have them put in writing that they are withdrawing the appeal. She said they had not gotten him to communicate back. She said that she would like to officially have the hearing to have official minutes reflect this.

- Resolution to Designate County Clerk as Open Records Officer.

Chairman Ahrens added that that the county needs to communicate the new law to the boards and authorities members as well as the public. Mr. Cooper said he planned on informing the departments, elected officials, etc. and would have a meeting to provide an opportunity for individuals to ask questions. He also said a link would be provided on our website with the new Open Records/Open Meeting rules. Commissioner Johnston asked if we knew for sure which boards and committees would be directly affected by the change. Mr. Cooper then confirmed that it would affect any board or committee that the Commissioners appoint any members to.

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Chairman Ahrens then mentioned the ARC Link trip they have once a year. He said that it was held in Washington DC this year and he was very impressed with what they've done there.

The Chairman asked if there was anything else. Hearing none, Commissioner Hubbard made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session at 3:51 p.m. to discuss personnel issues, pending litigation and property acquisition. Commissioner Nelms seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session Followed