

MINUTES

Cherokee County Board of Commissioners

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

INVOCATION

Commissioner Hubbard gave the invocation.

CALL TO ORDER

CHAIRMAN AHRENS

Chairman Ahrens called the regular meeting to order at 6:03 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 Chris Hamilton; County Clerk Christy Black. Also present were Agency Directors/Department Heads; the media; and the public.

RATIFY CLOSURE OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Chairman called for a motion to ratify closure of Executive Session for August 21, 2012 at 5:43 p.m.

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

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"

County Manager Jerry Cooper led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

Sheriff's Office presentation of second quarter awards and recognitions.

Captain Locke with the Sheriff's Office presented the awards along with Sheriff Garrison and Chief West for the first quarter in the following categories; Life Saving Awards, The Sheriff's Citation for Bravery, The Sheriff's Commendation Award, and the Sheriff's Citation for Meritorious Service.

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Georgia Department of Transportation announces that **Harmony Drive** will be closed to through traffic at its southerly intersection with SR 20, from **August 27, 2012, for a period of 30 days**, for intersection reconstruction associated with the SR 20 improvement project.

A posted detour will be provided during the duration of the construction. The detour route utilizes Dodson Circle.

The Georgia Department of Transportation appreciates the public's patience during the detour period and requests that motorists obey the detour for their safety as well as for the safety of all contractors' personnel.

Questions regarding the detour should be directed to the Georgia Department of Transportation at (770) 387-3680.

Etowah River Cleanup at Bowling Park

UERA (Upper Etowah River Alliance) Diane Minik

Saturday, September 8th 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Bowling Park in Canton behind the Armory.

Hot dog lunch provided to volunteers and T-shirts while supplies last.

APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES FROM AUGUST 7, 2012

As distributed by the County Manager.

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

APPROVAL OF WORK SESSION MINUTES FROM, AUGUST 7, 2012

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

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FROM AUGUST 7, 2012.

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

APPROVAL OF SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES FROM JULY 26, 2012

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

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FROM JULY 24, 2012

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

PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing to consider transmitting the 2012 Annual Update of the Capital Improvements Element and Short Term Plan to the Atlanta Regional Commission and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for review.

Consider approval of the updated Transmittal Resolution.

Commissioner Hubbard made a motion to open the Public Hearing at 6:11 p.m.; Commissioner Johnston seconded and there was unanimous approval.

Margaret Stallings summarized the annual report which is submitted annually to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs and to ARC (Atlanta Region Commission). The transmittal consists of the collection and spending of Impact Fees and the Short Term Work Plan. For calendar year 2011, approximately \$160,000.00 was collected. She said that the amount was low due to the Impact Fees being down to 10% for five months at 50% for seven months. She added that on August 1, 2012 Impact Fees went back up to 100%. She said the only significant change this year was the addition of parks projects into the Short Term Work Plan. She noted that next year a study needed to be done to determine if the rate should be adjusted based on the 2010 population and to see if parks bond funding should be accounted for in the Impact Fees calculation.

Commissioner Hubbard pointed out that the dates on the annual fee financial report, page 2, showed the start date and end date as January 1, 2011. Ms. Stallings said that the end date should be corrected to reflect January 1, 2012.

Commissioner Hubbard made a motion to close the public hearing at 6:14 p.m.; Commissioner Nelms Seconded and there was unanimous approval.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Tom Ware signed up to speak about the City of Canton Parks. He said it is time for the City of Canton to get their allocated portion of the Parks Bond that was voted on in 2008.
2. Carolyn Stambaugh, PR Representative for the Cherokee County Saddle Club, had not signed up to speak but asked permission from the audience. Chairman Ahrens called her up to speak. Tamma Trump, President of the Saddle Club came up to speak as well.

Ms. Stambaugh said that she wanted to 'set the record straight' regarding a comment that was made during the Public Hearing on the Millage Rate on July 24, 2012. She said that Mr. McCall had suggested that the Saddle Club be required to share expenses with the County on the Garland Mountain Trails Project. She said that the Saddle Club partnered with Cherokee County in October 2007 to make improvements on the existing trails and that their volunteers have since logged over 1,600 hours in designing, building and maintaining the trails. She emphasized that the trails were public trails, available for public use.

COMMISSION BUSINESS

CHAIRMAN

L. B. AHRENS

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

COUNTY MANAGER

2.1 Consider authorization of the renewal position of fixed costs and program services to be effective October 1, 2012. Gallagher Benefits Solutions negotiated favorable rates and the total annualized savings are \$78,246.00 over the BCBSGA renewal offer. There was a decrease of \$33,786.00 to the submitted 2012-2013 budget projection and the net increase of fixed costs in \$55,476.00.

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

2.2 Consider approval of Business Associate Agreement between the County and Gallagher Benefits Services, Inc. Covered entities are required under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) to enter into such an agreement in order to protect, use, and disclose protected health information.

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

2.3 Consider approval of a Change Order to the Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with AMEC for additional compensation in the total amount of \$33,536.27 for full design and engineering services recommended by the master plan for Waleska County Park.

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

COUNTY ATTORNEY

ADJOURN

The Chairman asked if there was any further business. Hearing none, Commissioner Hubbard made the motion to adjourn at 6:30 p.m.; Commissioner Bosch seconded and the motion received unanimous approval.