

# MINUTES

## Cherokee County Board of Commissioners

February 19, 2013

Regular Meeting

CHEROKEE HALL 6:00 PM

### INVOCATION

Phil Engleman with Grace Valley Ministries gave the invocation.

### 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"*

Commissioner Nelms led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### CALL TO ORDER

### CHAIRMAN AHRENS

Chairman Ahrens called the regular meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. Those present included Commissioner Harry B. Johnston; Commissioner Raymond Gunnin; Commissioner Brian Poole; Vice Chair/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

Chairman Ahrens called for a motion to ratify closure of Executive Session at 5:57 p.m.

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

### PRESENTATIONS

Sheriff's Office 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Awards.

Sheriff Garrison thanked the Board for allowing the Sheriff's Office the opportunity to recognize the awards and turned the presentation over to Captain Joe Perkins. Captain Perkins stated that after reviewing many accommodations, two were selected for their exceptional duty performance: Sergeant Joseph Pelletier and Sergeant David Barone. Sheriff Garrison thanked the Board again and mentioned that these two leaders were recently recognized at the Sheriff's Office Promotions Ceremony.

### AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

1. Under County Manager's Portion, add item 2.8: FY2012 Post-Audit Budget Amendment.
2. Under the Chairman's Portion, add item B.: Appointments to Board of Health.

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

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman commented that the Guns & Hoses 5K at Hobgood Park over the weekend was a success having over 536 participants and raising quite a bit of money for charity.

### **APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 5, 2013.**

As distributed by the County Manager.

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

### **APPROVAL OF WORK SESSION MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 5, 2013.**

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

### **APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 5, 2013.**

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

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

None Scheduled.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

One person had signed up to speak:

1. Richard Mauldin signed up to speak about Killian Park. He gave a brief history of Canton Parks, naming quite a few individuals who were long time coaches. He added that he'd like to see some of these coaches recognized, such as Herman Lawson who coached for over 40 years. He said he'd like to see the Canton Park named in honor of Mr. Lawson. He also said he'd like to see the fields at Sequoyah Park named after Homer Adams who was one of the men who started the little league and stayed there for 23 years and his grandson Ty Adams who came on board and stayed there 30 years. Chairman Ahrens thanked him for his suggestion and said he'd make sure Bryan Reynolds and the Advisory Board received this suggestion.

## **ZONING CASES**

None Scheduled.

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## **COMMISSION BUSINESS**

### **CHAIRMAN**

### **L. B. AHRENS**

- A. Presentation: Cherokee Forward / State of the County.

Chairman Ahrens began the presentation by pointing out the top right section of the slide, "Build Competitive Advantage" which he added was a term he used in the email message he sent to all employees in early January. He added that this theme was a build on of the last two years' theme which was "Manage the Downside, Create Opportunities". He read through the four guiding principles: Fiscal Integrity, Quality Growth, Economic Development, and Environmental Stewardship. He referenced a new part of the website which has the Cherokee Forward presentation posted. He said the County is run like a business and needs to be marketed like a product or service. He then listed just a few of the County's USP's: School District #1 SAT scores in Georgia, EMS #1 Agency of Year in Georgia, 9-1-1 Center nationally accredited and named Call Center of the Year, Sheriff's Office national accreditation, \$45M investment for Parks/Recreation, nearly \$300M Northside Hospital Cherokee Expansion planned and AA+ Bond Rating. He went over the other sections of the presentation including Fiscal Integrity, the State of the Economy, Economic Development and Achievements/Shortfalls. The Cherokee Forward presentation is included and spread upon these minutes.

When speaking on achievements, he referenced the DSC (Development Services Center) and said that he received a request by Dekalb County Commission to spend a day with us to visit the DSC. He also commented that he had met recently with a potential recycling center owner. He finished his summary of the presentation by stating that he

would gladly stay after the meeting if anyone had any questions or they could contact him by email.

- B. Amended: Reappointment of Dr. Michael Litrel and Patricia Tanner to the Cherokee County Board of Health for a six-year term expiring on December 31, 2018.

The Chairman briefly went over letters from the Board of Health District Director Dr. Harold Pitts recommending the reappointments.

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

Commissioner Johnston commented that when you have quality people willing to serve that we're glad to have them.

**COMMISSION DISTRICT 1**

**HARRY B. JOHNSTON**

- A. BOC District 1 Town Hall Meetings to be held on Monday evenings before the regular first-Tuesday BOC meetings for the remainder of 2013. They will be in the BOC meeting room from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. (No meeting planned in July or early September due to holidays.)

Commissioner Johnston commented that he would make a few prepared remarks but the purpose of these meetings were to hear from citizens.

**COMMISSION DISTRICT 2**

**RAYMOND GUNNIN**

**COMMISSION DISTRICT 3**

**BRIAN POOLE**

**VICE CHAIR/COMMISSION DISTRICT 4**

**JASON NELMS**

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**CONSENT AGENDA**

- 1.1 Consider approval to surplus and dispose of outdated and non-functioning office equipment from the Voter's Registration Office at the next electronics recycling day.
- 1.2 Consider approval to surplus and dispose of non-functioning printers from the Engineering Department at the next electronics recycling day.

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

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## **COUNTY MANAGER**

- 2.1 Consider authorizing County Manager to execute Amendment One to PSA 2012-11: Uniform Services with Cintas Corporation for the Roads and Bridges Department, at a 6% cost savings (\$1,000) in 2013 over the 2012 price; and a 2% savings over 2012 price in 2014. Total contract amount for Calendar Year 2013 not to exceed \$18,000.00.

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

- 2.2 Consider approval to purchase a replacement zero turn mower from low bidder Mason Tractor in the amount of \$12,543.73 from Parks Bond funds. Existing mower to be sold at auction as surplus.

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

- 2.3 Consider amendments to Standard Professional Services Agreement to include Title VI non-discrimination provisions as recommended by County Attorney Angie Davis.

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

- 2.4 Consider approval of FY 2014 GDOT grant application in the amount of \$540,045.00 for operating expenses associated with the CATS 5311 Rural Public

Transportation program. The County's obligation is a 50% match in the amount of \$270,022.00; anticipated DHR annual funds in the amount of \$217,355.00 will be used to off-set County's match.

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

2.5 Consider approval of Professional Services Agreement with Robert W. Graves & Associates to perform right-of-way acquisition services for County roadway construction projects in the amount of \$700.00 Local acquisition and \$1,100.00 GDOT acquisition. This was the lowest per parcel bid out of six received. Second low bid was from Croy Engineering in the amount of \$1,475.00 Local and \$1,675.00 GDOT acquisition.

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

2.6 Consider approval of Change Order to the Professional Services Agreement with Lose & Associates for additional compensation for design and engineering services for Hobgood Park Phase 2 and other projects in the total amount of \$20,903.34.

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

2.7 Consider approval to purchase a new vehicle for the Tax Commissioner's Office from low bidder Brannen Motor Company in the amount of \$23,899.00. Other bidders were Wade Ford in the amount of \$23,955.00 and Allan Vigil Ford in the amount of \$25,086.00.

Mr. Cooper said that a request for a budget amendment to cover the purchase was also being requested.

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

Chairman Ahrens asked how many vehicles the Tax Commissioner's Office had and the reply was one.

2.8 Amended: Consider approval of 2012 post-audit budget amendment to recognize expenditures that were legitimately incurred in excess of budget to conduct necessary county operations.

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

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## **COUNTY ATTORNEY**

3.1 Notice of Annexation received from the City of Holly Springs, Marble Quarry Road.

Mr. Hamilton briefly reviewed the annexation notice for 3095 Marble Quarry Road near the intersection of Sixes Road. The 2.04 acre property is currently zoned O&I and the request is for general commercial. The proposed use is for a grocery store and complimentary retail. Mr. Hamilton stated that under the statute the Board can object to an annexation only if able to demonstrate a material increase and burden upon the County. Mr. Hamilton suggested that the Board table this request until the next meeting so that he can work with staff to get the data needed to make that determination.

Commissioner Johnston made a motion to table the request until the next meeting; Commissioner Poole seconded and there was unanimous approval.

## **ADJOURN**

The Chairman asked if there was any further business. Hearing none, Commissioner Nelms made the motion to adjourn at 7:06 p.m.; Commissioner Johnston seconded and the motion received unanimous approval.