

MINUTES

Cherokee County Board of Commissioners

June 4, 2013

Regular Meeting

CHEROKEE HALL 6:00 PM

INVOCATION

Commission Johnston 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 Poole led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER

CHAIRMAN AHRENS

Chairman Ahrens called the regular meeting to order at 6:11 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 Angie Davis; 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 the closure of Executive Session at 5:55 p.m.

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

PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

Sheriff's Office Quarterly Awards and Recognitions.

Chairman Ahrens called on Sheriff Garrison for the Sheriff's Office quarterly awards. Sheriff Garrison introduced Captain Bill Smith who announced the various citations and recognitions. Sheriff Garrison thanked the Board for allowing them the opportunity to spotlight some of the great acts these officers do on a daily basis to serve the citizens. Chairman Ahrens commended Sheriff Garrison on his leadership and thanked all of the officers for their service.

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

1. Add under Chairman's Section: A. Consider appointment to Highland Rivers Board.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES FROM MAY 21, 2013.

As distributed by the County Manager.

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

APPROVAL OF WORK SESSION MINUTES FROM MAY 21, 2013.

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

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FROM MAY 21, 2013.

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

PUBLIC HEARING

Consider amendments to **Article 11, Signs** of the Cherokee County Zoning Ordinance. The amendment seeks to better define and regulate electronic signs in unincorporated areas of the County and to amend regulations related to flags and flagpoles.

Jeff Watkins made the presentation again from Work Session, highlighting the proposed changes. Commissioner Johnston stated that the gist of the amendment is to bring into regulation the brightness of electronic signs and frequency of changing messages. Discussion ensued as to whether the frequency should be set to 30 seconds or 60 seconds and if the size should be set to 32 square feet. It was also discussed if schools and churches should be excluded. It was decided that churches would be excluded with a reference to paragraph 2 but not schools.

Commissioner Nelms made a motion to open the Public Hearing; Commissioner Gunnin seconded and there was unanimous approval.

No one had signed up to speak.

Commissioner Nelms made a motion to close the Public Hearing; Commissioner Poole seconded and there was unanimous approval.

Commissioner Johnston made a motion to adopt the proposed ordinance with the following changes: At section 11.3 insert "electronic" in front of "sign"; at section 11.5-5, Section L, paragraph 1, sub-paragraph i, in reference to churches, electronic signs shall not be allowed in residential zones except by churches in which case paragraph 2 below shall apply; in paragraph 2, a sign shall not exceed 32 square feet at point "b"; point "c", add frequency of not less than 60 seconds; Section 3, insert "electronic" in front of "sign". Commissioner Nelms seconded and there was unanimous approval.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one had signed up to speak.

ZONING CASES

None Scheduled.

COMMISSION BUSINESS

CHAIRMAN

L. B. AHRENS

A. Amended: Consider appointment to Highland Rivers Board

Chairman Ahrens referenced an email received earlier in the day from CEO of Highland Rivers Jason Bearden with the recommendation of Chantel Adams as a candidate for Cherokee County's vacancy on the Highland Rivers Community Service Board.

Commissioner Johnston made a motion to appoint Chantel Adams to the Highland Rivers Community Service Board; Commissioner Nelms seconded and there was unanimous approval.

COMMISSION DISTRICT 1

HARRY B. JOHNSTON

COMMISSION DISTRICT 2

RAYMOND GUNNIN

COMMISSION DISTRICT 3

BRIAN POOLE

VICE CHAIR/COMMISSION DISTRICT 4

JASON NELMS

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1.1 Approve increase in Animal Shelter Budget for additional funding received from the Mary Jean Payne Charitable Trust in the amount of \$10,000.00.

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

COUNTY MANAGER

- 2.1 Consider purchase of 1.86 +/- acres located at N. Industrial Way south of Univeter Road in the amount of \$125,000.00.

Mr. Cooper recommended postponing the item to obtain the services of an engineering firm to address options regarding the water retention on the property.

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

- 2.2 Approve the creation of a new position and budget amendment for PT Case Management Position which is fully funded by ARC Grant Funds.

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

- 2.3 Consider approval of Automatic Aid Agreement between Cherokee County and Pickens County to render supplemental fire suppression and protection to other party in the event of fire or other local emergencies and take part in joint training.

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

- 2.4 Award purchase order to low bidder, Contech Engineering Solutions, in the amount of \$35,046.00 for the acquisition and delivery of 284 LF of corrugated aluminum alloy pipe for the road work on Roscoe Collett Road.

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

2.5 Approval to issue a Letter of Intent to provide funding in the amount of \$225,000.00 from the Senior Home Repair Program to Canton Limited, LP for the development of a 74-Unit Seniors 55 years of age and older affordable rental housing complex.

Commissioner Johnston made a motion to approve with the condition that City of Canton provides an easement along the river for trails; Commissioner Gunnin seconded and there was unanimous approval.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

ADJOURN

The Chairman asked if there was any further business. Hearing none, Commissioner Nelms made a motion to adjourn at 7:00 p.m.; Commissioner Gunnin seconded and the motion received unanimous approval.