

# MINUTES

## Cherokee County Board of Commissioners

July 2, 2013

Regular Meeting

CHEROKEE HALL 6:00 PM

### **INVOCATION**

Reverend Eynon with Woodstock Christian 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 Gunnin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

### **CHAIRMAN AHRENS**

Chairman Ahrens called the regular meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. Those present included Commissioner Harry B. Johnston; Commissioner Raymond Gunnin; Commissioner Brian Poole; County Manager Jerry Cooper; County Attorney Angie Davis; County Clerk Christy Black. (Vice Chair/Commissioner Nelms was absent.) 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 5:50 p.m.

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

### **PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS**

None Scheduled.

### **AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA**

1. Remove item 2.5: Approval of new FSA and Cobra provider.
2. Add under Commissioner Poole's section, notice of Town Hall Meeting.
3. Add item 2.8: Approval of agreement between Cherokee Child Advocacy Council and Universal Alloy.

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

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES FROM JUNE 18, 2013.**

As distributed by the County Manager.

Commissioner Gunnin made a motion to approve; Commissioner Poole seconded and there was unanimous approval at 3-0 with Chairman Ahrens abstaining due to his absence from that meeting and Vice Chair/Commissioner Nelms absent.

### **APPROVAL OF WORK SESSION MINUTES FROM JUNE 18, 2013.**

Commissioner Gunnin made a motion to approve; Commissioner Johnston seconded and there was unanimous approval at 3-0 with Chairman Ahrens abstaining due to his absence from that meeting and Vice Chair/Commissioner Nelms absent.

### **APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FROM JUNE 18, 2013.**

Commissioner Gunnin made a motion to approve; Commissioner Poole seconded and there was unanimous approval at 3-0 with Chairman Ahrens abstaining due to his absence from that meeting and Vice Chair/Commissioner Nelms absent.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

Presentation on proposed 2013 Millage Rates by Janelle Funk.

The Cherokee County Board of Commissioners shall conduct a Public Hearing for public review and comment concerning proposed 2013 millage rates on Tuesday, July 2, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

The Cherokee County Board of Commissioners will consider adopting the millage rates on Tuesday, July 16, 2013.

Commissioner Johnston made a motion to open the Public Hearing at 6:10 p.m.; Commissioner Poole seconded and there was unanimous approval.

Ms. Funk gave the millage rate presentation.

No one had signed up to speak at the Public Hearing.

Commissioner Poole made a motion to close the Public Hearing at 6:29 p.m.; Commissioner Gunnin seconded and there was unanimous approval.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. Tom Ware signed up to speak about alcohol sales. He had concerns with convenience stores possibly selling alcohol to minors and inquired if the Marshal's Office still checks on this issue.

### **ZONING CASES**

None Scheduled.

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### **COMMISSION BUSINESS**

**CHAIRMAN**

**L. B. AHRENS**

- A. Discussion and possible adoption of Etowah Community Development Standards.

Jeff Watkins provided a summary of the plan discussed in Work Session. The discussion included a list of five concerns that Commissioner Johnston had with the plan. Provision of live/work units, lodging, and guest housing were three of the concerns which he stated are now satisfied with the proposed

modifications. The remaining concern is the mix of the 1800 residential units. Another concern was discussed in Work Session which was the condition that all perimeter lots will be 18,000 square feet which is not the case in the document before them. The Chairman gave an overview of the project and stated that there should be flexibility in a project this large and other options should be considered. He added that other options would be included in a document to be presented at the public hearing.

Commissioner Johnston made a motion to advertise and setup a Public Hearing for Tuesday, August 6, 2013; Commissioner Gunnin seconded and there was unanimous approval.

**COMMISSION DISTRICT 1**

**HARRY B. JOHNSTON**

**COMMISSION DISTRICT 2**

**RAYMOND GUNNIN**

**COMMISSION DISTRICT 3**

**BRIAN POOLE**

- A. Amended Add Notice: Commissioner Poole will hold a Town Hall meeting on Tuesday, July 9<sup>th</sup> at the BridgeMill Fire Station Community Room at 6:30 p.m.

**VICE CHAIR/COMMISSION DISTRICT 4**

**JASON NELMS**

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**CONSENT AGENDA**

- 1.1 Authorize budget amendment to accept Insurance Recovery Monies for Fire Fund and Unincorporated County Services Fund for the FY2013 Budget in the total amount of \$59,366.86.

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

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## **COUNTY MANAGER**

2.1 Approval to accept grant award to the DUI/Drug Treatment Court in the amount of \$42,341.00 and budget amendment in the amount of \$10,585.00 for the remaining three months of FY2013 (July-Sept.).

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

2.2 Consider approval of change order to the Construction Services Agreement with CABLIK Enterprises, LLC for installation and construction of an emergency generator system in the amount not to exceed \$75,515.00 for the new Fire-ES Training Center.

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

2.3 Consider awarding Professional Services Agreement to two (2) low bidders, Bliss Products & Services, Inc. and Best Litter Receptacles, for parks amenities.

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

2.4 Consider approval of State FY2014 GDOT contract in the amount of \$539,775.00 for the annual operating expenses associated with CATS 5311 Rural Public Transportation Program. County's obligation to be \$269,888.00 (50%).

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

2.5 Amended: Removed

~~Consider approval of new provider, Conexis, for FSA (Flexible Benefit) and Cobra administrator as recommended by the Benefits Committee for the next plan year.~~

- 2.6 Consider approval of the 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment to the ARC FY2013 Budget and budget amendment in the amount of \$55,662.00. The budget amendment will not affect the County budget.

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

- 2.7 Approval to purchase a Tanker Apparatus conversion to a County owned chassis previously acquired for this purpose in the amount of \$113,017.00.

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

- 2.8 Amended: Add Approval of agreement between Cherokee Child Advocacy Council and Universal Alloy regarding transfer of properties.

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

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## **COUNTY ATTORNEY**

## **ADJOURN**

The Chairman asked if there was any further business. Hearing none, Commissioner Johnston made a motion to adjourn at 6:57 p.m.; Commissioner Poole seconded and the motion received unanimous approval.