

MINUTES

Cherokee County Board of Commissioners

August 6, 2013
Regular Meeting
CHEROKEE HALL 6:00 PM

INVOCATION

Commissioner 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"

Chairman Ahrens led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER

CHAIRMAN AHRENS

Chairman Ahrens called the regular meeting to order at 6:12 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

Chairman Ahrens called for a motion to ratify the closure of Executive Session at 5:55 p.m.

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

PRESENTATION(S)

1. Mr. Joe Hamlin request to name a bridge in honor of his daughter, Katie Hamlin.

Chairman Ahrens said that tonight there would be two types of presentations tonight, like 'bookends of the community' - Proclamations for achievements

and a resolution in honor and memorialization of a young girl's life that ended one day before her 16th Birthday.

He then called Mr. Joe Hamlin to the podium to speak about his daughter, Katie Hamlin. Mr. Hamlin thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak about his daughter and for consideration of his request. He also thanked Commissioner Gunnin who was among the first responders to the scene the night in 2002 when Katie was found. Mr. Hamlin then played a video of photos of Katie throughout her life. After, Commissioner Poole read the resolution to name the bridge on Kellogg Creek Road in honor of Katie Hamlin.

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

Chairman Ahrens gave a sign like those made for the bridge to Mr. Hamlin and told him that the signs would be installed at the bridge by the end of the week.

Mr. Hamlin once again thanked the Board for approving his request.

PROCLAMATION(S)

1. Proclaiming Tuesday, August 6th as **Jansen Jones Day** in Cherokee County.

Chairman Ahrens read the proclamation and presented it to Jansen Jones. Mr. Jones thanked the Board for the proclamation and he also thanked those at the Solicitor General's office for allowing him the time needed to reach this achievement. He said he was proud to call Cherokee County home now.

2. Proclaiming Wednesday, August 7th as **Youth Sports Champions Day** in Cherokee County.

Commissioner Nelms thanked everyone for their participation and stated that these outstanding athletes are the County's future leaders. He then read the proclamation and congratulated the athletes and coaches for their achievements. Athletic Director Jay Worley introduced the teams and gave a brief summary of their respective achievements. The individuals were announced and Youth Sports Champion Day pins were given out.

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

1. Add item 2.5 Under County Manager's Portion: Consideration of contract amendment with Rhonda McClendon and Associates.
2. Remove item 1.2 from Consent Agenda and add to County Manager's portion: Georgia Power Easement.
3. Add under the Chairman's Portion: A. Discussion on Etowah Community PUD.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES FROM JULY 16, 2013.

As distributed by the County Manager.

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

APPROVAL OF WORK SESSION MINUTES FROM JULY 16, 2013.

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

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FROM JULY 16, 2013.

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

APPROVAL OF SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES FROM JULY 25, 2013.

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

PUBLIC HEARING

None Scheduled.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one signed up to speak.

ZONING CASES

None Scheduled.

COMMISSION BUSINESS

CHAIRMAN

L. B. AHRENS

Amended: A. Update on Etowah Community Public Hearing.

- A. Chairman Ahrens said that he had indicated in a previous meeting that proposals/alternatives would be made available to the public at least two weeks in advance of the August 20th Public Hearing. He said that this has not happened, therefore he was suggesting to post-pone the Public Hearing to September 3rd at 6:00 p.m. He added that at the Work Session on August 20th the documents would be available and discussed publicly.

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 Consider approval for surplus and recycling of computers and electronic equipment in poor condition from various Public Safety divisions.

- 1.2 Amended: Moved to County Manager's Portion - ~~Approval to grant underground electrical service easement and perpetual right of way to Georgia Power (GA Power) for the underground electrical services lines for the new Fire ES Training Center. There is no cost associated with easement or with GA Power bringing in electrical service.~~

- 1.3 Approval to set a Public Hearing for August 20, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. to consider transmitting the new Capital Improvement Element (CIE) and 2013 Annual Impact Fee Report to ARC and DCA for review.

- 1.4 Consider approval of a proposal from Moreland Altobelli Associates, Inc. to perform a roadway design for Old Doss Lane under their annual engineering consulting services contract in the amount of \$11,000.00.

- 1.5 Consider approval to donate used/surplused apparel (pants) from Cherokee Fire & Emergency Services to Life Connection Ministries located at 885 Woodstock Road in Rowell, Georgia.

- 1.6 Consider authorizing County Manager, on behalf of the Board of Commissioners, to execute the annual Atlanta Regional Commission Aging Sub-grant Contract for State FY 2014 (July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014) and corresponding Amendment One to the Sub-grant Contract, reducing Senior Services Fund by \$15,599.00 and General Fund by \$1,545.00 for a total reduction in Senior Services Budget in the amount of \$17,144.00.

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

COUNTY MANAGER

- 2.6 Amended: Approval to grant underground electrical service easement and perpetual right-of-way to Georgia Power (GA Power) for the underground electrical services lines for the new Fire-ES Training Center. There is no cost associated with easement or with GA Power bringing in electrical service.

Commissioner Poole made a motion to approve; Commissioner Nelms seconded. Commissioner Johnston recused himself because he works for an affiliate of GA Power. The motion was approved 4-0.

- 2.1 Approve a Change Order to the Construction Services Agreement (CSA) with Georgia Development Partners, LLC for installation and construction of the Amphitheater for the Etowah River Park, in the not to exceed amount of \$291,161.10 to be fully paid by the City of Canton.

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

Commissioner Johnston commented as a reminder that this was completely funded by the City of Canton.

- 2.2 Consider approval of the FY 2014 Department of Human Services (DHS) annual contract for funding in the amount of \$159,104.49 which supports the County's Rural Transportation Program (CATS 5311).

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

2.3 Consider approval of resolution to change the tax collection commission rate charged to Cherokee County School District (CCSD) to 2.3% beginning 9/1/2013, rather than 10/1/2013 as approved earlier this year. Also change future year reductions effective date on September 1.

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

2.4 Consideration of request to submit a list of sixteen (16) roadways totaling 25.74 miles in need of resurfacing to GDOT for funding under the 2014 LMIG (Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant) in the amount of \$1,592,611.00.

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

2.5 Amendment: Consideration of contract amendment with Rhonda McClendon & Associates.

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

COUNTY ATTORNEY

3.1 City of Woodstock Annexation Notice, Army Corps of Engineers property.

Angie Davis said that essentially there was no action required tonight per developments earlier today. The City of Woodstock withdrew the notice of annexation. She said that the County had questions on the legality of contiguity on the property. She added that we may receive a revised

application from them in the future, but no further action was necessary at this time.

ADJOURN

The Chairman asked if there was any further business. Hearing none, Commissioner Nelms made a motion to adjourn at 7:08 p.m.; Commissioner Poole seconded and the motion received unanimous approval.