

**CHEROKEE COUNTY**  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**Work Session**  
**August 6, 2013**  
**3:00 p.m.**  
**Cherokee Hall**  
**MINUTES**

The Chairman began at 3:08 p.m. with all Commissioners present. Note: Angie Davis was running late at the start of the meeting. Note: Ms. Davis arrived at 3:19 p.m.

The Chairman commented on the recent National Headlines where three Council Members were shot in Pennsylvania at a Town Hall meeting by a disgruntled citizen over a land issue. He said that he mentioned this incident as a reminder to those citizens who have asked why we have security at Commission Meetings.

The Chairman then read from Mac Anderson's *Essence of Leadership, Embrace Humor, Hope and Optimism*.

He called Ms. Funk to the podium to go over financials.

1. Presentation of Q3 Financials by Janelle Funk.

Ms. Funk began by stating there was good news. She said everything appears to be on track and we are where we should be. She then went over the presentation included as part of these minutes.

Chairman Ahrens asked Ms. Funk if these numbers were taking into consideration the 10% reduction in insurance premiums. Ms. Funk replied that it was, and that the reduction came from reserves. Commissioner Johnston asked was it also taking into consideration the changes in fees for the school district. Ms. Funk replied that it was. Commissioner Johnston said that it was

great news. The Chairman commented that it didn't just happen, it took the work of everyone. Commissioner Johnston said that we may face a little challenge in future years due to the one-time credit this year from the sale of Old Admin building. The Chairman added that the pension contribution would be coming back.

Chairman Ahrens asked Bryan Reynolds to define the capacity of the Aquatic Center. Mr. Reynolds stated that the outdoor pool is set at 700 by Environmental Health Department but they chose to set it at 550 so that it's not as crowded.

2. Presentation on Impact Fee Update Project by Margaret Stallings.

Margaret Stallings briefly spoke about the Impact Fee Update Project, stating that every five years or so they do this to make sure we are on track. She then introduced Bill Ross, President of Ross + Associates, who made a PowerPoint presentation explaining Impact Fees and the DCA reporting process. He said that he will back at the Work Session on August 20, 2013 to discuss the draft CIE and methodology report, which will have been published for the Board's review by then. He added that there will be a Public Hearing on August 20 to transmit the CIE and the annual report to DCA and ARC for their review. He explained that the Board must adopt the CIE before they can adopt a new Fee Schedule if they do wish to adopt a new Fee Schedule. He said that he would be glad to meet with the Board and assist with the fee schedule.

3. Discussion of Regular Agenda Items.

The Chairman mentioned that Mr. Hamlin would be at the regular meeting for the presentation in honor of his daughter. He asked Geoff Morton how soon the bridge signs would be installed. Mr. Hardin replied that it should be by the end of the week. The Chairman also mentioned that there would be two proclamations at the regular meeting.

Mr. Cooper went over the **Consent Agenda**:

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

- Amended: Removed from Consent/Add to County Manger-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 Johnston said that in reading the Ethics Ordinance, it says that even if seemingly inconsequential as far as a conflict, a Commissioner who works for an affiliate of a vendor should not vote. Therefore, it was determined that item would be amended to be removed from Consent Agenda and added to County Manager's portion so that Commissioner Johnston could recuse himself.

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

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Mr. Cooper then went over the **County Manager** Portion:

- 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.

- 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).
- 2.3 Consider approval of resolution to change the tax collection commission rate charged to Cherokee County School District 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.
- 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.
- 2.5 Amendment: Consideration of contract amendment with Rhonda McClendon & Associates.

Mr. Cooper said that the contract amendment was increasing the funding and to insure completion by September 12, 2012 or sooner. Commissioner Johnston commented that the DA was in support of the increase. He added they have turned control over to the DA and are looking for her to tell them that it is necessary to spend the additional money. According to a previous conversation between the DA and the Chairman, she believes that it is.

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Ms. Davis went over the **County Attorney** portion of the agenda:

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

Ms. Davis said that no official action would be necessary tonight because the City of Woodstock has withdrawn their request of annexation. She added that her office and Jeff Watkins and his team had made inquiries about the legality of contiguity of the property.

The Chairman stated that since he had indicated at the last meeting that documents would be made available for public review well in advance of the Public Hearing for the Etowah Community PUD and we don't have anything at this point, he was suggesting we move the Public Hearing from August 20 to the September 3rd meeting. He said at the August 20th Work Session they would have a discussion on ideas they'd like to see on paper as to options. Commissioner Johnston said that he had basically three concerns about the community and that Chief Gunnin had indicated that he had concerns from the fire protection perspective. Jeff Watkins confirmed that they would meet with the Fire Marshal prior to any plan being approved to discuss different roadway options, etc. and any plans would also have the usual disclaimer related to meeting fire regulations. A discussion ensued related to compromises, and moving categories as long as it totaled the 1,800 units.

The Chairman asked if there was anything else, hearing none, Commissioner Nelms moved to adjourn the Work Session at 4:52 p.m. Commissioner Gunnin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

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Executive Session Followed