

CHEROKEE COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Work Session

September 17, 2013

3:00 p.m.

Cherokee Hall

MINUTES

The Chairman began at 3:05 p.m. with all Commissioners present except Commissioner Gunnin who is out of town. Note: Angie Davis arrived at 4:06 p.m.

1. Overview of Coast2Coast Discount Prescription Card Program by Roger White, Regional Sales Manager.

Steve McClure began by recalling that the Board approved the program in December 2012. Since then, the County has been working with Coast2Coast on an agreement. At that, he introduced Mr. Roger White. Mr. White explained that the program is not just a pharmacy card, but offers discounts on other services including dental services, imaging services, hearing services and even veterinary services. He said that he has been distributing cards and is ready to launch the program. He called for questions. Commissioner Johnston asked for confirmation that the program was not only for employees but also for citizens. Mr. White confirmed that it was. He went on to explain that it would help those with insurance with high deductibles, etc. He stated that some insured individuals compare the cost of a prescription using their insurance card with the cost of using the Coast2Coast card and go with one with the lower cost. He added that the cost paid when using the discount card could be submitted in some cases to insurance to count towards the deductible. The program would help those who were uninsured as well for up to a 65% discount. He said that

unlike some discount pharmacy programs, Coast2Coast does not ask for personal information and does not pass any information along for marketing purposes. Mr. White indicated there are somewhere between 40 and 45 participating pharmacies in Cherokee County including all of the major chains. The Chairman stated that the Board would help get the word out and would mention it at the next meeting.

2. FY2014 Budget Summary for Public Hearing by Janelle Funk.

Ms. Funk went over a presentation of seven slides and pointed out just a few changes since the overview at the last meeting. The proposed budget is still showing a decrease of 19.4 Million from prior year. Total operating funds are increasing 2%. Capital funds are reduced by \$21.8M. Ms. Funk added that the public is welcome to view the Budget documents on the County website.

3. Discussion of Regular Agenda Items.

The Chairman briefly mentioned information he received from ARC based on County population. The average annual percent increase from 2010-2013 for the ARC is 0.9% and Cherokee County's is approximately 1.5%. That is the highest of all counties.

The Chairman also mentioned the County's request to the City of Canton to increase the speed limit on Bluffs Parkway from 35 to 45 miles per hour. He added it is on their agenda for the next week.

The Chairman announced the drive-by flu shot clinic at the Woodstock Health Department on Tuesday, October 1, 8 a.m.- 6 p.m.

The Chairman went over items under the **Public Hearings** portion:

The Chairman mentioned the budget portion had already been reviewed and the applicant for the Etowah Community Development has submitted a request to withdraw.

Ms. Vicki Taylor-Lee went over the petition by Acworth Highway 92 Partners, LLC for encroachment into the buffer that lies between the Cabela's site, all the GC and Corps of Engineers property in order to grade, prepare the site and reestablish the vegetative buffer. They received no objection from the Corps.

Mr. Watkins went over a petition by Mr. Lee Raines to encroach on an existing buffer where he is building a house in Bridge Mill subdivision. The deck on the house extends into a buffer. Commissioner Johnston asked how far the encroachment is. Mr. Watkins said it would be about 10 feet.

Chairman Ahrens went over items under the **Chairman's** portion:

A. Nomination of Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) citizen representative.

The Chairman stated the ARC will vote to accept new citizen members in December. Dennis Burnett, who is currently serving as a citizen representative for Cherokee County, expressed a desire to be re-appointed. The Chairman indicated that Mr. Burnett makes good use of the ARC resources to bring back to the County. He added that consideration would be given to all nominations.

Commissioner Poole went over an item under the **Commission District 3** portion:

Commissioner Poole stated that Mr. Bill Long stepped down from his appointment on the Cemetery Preservation Committee due to health reasons. He said that he has another appointment to present during the regular meeting.

Mr. Cooper went over items under the **Consent Agenda** portion:

- Ratification of Letter Agreement Concerning Professional Services Agreement with Rhonda McClendon.

Mr. Cooper went over items under the **County Manager's** portion:

- Consider approval of Professional Services Agreement in the annual amount not to exceed \$1,891,213.00 with CorrectHealth Cherokee to provide Medical/Dental/Health Services to the inmates of the Cherokee County Sheriff's Office Adult Detention Center.
- Consider approval of Professional Services Agreement in the annual amount not to exceed \$600,000.00 to Trinity Services Group to provide a Food Service Program to the inmates of the Cherokee County Sheriff's Office Adult Detention Center.
- Consider renewal of contract with Consolidated Telecom of Dallas, Texas, for use by the inmates of the Cherokee County Sheriff's Office Adult Detention Center.

- Consider renewal of contract with A&S Commissary Services LLC of Stockbridge, Georgia for commissary services and equipment for use by the inmates of the Cherokee County Sheriff's Office Adult Detention Center.
- Consider a partial (50%) waiver of the impact fees for the Inalfa Roof Systems project based on the extraordinary economic development value to the county.
- Consider awarding Purchase Order in the amount of \$52,345.00 to Utility Associates for purchase of 30 Rocket Vehicle Routers for Cherokee County Fire & Emergency Services.
- Consider awarding Purchase Order in the amount of \$42,536.00 to CTL for purchase of 52 NL 4 Tablets for Cherokee Fire & Emergency Services.
- Consider awarding Purchase Order in the amount of \$102,110.00 to Georgia Fire and Rescue Supply for purchase of 10 Thermal Imaging Cameras.
- Consider approval of contract renewal of the County's Property and Casualty Insurance Program through Insurance Office of America for coverage by One Beacon in the total amount of \$694,390.00.
- Amendment: Consider acceptance of federal Juvenile Reinvestment Grant Agreement JBR-10-01-003 in the amount of \$110,000.00 and authorize the corresponding Budget Amendment allocating grant monies to the County's adopted FY13 Budget.
- Amendment: Consider approval of Supplemental Agreement No. 8 from NJ Wilbanks Contracting Company, Inc., for additional work associated with milling and overlay of existing paving to make a smooth tie-in to Phase I of the Commerce Boulevard- Phase 2 project in the total amount of \$25,791.96.

County Attorney portion:

- City of Holly Springs Annexation Notice

Due to Ms. Davis not having arrived yet, the Chairman suggested reviewing the City of Holly Springs annexation notice first. Mr. Cooper mentioned that Mr. Rob Logan of Holly Springs notified him that the applicant had indicated Neighborhood Commercial but it was actually General Commercial. Commissioner Johnston stated that he does not have a problem with this.

- City of Woodstock Annexation Notice

The Chairman mentioned that the annexation included several homeowners and that they have not received any documents with the homeowners' signatures indicating their approval. He asked Mr. Huff if the City had such documentation and Mr. Huff confirmed they do. The Chairman stated that it wasn't provided to the Board. He asked Mr. Huff to contact the City to have it sent over via email for their review prior to the regular meeting. Mr. Huff said that he would. Commissioner Nelms asked the total acreage of the property on the river south of Trickum Road. Mr. Huff confirmed that it was approximately 8-9 acres. The Chairman indicated to Mr. Geoff Morton that they reviewed the traffic study and that there will need to be significant traffic improvements in the future. Mr. Morton stated he also reviewed the traffic study and that it was suggested that Trickum Road be widened to four lanes. There is no definitive timeline for that. He noted that the intersection of Trickum Road and Barnes Roads gets quite congested. Commissioner Johnston asked if it would be appropriate to request that a condition be made to improve that intersection if they approve the annexation. Mr. Morton stated that would not be appropriate at this time.

Upon Ms. Davis' arrival, the Chairman updated her regarding the issue with the documents needing homeowner signatures and that Mr. Huff assured they would receive them that evening. Ms. Davis asked Mr. Huff what the site plan is and what assurance he can offer the County in regards to cleaning up the title for the property. Mr. Huff stated the engineers met with Chief Prather on how to reconfigure the lots and the City is willing to do what needs to be done for the Fire Department. Commissioner Johnston expressed concern that the development would add to the existing problem at the already low-performing intersection and asked if there was a practical solution. Ms. Davis read the statute in regards to change in land use for zoning. Further discussion ensued regarding the state of the intersection. Commissioner Nelms asked Mr. Morton what he suggested as a solution. Mr. Morton indicated he would begin at the intersection of Highway 92 and Trickum Road. Trickum Road and Barnes intersection needs improvement but would have to fix downstream first. Commissioner Nelms asked Ms. Davis how they would protect their interests from a process standpoint. Ms. Davis suggested to move to not pursue the land use action contingent upon receiving a letter of agreement from Mr. Huff's client that would cover the points of reservations about the right-of-way along Trickum Road, the Barnes Road and Trickum Road, clean-up of the title for property by the Fire Station, and the site plan donation. They would need to have it before September 25. Ms. Davis addressed the concern of the legality of the annexation due to not having 100% of the homeowners' signatures. She suggested to refrain from objection for now contingent upon these items having to be turned in preferably by September 23 in the event they would need to meet on September 24. Commissioner Johnston added that another option

would be taking affirmative action to object and have it withdrawn later. Ms. Davis said that would also be a possibility and asked Mr. Huff if that be workable. He said that it would. Ms. Davis asked Mr. Huff the acreage for the Fire Station. Mr. Huff stated they are looking at two acres including where the station currently sits. Additional discussion ensued regarding the intersection of Barnes Road and Trickum Road.

The Chairman asked if there was anything else, hearing none, Commissioner Nelms moved to adjourn the Work Session at 4:43 p.m. Commissioner Poole seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session followed.