

MINUTES

Cherokee County Board of Commissioners

November 5, 2013
Regular Meeting
CHEROKEE HALL 6:00 PM

INVOCATION

James Kilgore with the International Family Foundation 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 Johnston led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER

CHAIRMAN AHRENS

Chairman Ahrens called the regular meeting to order at 6:17 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 6:05 p.m. He added the comment that no action was taken.

Commissioner Nelms made the motion to approve; Commissioner Poole seconded. Chairman Ahrens commented that no action was taken. The motion was approved unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

None Scheduled.

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

1. Add item 2.7: Confirm County Manager's approval of Workers' Compensation and Employers' Liability Insurance Renewal award to Midwest Employers Casualty Company.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman acknowledged the passing of Representative Calvin Hill and the interment this afternoon. He thanked everyone who attended the viewing or the service today and said that he's sure it meant a lot to his wife and family and that we wish them well.

APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 15, 2013.

As distributed by the County Manager.

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

APPROVAL OF WORK SESSION MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 15, 2013.

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

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 15, 2013.

Commissioner Nelms made a motion to approve; Commissioner Poole 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

A. Consideration of Retreat Dates.

Chairman Ahrens stated that for the past seven years, the BOC has held an annual retreat that spans two days. He said that this was a fairly intense period where the Board works all day until early evening and then the next day off-site. He said that historically it has been held at Barnsley Gardens in Adairsville as well as other locations, but in recent years it has been at Barnsley Gardens. He added that last year it was held at Commissioner Johnston's Lake Lanier home. The dates and location were discussed during Work Session and the dates of January 16/17 were decided on among the Board.

Chairman Ahrens made the motion to block the dates of Thursday, January 16th and Friday, January 17th for the 2014 Retreat and to investigate the availability of the one night accommodation at Barnsley Gardens in Adairsville; He commented that we always put together a pretty rigorous agenda and background book and that the media is invited and in most cases they attend. Commissioner Nelms seconded. Chairman Ahrens asked for any comments or discussion. He then commented to start thinking of some topics. He said that he'd like to add Strategic Planning and sort out some goals/objections, a directional view for the next four or five years. He said we have never had a facilitator at the retreat and his suggestion would be that we did not this year.

He recalled the motion and the second and asked for a vote. There was unanimous approval.

B. Consideration of appointment to Board of Ethics.

Chairman Ahrens stated that he had intended to take action tonight because at the time the agenda was published, he had only one candidate for the vacancy. He said since then, apparently after an article in the AJC, he has received six more candidates. He said that he will put together the information and get that out to the Board to go through.

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 final acceptance of all public rights-of-way, roadways and appurtenant drainage structures in the Hampton Station, Unit 2 Subdivision.

- 1.2 Consider approval to surplus and dispose of obsolete electronic equipment Magistrate Court, State Court and Cherokee County Fire and Emergency Services.

- 1.3 Consider approval of FY2013 Emergency Management Directed Training Award payment in the amount of \$500.00 for the agreement period of July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014 and approve budget amendment to FY2014. Funds will be used for travel and training expenses.
- 1.4 Consider approval of full 5 year / \$25,000.00 Northside Hospital Wellness Grant, and approve budget amendment for the FY2014 budget appropriating \$10,000.00 in grant monies for the County's Wellness Program related to grant.
- 1.5 Consider approval to renew Professional Services Agreement with DECA, AMR Business Products, Inc. of Marietta, GA in the total amount of \$8,883.00 to provide software support and maintenance for the 24-Hour recording equipment in the E 9-1-1 Center.

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

COUNTY MANAGER

- 2.1 Consider authorizing County Manager to approve Professional Services Agreement renewable annually for 3 years designating Gallagher Benefit Services as Broker of Record for medical in the amount of \$73,000.00 and voluntary benefit offerings on a commission basis estimated to be at 16,792.00 annually.

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

- 2.2 Consider acceptance of award in the amount of \$32,300.00 for the DUI/Drug Treatment Court Program from the Governor's Office of Highway Safety.

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

- 2.3 Consider approval of Business Associate Agreement with Colonial Life Accident & Insurance Company which outlines the use and disclosure of Protected Health Information (PHI) in compliance with HIPAA Rules.

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

- 2.4 Consider approval of the following for Cherokee County Fire & Emergency Services: 1) Purchase three Bullard Thermal Imaging Cameras (TICS) in the total amount of \$30,033.00 from Georgia Fire and Rescue Supply. 2) Budget amendment in the amount of \$22,033.00 from Fire Operation Uniforms to Fire Operations Capital Outlay. 3) Accept contribution from Ball Ground Volunteer Fire and budget amendment in the amount of \$8,000.00 to be used for the remainder of the purchase.

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

- 2.5 Consider acceptance of ASPCA Grant Awards and budget amendment in the amount of \$8,500.00 for the Animal Shelter.

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

- 2.6 Approve County's standard Professional Services Agreement with Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC for the annual financial auditing services.

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

- 2.7 Amended: Confirm County Manager's approval of Workers' Compensation and Employers' Liability Insurance Renewal award to Midwest Employers Casualty Company for an effective renewal premium of \$162,423.00, which is a reduction of 4.7% from last year's premium of \$170,421.00.

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

COUNTY ATTORNEY

3.1 City of Woodstock Annexation Notice – Property located at Highway 92.

Ms. Davis gave an overview of the notice of annexation received from the City of Woodstock for property with the street address of 13426 and 13430 Hwy. 92 in Woodstock. The property is located south of Hwy. 92, just west of its intersection with Mountain Brooke Parkway and is a total of 26.75 acres. It has a current zoning of R-80 with a Hwy. 92 Overlay. The proposed rezoning upon annexation is for an R-3A with a proposed use stated as Detached Single-Family Home Subdivision with 4 units per acre. She stated that upon review of the potential impact and proposed use with staff, we are unable to identify a substantial burden to allow for an objection under the land use statute. She added that in respect to legalities, the 100% ownership rule has been rectified and the land is contiguous and surrounded by City of Woodstock property. She stated that, assuming there is no objection, a motion is not necessary and she puts this before them for informational purposes only.

ADJOURN

The Chairman asked if there was any further business. Hearing none, Commissioner Nelms made a motion to adjourn at 6:41 p.m.; Commissioner Poole seconded and the motion received unanimous approval.