



Cherokee County Board of Commissioners MINUTES

December 17, 2013
Regular Meeting
CHEROKEE HALL 6:00 PM

INVOCATION

Pastor Banks Brazell of All Points Church in Canton 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"

County Manager, Jerry Cooper led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER

CHAIRMAN AHRENS

Chairman Ahrens called the regular meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. Those present included Commissioner Harry B. Johnston, Commissioner Raymond Gunnin, Commissioner Brian Poole, Vice Chair/Commissioner Jason Nelms, County Manager Jerry Cooper, and County Attorney Angie Davis, and Christy Divine in place of County Clerk, Christy Black. Also present were Agency Directors, the media, and the public.

RATIFY CLOSURE OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Commissioner Nelms made the motion to approve; Commissioner Johnston seconded.

PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

None Scheduled.

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

1. Add item under Commissioner Poole's Section: Discussion on Aquatic Center issue/Cherokee Falls Residents.
2. Add item 2.2 under County Manager: Consideration of Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between Cherokee County and Georgia Public Safety Training Center for joint use of the Law Enforcement Training Center and Shoot House.
3. Add item 2.3 under County Manager: Consider approval to purchase vehicles for the Marshal's Office.
4. Add item 2.4 under County Manager: Approval of purchase agreement for property located on Valley Street in Ball Ground.
5. Add item 2.5 under County Manager: Approval of purchase and sale agreement with Rooker Properties for property located on Highway 92.
6. Add item under announcements: the Ana Crawford Children's Center Holiday Lights.
7. Add item 3.2 under County Attorney: Settlement and lease agreement.
8. Add item 2.6 under County Manager: Purchase and sale agreement for property located on Highway 92.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Delegation Town Hall meeting from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Bluffs, Cherokee Hall.
2. Special election for House District 22, Tuesday, January 7, 2014.
3. Ana Crawford Children's Center Holiday Lights at Hobgood Park until December 21st 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., \$10 for adults, 14 and under are free.

APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION, WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 3, 2013.

Note: This item was not voted on. Moved to January 7, 2014 agenda.

PUBLIC HEARING

None Scheduled.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one signed up to speak.

ZONING CASES

None Scheduled.

COMMISSION BUSINESS

CHAIRMAN

L. B. AHRENS

- A. Appointment to Region 1 EMS Board to fill the position of Billy Hayes whose term expires on January 23, 2014.

Chairman Ahrens said he received a letter from the council chair, Randy Pierson, to nominate Dr. Jill Mabley for a period of 2 years from January 2014 to January 2016. Commissioner Johnston made a motion to approve the period of term to Dr. Jill Mabley; Commissioner Gunnin seconded, and the vote was for unanimous approval.

- B. Resolution regarding re-routing truck traffic.

Chairman Ahrens explained that the City of Ball Ground passed a resolution in September which asked for the support of Cherokee County Board of

Commissioners in the re-routing of the heavy truck traffic going through downtown. Commissioner Johnston made a motion to approve the support of the resolution with a letter signed by the Chairman; Commissioner Gunnin seconded, and the vote was for unanimous approval.

COMMISSION DISTRICT 1

HARRY B. JOHNSTON

- A. Acceptance of Ruff White Road in as-is condition for County Maintenance; 0.29 miles.

Commissioner Johnston asked the Board for acceptance of the 0.29 mile stretch of Ruff White Road for county maintenance. Commissioner Johnston explained that a tradition in the past allowed a single commissioner to designate this without a vote. Commissioner Johnston made a motion for full board support on the acceptance; Commissioner Poole seconded, and the vote was for unanimous approval.

COMMISSION DISTRICT 2

RAYMOND GUNNIN

COMMISSION DISTRICT 3

BRIAN POOLE

- A. Amendment: Discussion on Aquatic Center issue and Falls of Cherokee residents.

Commissioner Poole asked for the Board to approve \$25,000 for lighting and fencing at the Aquatic Center to shield the Falls of Cherokee residents from the lights for now and wait until March or April to do a sound study on the noise from the pool packs when pool is at full capacity. If the \$25,000 allows, Commissioner Poole requested for some trees to be planted. Commissioner Poole made a motion to approve; Commissioner Nelms seconded, and the vote was for unanimous approval.

VICE CHAIR/COMMISSION DISTRICT 4

JASON NELMS

CONSENT AGENDA

None scheduled.

COUNTY MANAGER

- 2.1 Consider awarding the County's Standard Professional Services Agreement to Power & Energy Services, Inc. for the annual service and maintenance of the County generators in an annual amount not to exceed \$31,945.00.

Commissioner Nelms made a motion to approve; Commissioner Johnston seconded, and the vote was for unanimous approval.

- 2.2 Amendment: Consideration of Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) and Resolution between Cherokee County and Georgia Public Safety Training Center for joint use of the Law Enforcement Training Center and Shoot House.

Commissioner Gunnin made a motion to approve; Commissioner Nelms seconded, and the vote was for unanimous approval.

- 2.3 Amendment: Consider approval to purchase the following vehicles for the Marshal's Office out of SPLOST 2012 monies: three (3) equipped Ford Interceptors, two (2) Ford F-150 XLT's and ancillary equipment, bed units and decal work at a cost not to exceed \$144,000.00.

Commissioner Nelms made a motion to approve 2.4; Commissioner Gunnin seconded. Commissioner Johnston brought to attention item number was 2.3. Commissioner Nelms struck his motion; Commissioner Gunnin struck his second. Commissioner Nelms made a new motion to approve item 2.3; Commissioner Gunnin seconded, and the vote was for unanimous approval.

- 2.4 Amendment: Approval of Purchase Agreement, as reviewed and approved by the County Attorney, for the acquisition of a 2-acre parcel located on Valley Street in Ball Ground for the price of \$67,000.00 (\$33,500 per acre), contingent upon satisfactory completion of due diligence.

Commissioner Gunnin made a motion to approve purchase of this property for future fire station; Commissioner Johnston seconded, and the vote was for unanimous approval.

2.5 Amendment: Approve a Purchase and Sale Agreement between Cherokee County and Rooker Properties for the sale of a 39-acre parcel owned by Cherokee County located on Highway 92 for \$2,150,000.00 to accommodate a future business park.

Commissioner Poole made a motion to approve; Commissioner Nelms seconded, and the vote was for unanimous approval.

2.6 Amendment: Purchase and sell agreement between Cherokee County and the Estate of R.A. Smith for the purchase of 5.43 acres for \$24,000.00 per acre (\$130,320.00), and between Cherokee County and Terry Smith for the purchase of 0.51 acres for \$100,000.00 – for a total purchase price of \$230,320.00.

Commissioner Johnston made a motion to approve; Commissioner Nelms seconded, and the vote was for unanimous approval.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

3.1 Annexation/rezoning notice received from the City of Canton for property located at Old Doss Road and Cumming Highway.

Ms. Davis said there was no action needed on this item unless there was a challenge. Commissioner Johnston commented he has no objection, and Chairman Ahrens agreed.

3.2 Amendment: Settlement and lease agreement at East Bells Ferry Road and Bells Ferry Road with Mr. Robert Kyle Griswold for acquisition of \$26,600.00 and related damages.

Ms. Davis stated that out of Executive Session comes this amendment to consider. Commissioner Nelms made a motion to approve; Commissioner Gunnin seconded, and the vote was for unanimous approval.

ADJOURN

The Chairman asked if there was any further business. Hearing none, Commissioner Nelms made a motion to adjourn at 6:37 p.m.; Commissioner Poole seconded, and the motion received unanimous approval.