



Cherokee County Board of Commissioners MINUTES

January 21, 2014
Regular Meeting
CHEROKEE HALL 6:00 PM

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"

CALL TO ORDER

CHAIRMAN AHRENS

Chairman Ahrens called the regular meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. Those present included Commissioner Harry B. Johnston; Commissioner Raymond Gunnin; Commissioner Poole; 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 5:25 p.m.

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

PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

1. Sheriff's Office Quarterly Awards. Captain Cushing announced each award and Sheriff Garrison made the presentations. Four Life Saving awards were presented: Deputy John Blackerby, Deputy Josh Collie,

Lieutenant Jeremy Huggins, Deputy Cody Jones and Deputy Joseph Sullivan. Corporal Chris Furman received a Bravery Award and Deputy Zachary Holloman received the Sheriff's Commendation. After the awards presentations were made, sixteen (16) officers were recognized for promotions.

Sheriff Garrison thanked the Board for allowing them to recognize these outstanding officers. Chairman Ahrens thanked Sheriff Garrison for the presentation and his leadership.

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

1. Under Chairman's section: Retreat Highlights.
2. Under Chairman Ahrens section: Accept the resignation of Troy Welker from the RRDA Board.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The Chairman stated that the Martin Luther King Jr. Unity Breakfast was a terrific event. He added that it was the third year it was held at the Northside Hospital Conference Room and that about 500 were in attendance. He thanked Jerry Cooper for working with Reverend Moore to get the word out.

APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION, WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FROM JANUARY 7, 2014.

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

PUBLIC HEARING

None Scheduled.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one signed up to speak for Public Comment.

ZONING CASES

None Scheduled.

COMMISSION BUSINESS

CHAIRMAN

L. B. AHRENS

A. ACCG Launches Centennial Celebration.

Chairman Ahrens stated that the ACCG was asking all counties to adopt a resolution in recognition of the Centennial Celebration and the accomplishments of ACCG. The Chairman said that he has information he will get out to the Board and that he plans to have the resolution on the next agenda.

B. Amendment: Resignation of Troy Welker from the RRDA Board.

The Chairman stated that during the Retreat he learned of the resignation of Troy Welker from the RRDA Board due to business obligations. He said that he wanted to publicly accept the resignation. He asked the Board to consider candidates to replace Mr. Welker. He added that he will ask the four remaining RRDA members as well for candidates.

C. Amendment: Retreat Highlights.

The Chairman stated that during Work Session he spoke about 45 minutes on details discussed at the retreat, so he would not repeat it all during the meeting. He added that minutes from the Retreat would be presented at the next meeting for approval. He went on to mention a few highlights: potential parks initiatives, the Historic Preservation Ordinance which would be coming before the Board for a call for Public Hearing. He said that the Mayor and City Council of Canton attended the meeting where they discussed: Economic Development, Fire Services, the possibility of the County's Parks and Recreation running the programming of City Parks with the City continuing to maintain the parks and, contracting with the County for

inspections during the build-out of Northside Hospital. The Chairman noted that a lot got accomplished.

VICE CHAIR/COMMISSION DISTRICT 1

HARRY B. JOHNSTON

COMMISSION DISTRICT 2

RAYMOND GUNNIN

COMMISSION DISTRICT 3

BRIAN POOLE

COMMISSION DISTRICT 4

JASON NELMS

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1.1 Consider acceptance of Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) supplemental subgrant award for Family Counseling for the Drug Accountability Court and budget amendment in the amount of \$9,600.00. There is no match required.
- 1.2 Consider approval to surplus various outdated electronic equipment from Cherokee Recreation and Parks Agency at the next Electronics Recycling Day.
- 1.3 Consider approval to apply for the 2013 Sex Offender Registry Notification Act (SORNA) Technology Grant for the Cherokee County Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$27,716.00. This is a no match grant.

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

COUNTY MANAGER

- 2.1 Consider awarding Professional Services Agreement to low bidder, 144th Marketing Group, LLC, for the purchase and installation of specified Law Enforcement equipment in the amount not to exceed of \$10,512.00 per vehicle. (Contract value not to exceed \$210,240.00.)

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

- 2.2 Consider first amendment to partnership agreement with Northside Hospital-Cherokee to add payment to Cherokee County in the amount of \$125,000.00 made in annual installments of \$25,000.00 for Parks and Recreation, including the Aquatic Center.

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

- 2.3 Consider approval of Professional Services Agreement with American Engineers, Inc., for completing revised traffic study for the East Cherokee Drive and Old Hwy. 5 and the East Cherokee Drive and Mill Creek Road intersection improvement projects in the amount of \$9,500.00.

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

- 2.4 Consider approval of the sale of shoot house to the State of Georgia for \$700,000.00.

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

Commissioner Johnston added the comment that State agreed to contribute \$700,000 which allowed for a bigger and better training facility. Legally, the State has to have ownership of property in the amount of the contribution and it happens that the Shoot House is about equivalent. He said the Sheriff's Office will continue to run the entire facility.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

3.1 Resolution to adopt 2014 Qualifying Fees.

Angie Davis stated that the resolution was pretty straight forward, setting the Qualifying Fees for the 2014 Election Season. She said that Steve McClure, Human Resources Director and Janet Munda, Voter Registration Director, had reviewed the document and if it meets with the Board's approval, they could adopt the resolution tonight. She added that upon adoption, it should be published as required by law.

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

ADJOURN

The Chairman asked if there was any further business. Hearing none, Commissioner Johnston made a motion to adjourn at 6:29 p.m.; Commissioner Poole seconded and the motion received unanimous approval.