



Cherokee County Board of Commissioners **SUMMARY**

(Minutes are not official until voted on at a future meeting.)

April 1, 2014
Regular Meeting
CHEROKEE HALL 6:00 PM

INVOCATION

Kendal Jones with MUST Ministries 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"

Chairman Ahrens led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER

CHAIRMAN AHRENS

Chairman Ahrens called the regular meeting to order at 6:08 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 5:50 p.m.

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

PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

1. Proclaiming April 23rd as **Administrative Professionals Day** in Cherokee County.

Ms. Brenda Poole with IAAP was in attendance to accept the proclamation, as well as several other members.

2. Proclaiming the month of April as **Parkinson's Awareness Month** in Cherokee County.

Mr. John Humphreys was in attendance to accept the proclamation.

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

1. Add Approval of BOC minutes from Joint RRDA/BOC meeting on March 4, 2014.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Two Road Closures:

1. East Cherokee Drive at the railroad crossing (the Ball Ground end) will be closed for repairs April 1st beginning at 8:00 a.m. thru April 4th. There will be a posted detour.
2. Note, County Engineer advised that this road was completed today. Old Hwy 5 At the bridge between the City Limits of Holly Springs and Woodstock for repairs on April 1st beginning at 8:00 a.m. thru April 2nd. There will be a posted detour.

APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION, WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FROM MARCH 18, 2014.

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

AMENDMENT: APPROVAL OF BOC MINUTES FROM JOINT RRDA/BOC MEETING ON MARCH 4, 2014.

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

PUBLIC HEARING

None Scheduled.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Eight people had signed up to speak:

1. Darcy Miller spoke about rezoning on Hwy. 140.
2. Joseph Robert spoke about the Bobo Recycling matter.
3. John Hiland signed up to speak about the Bobo matter, but yielded his time to Mr. Roberts.
4. Steve Marcinko spoke about government corruption.
5. Jackie Archer said that Mr. Marcinko did a good job and yielded her time to him.
6. Debbie Staver replied no comment when called upon to speak.
7. Danny Mackey spoke about the Hwy. 140 rezoning.
8. Karan Sacandy signed up to speak about development.

ZONING CASES

Case postponed from March 18, 2014 BOC meeting:

Chatham Neighborhoods, LLC.

Zoning Case:

CASE NUMBER	: 14-03-002
APPLICANT	: Chatham Neighborhoods, LLC
ZONING CHANGE	: OI, R-40 and AG to R-15
LOCATION	: Batesville Road and Hickory Flat Highway
MAP & PARCEL NUMBER	: 02N02 - 101, 75
ACRES	: 67.51
PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT	: Conservation Subdivision
COMMISSION DISTRICT	: 2
FUTURE DEVELOPMENT MAP	: Transitional, Suburban Growth and Country Estates
PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION	: Denial

Jeff Watkins gave an overview of the case. Commissioner Gunnin stated that after much Work Session discussion, it was decided by the Board to table a vote for another couple of weeks to have time to explore other options that he, the applicant and his attorney and Jeff Watkins were working on. The applicant's attorney requested a thirty day postponement rather than two weeks. The Chairman added that it would be on the May 6, 2014 agenda.

Commissioner Gunnin made a motion to table the vote until May 6, 2014; Commissioner Johnston seconded and the resulting vote was approval 4-1 with Commissioner Poole voting nay.

COMMISSION BUSINESS

CHAIRMAN

L. B. AHRENS

Chairman Ahrens commented that he sits on the Cherokee County Water and Sewerage Authority Board was proud to say that the CCWSA earned top in state for their size of water system. He said that more information would be made available once the actual award is made.

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 approval to apply for DUI/Drug Treatment Court from the State of Georgia for Accountability Court FY2015 in the amount of \$73,077.00. Grant requires 10% match which will be met with DATE Funds.
- 1.2 Consider approval for Cherokee County to serve as fiscal agent for Cherokee FOCUS for the period of July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015.
- 1.3 Consider adoption of Agreement #4 to the Defined Benefit Plan to allow for a retiree to receive recognition for compensation earned but not received in 2013.
- 1.4 Consider authorizing the County Manager to sign and issue an Addendum to the current Ricoh Professional Services Agreement (approved in November of 2013) for a multi-functional copier for Parks and Recreation. This is a follow-on order for \$1,439.52 over 48 months.

- 1.5 Consider Intergovernmental Agreement between City of Woodstock and Cherokee County for maintenance of Rope Mill Road.

Mr. Cooper explained that this was a matter of earnings wages through vacation buyback, etc., in a prior year and paid the next year, causing approximately \$30 per month less for the retiree's retirement check. He added that upon approval of the amendment, GebCorp would accept the earnings into the prior year's earnings.

Commissioner Johnston made a motion to approve; Commissioner Nelms seconded. Commissioner Poole thanked staff for working on this for the retiree. The resulting vote was unanimous approval.

COUNTY MANAGER

- 2.1 Consider awarding Professional Services Agreement (PSA) to highest ranked proposer and lowest bidder, Hutcheson Horticulture Company, in the amount of \$28,260.00 for annual mowing of selected portions of roadway rights-of-way.

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

- 2.2 Consider awarding Professional Services Agreement for facility landscape maintenance services to the highest evaluated proposer, Tri Scapes, Inc., in the amount of \$98,760.00 per year.

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

- 2.3 Consider awarding Professional Services Agreement (PSA) to low bidder, Meer Electric, in an amount not to exceed \$35,500.00 per year for Outdoor Warning Siren Maintenance.

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

- 2.4 Consider approval of Amendment #2 to State FY 2014 Department of Human Services (DHS) annual contract for funding which supports the County's Rural Transportation Program (CATS 5311). Approve a Budget Amendment to the County's adopted FY14 Budget in the total INCREASED amount of \$75,000.00.

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

- 2.5 Consideration to award contract to Sysco Food Service of Atlanta for the purchase and delivery of wholesale food items to be sold in CRPA concession stands including CCAC, Hobgood Park Softball Complex, Twin Creeks Softball Complex, and Riverside Athletic Complex.

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

- 2.6 Consider awarding contract to Latimer Construction in an amount of \$175,000.00 for the renovations to the CRPA South Annex; construction contract value of \$165,000.00 with a \$10,000.00 contingency controlled by the County.

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

- 2.7 Consider approval of a Development Agreement between Cherokee County and Riverstone Homes, Inc., for completion of public improvements at the Old Avery Parc subdivision.

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

- 2.8 Consider approval of 2014 Budget Amendment to increase SPLOST 2012-Economic Development Budget to fund the development of Cherokee 75 Corporate Park.

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

2.9 Approve the budget amendment to discontinue the transfer of funds from the General Fund to the Unincorporated County Services (UnCS) Fund. The Tax Commissioner will use these funds to hire a security firm and for other security and operating costs.

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

2.10 Consider approval for the use of reserves (which were generated by the 1% Administration Fees related to TAVT) in the amount of \$18,926.00 and allocate to the Tax Commissioner for enhanced security and customer service.

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

2.11 Consider approval of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) 2013 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation report (CAPER) for submission to HUD.

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

COUNTY ATTORNEY

3.1 City of Woodstock annexation notice, Main Street, East Side, North of GA Hwy 92 along Noonday Creek.

Angie Davis gave a summary of the annexation notice involving approximately 2.78 acres. She said that legally there was no problem with congruity and staff found no issues under the land use statute. She recommended that no action be taken on the matter. The Board agreed, and no action was taken.

ADJOURN

The Chairman asked if there was any further business. Hearing none, Commissioner Johnston made a motion to adjourn at 7:11 p.m.; Commissioner Nelms seconded and the motion received unanimous approval.