



# Cherokee County Board of Commissioners SUMMARY

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

## **INVOCATION**

Lynn Eynon with Woodstock Christian Church 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 6:05 p.m. Those present included Commissioner Harry B. Johnston; Commissioner Raymond Gunnin; Commissioner Poole; Commissioner Nelms; County Attorney Angie Davis; County Clerk Christy Black. Also present were Agency Directors/Department Heads; the media; and the public.

Chairman Ahrens commented that the County Manager, Jerry Cooper, was out on sick leave and that this was the first meeting in eight years that Mr. Cooper had missed.

## **RATIFY CLOSURE OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chairman Ahrens called for a motion to ratify closure of Executive Session at 6:00 p.m.

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

## **PROCLAMATION**

1. Red Ribbon Week.

Chairman Ahrens read the proclamation and presented it to representatives who present from the Young Marines Program, The Council for Alcohol and Drugs, Cherokee FOCUS and the Solicitor's Office.

## **PRESENTATION**

1. Sheriff's Office Quarterly Awards.

Sheriff Garrison thanked the Board for allowing the Sheriff's Office to recognize some of their employees. He turned the presentation over to Captain Brad Hill who gave a summary of the actions that the officers being awarded for. Chairman Ahrens thanked the officers for their hard work in protecting the citizens and their property and thanked Sheriff Garrison for his leadership.

## **AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA**

None.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Early voting continues at the Elections Office through 10/24. Saturday voting on October 25 at all five locations. Advance voting 10/27 to 10/31 at all five locations. Election day is November 4, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. all precincts.

## **APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION, WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 7, 2014.**

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

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

The Cherokee County Board of Commissioners will consider a petition by CTL of Cherokee, LLC to modify two conditions of zoning Case No. 03-11-055, Centennial Lakes Partners, LLC.

The Public Hearing was called to order and Mr. Jeff Watkins gave a summary of the case. Don Hausfeld spoke about the request and several people had signed up to speak, mostly in opposition of the requested changes in modifications.

Commissioner Nelms made a motion to modify the existing zoning conditions as follows:

1. The condition related to the Connecting Roadway – CTL of Cherokee, LLC (CTL), shall dedicate to Cherokee County by January 1, 2015 the right-of-way necessary for the construction of the connecting roadway between Woodstock Road and the existing round-a-bout within the Centennial Lakes Development as shown on the plans attached as Exhibit "A".

CTL shall provide to Cherokee County any design construction plans that are in its possession. This condition shall be fulfilled at no cost to the County. Upon Cherokee County deciding to build said connector roadway, Cherokee County shall contact either CTL or the Centennial Lakes Homeowners Association (HOA), whoever is the Declarant of the HOA, to notify the HOA of its intention to commence construction.

2. The condition related to Parks Donation Change – CTL of Cherokee, LLC (CTL), shall pay the sum of \$100,000 no later than December 31, 2014 and the sum of \$150,000 no later than December 31, 2015 to Cherokee County to be designated specifically for the construction of Patriot's Park.

All other conditions of zoning remain in full force and effect. These zoning conditions shall be further memorialized in a written agreement between the parties per the applicant's suggestion.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

One person signed up to speak about two topics.

1. Channing Ruskell signed up to speak about Right of Redemption and Forensic Audit documents.

## **ZONING CASES**

None Scheduled.

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**COMMISSION BUSINESS**

**CHAIRMAN**

**L. B. AHRENS**

**VICE CHAIR/COMMISSION DISTRICT 1**

**HARRY B. JOHNSTON**

**COMMISSION DISTRICT 2**

**RAYMOND GUNNIN**

**COMMISSION DISTRICT 3**

**BRIAN POOLE**

**COMMISSION DISTRICT 4**

**JASON NELMS**

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**CONSENT AGENDA**

- 1.1 Consider acceptance of ASPCA grant award and budget amendment for the Animal Shelter in the amount of \$7,000.00 for expenses incurred during the Puppy Mill Case.
- 1.2 Consider transfer of property for necessary roadway right-of-way and easements required for construction of the Burch Lane Project.
- 1.3 Consider submission of continuation application for STOP VAWA Criminal Justice System Improvement in the amount of \$70,000.00. Match funding is satisfied with existing personnel, no new County funds required.
- 1.4 Consider approval to surplus and recycle old printers in poor condition at the Tax Commissioner's Office.

Mr. Morton presented the items on the Consent Agenda.

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

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### **COUNTY MANAGER**

Geoff Morton presented the County Manager Items.

2.1 Consider request to submit list of nine (9) roadways in need of resurfacing to GDOT for funding under the 2015 LMIG (Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant).

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

2.2 Consider approval to purchase one (1) 2015 Ford Interceptor from Wade Ford for the state contract amount of \$30,531.00 from Animal Control SPLOST funding. This amount is also the lowest of three quotes received.

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

2.3 Consider awarding standard construction agreement to the most responsive, responsible proposer, Country Carpet, in the amount of \$98,461.00 for the removal and replacement of the kitchen flooring at the Adult Detention Center and authorization of budget amendment.

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

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### **COUNTY ATTORNEY**

### **ADJOURN**

The Chairman asked if there was any further business. Hearing none, Commissioner Nelms made a motion to adjourn at 7:22 p.m.; Commissioner Gunnin seconded and the motion received unanimous approval.