



Cherokee County Board of Commissioners WORK SESSION MINUTES

December 16, 2014
3:00 p.m. | Cherokee Hall

The Chairman began at 3:04 p.m. Those present included Commissioner Harry B. Johnston; Commissioner Brian 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. Commissioner Raymond Gunnin arrived late at 3:12 p.m. having met with constituents.

1. Recognition of employees who have reached service milestones of 10, 15, 20, 25, and 30 years.

Steve McClure announced the names of individuals to be recognized for their service milestones. There were 17 people who reached 10 years of service, 16 people who reached 15 years of service, 4 who reached 20 years of service, 2 who reached 25 years of service, and one individual to reach 30 years of service. The Chairman thanked the employees for their service.

2. Discussion of Regular Agenda Items.

ZONING CASES

CASE NUMBER:	14-12-026
APPLICANT:	Rheana E. Merrell
ZONING CHANGE:	R-40 to AG
LOCATION:	2150, 2154 and 2158 East Cherokee Drive
MAP & PARCEL NUMBER:	15N22, Parcel 110
ACRES:	3.46 +/-
PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT:	Single Family Residential and Small Farm
COMMISSION DISTRICT:	2
FUTURE DEVELOPMENT MAP:	Suburban Living

As a result of the public hearing held on December 2, 2014, the Cherokee County Planning Commission voted to recommend **APPROVAL** of zoning case 14-12-026 Rheana E. Merrell to rezone from R-40 (Residential) to AG (Agricultural) on 3.46 +/- acres for single family residential and small farm.

Mr. Jeff Watkins provided a brief overview of the case. No further comments were made.

COMMISSION BUSINESS

CHAIRMAN

L.B. AHRENS

A. Various Boards/Committees Appointments

Chairman Ahrens indicated he had 10 appointments for the Regular Meeting. He added that the Development Authority has four expiring terms including the Chairman, Marshall Day. He asked that the Board consider reappointing all or some so that they are in place and there is no gap. He mentioned that the Planning Commission has two Board appointees in addition to Districts 1 and 4. The current positions are held by Garland Stewart and Bob Whitaker. The Chairman mentioned considering reappointment of Mr. Whitaker and an alternative candidate for Mr. Stewart. He added that he does have an individual to consider and will bring it up during the Regular Meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Cooper went over the eight items under the **Consent Agenda** portion:

- 1.1 Consider approval to close banking account with Hamilton Bank.
- 1.2 Consider final acceptance of all public rights-of-way, roadways and appurtenant drainage structures in Pod 8B of the Centennial Lakes Subdivision.
- 1.3 Consider approval to surplus and recycle obsolete workstations, laptops and a printer from Elections and Voter Registration.
- 1.4 Consider adoption of the 2014 Capital Improvement Element and Short Term Work Plan Annual Update.

Mr. Cooper stated that both DCA and ARC have reviewed these items and found them to be in compliance with the Development Impact Fee Act as well as the minimum standards and procedures for local comprehensive planning.

- 1.5 Consider Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Cherokee County and the City of Woodstock to conduct elections for the City of Woodstock.

Mr. Cooper stated this is a one-year agreement renewable for two additional one-year terms and the City will reimburse for all costs.

- 1.6 Consider acceptance of Supplemental State Grant Award and budget amendment in the amount of \$8,800.00 for Drug Accountability Court. There is no County match required.
- 1.7 Consider an Impact Fee Exemption request from Rooker for a 30,000 square foot building in the Cherokee 75 Corporate Park in the amount of \$17,289.16.
- 1.8 Consider Impact Fee Exemption request from Reeves Floral Products for a 50,000+ square foot addition to an existing building in the Airport Commerce Center in the amount of \$21,840.07.

Commissioner Johnston noted that item 1.3 was disposition of County property and he and Commissioner Nelms would be unable to vote. It was decided to move that item to the County Manager portion for the Regular Meeting.

COUNTY MANAGER

Mr. Cooper went over the eight items under the **County Manager** portion:

- 2.1 Consider approval of contract between Cherokee County and Rindt-McDuff Associates, Inc. (RMA) for the Blalock Road Landfill closure at cost not to exceed \$153,300.00.
- 2.2 Consider transfer of assigned weapons (i.e. sidearm and rifle) of law enforcement officers who have at least 30 years of service and retiring in

good standing with the County, contingent upon reimbursement by the Sheriff's Foundation in the amount of the fair market value or purchase price.

Ms. Angie Davis mentioned this is disposition of property so Commissioners Johnston and Nelms would need to recuse themselves from voting on this item.

2.3 Consider approval of 5-year fire services agreement between Cherokee County and the City of Ball Ground Commencing on October 1, 2013.

2.4 Consider proposal from Martin-Robbins Fence Company, Inc. for the installation of guardrail along portions of Roscoe Collett Road in the amount of \$49,016.00.

Ms. Davis mentioned that as a caution, this could be construed as purchase of equipment for purposes of recusal. Mr. Cooper commented that this is an infrastructure installation and not considered equipment. Ms. Davis stated she could see it both ways but would leave it up to their discretion regarding recusal.

2.5 Consider formal acceptance and authorize Chairman to sign the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) SFY2015 Sub-grant Agreement, Amendment 1 for Senior Services in the total amount of \$716,690.00.

2.6 Consider approval of agreement with Hype, Inc. for advertising services on CATS buses; they will pay Cherokee County an amount of 23% of net revenue, estimated to be up to \$16,642.00 annually.

The Chairman asked for an explanation on how it works. Mr. Geoff Morton explained that they would enter into a contract with Hype, Inc. and they would go out to different businesses and solicit advertisements to go on the buses for set amounts. They will secure all the contracts with the different vendors and also facilitate the manufacturing of the advertisement. Mr. Morton provided an example of advertising dollars to provide a breakdown of what and how we receive the funds. If the County decides to renew, the percentage will go up to 25%.

2.7 Consider reimbursing the Cherokee Office of Economic Development for purchase of 28.93 acres to expand Cherokee 75 Corporate Park in the amount of \$1,591,150.00.

Commissioner Johnston asked about the ability to vote on this item. Ms. Davis stated she didn't see anything prohibiting them from participating in that vote.

- 2.8 Consider approval of Professional Services Agreements for annual asphalt purchases from the three proposers and local suppliers: CW Mathews (\$1.2M annually), Blount Construction (\$1.6M annually) and Baldwin Paving (\$130K annually) for a total purchase value estimated at \$8.79M over three years.

Commissioner Johnston confirmed with Ms. Davis that this is not for a specific purchase but that the County will do business with all three vendors. Ms. Davis commented that these were also advertised in advance of the election so they are okay to vote on this item.

The Chairman announced that at 4:30, there will be a reception for Commissioner Johnston and Commissioner Nelms.

ADJOURN

Hearing no further items, Commissioner Johnston made a motion to adjourn to the Executive Session of the BOC at 3:39 p.m. to discuss property acquisition, personnel matters, pending or threatened litigation. Commissioner Nelms seconded. The motion carried unanimously.