



# Cherokee County Board of Commissioners WORK SESSION MINUTES

**January 3, 2017**  
**3:00 p.m. | Cherokee Hall**

Chairman Ahrens began Work Session at 3:13 p.m. Those present included Chairman Ahrens; Commissioner Steve West; Commissioner Raymond Gunnin; Commissioner Bob Kovacs; Commissioner Scott Gordon; County Manager, Jerry Cooper; County Attorney, Angie Davis; County Clerk, Christy Black. Also present were Agency Directors/Department Heads; the media; and the public.

Chairman Ahrens first recognized new District 3 Commissioner Bob Kovacs. He then acknowledged the new year and referenced the letter he sent to all employees over the holiday thanking them for their professionalism, dedication and support of the County's direction and priorities.

The Chairman then read an inspirational piece called 'Leader of the Pack' from 'Right to Lead' by John Maxwell.

He then stated that although there were several names out there, former commissioner Harry Johnston has announced that he will be running for Chairman for 2018.

Chairman Ahrens read an email he received from Jim Lindenmayer, Director of the Cherokee County homeless veteran program. Mr. Lindenmayer was thanking Tim Morris, Senior Services Director, and his staff for a joint effort in stepping in and assisting a homeless veteran recently by getting the family off the streets and into a stable environment and into a Federal Program called Supportive Services for Veterans with Families (, i.e. SSVF) through Action Ministries. Mr. Morris was in attendance and Chairman Ahrens thanked him for the great community work that they do at Senior Services.

## **Discussion of Regular Agenda Items.**

### **COMMISSION BUSINESS**

#### **10.1 Appointments/Reappointments for the Cherokee County Development Authority and Development Authority of Cherokee County.**

Consider the appointments/reappointments of five terms for the Cherokee County Development Authority and one term for the Development Authority of Cherokee County, which terms expired on December 31, 2016.

Chairman Ahrens stated that he spoke with the chairman of both boards and there are some candidates for consideration for either appointments or reappointments. He will bring forth the names of the candidates at the next session.

#### **10.2 Discussed topics to be addressed with Delegation on January 6, 2017.**

Chairman Ahrens stated that although at first they thought there was not going to be a meeting with the delegation, he was advised that there will be a meeting this coming Friday at Woodstock City Chambers at 4:00 p.m. and that Cherokee County was allotted an hour. He went over some of the topics he would include in a letter he planned to send to the delegation under his signature later in the week. He stated that the letter was basically an agenda. The topics included Cherokee County's Unique Selling Points, Marshal's Office arrest powers, Tax Reform: SPLOST (Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax), HOST (Homestead Option Sales Tax), Transportation Funding and Priorities, and Economic Development, Annexation/Deannexation, and RRDA Update. He asked the other Commissioners for any topics they wished to have on the agenda. Commissioner Gordon suggested they might toss in support of the motion picture and entertainment industry incentives. He stated that he spoke with someone in the documentary industry and that particular industry is taking note that Georgia and Cherokee County are heads and shoulders above the rest of the nation when it comes to these incentives.

**10.3. District 2, Commissioner Gunnin: Appointments to various Boards and Committees.**

Commissioner Gunnin stated that he had some reappointments to make and a new appointment to the Parks and Rec Advisory Board.

**10.4. District 3, Commissioner Kovacs: Appointments to various Boards and Committees.**

Commissioner Kovacs stated that he had nine appointments he planned to make this evening. Chairman Ahrens commented that he had an appointment to make on the RRDA.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**11.1 Kellogg Creek Road at Woodstock Road Intersection Improvement Project.**

Consider request for Supplemental Agreement No.1 for the Kellogg Creek Road at Woodstock Road Intersection Improvement Project, from Bartow Paving Company, Inc. in the amount of \$16,592.00.

Mr. Cooper commented that the amount should be \$18,989.76, not \$15,592.00 but that it is still within budget.

**11.2 Sheriff's Office Budget Amendment.**

Consider authorizing a Budget Amendment to the adopted FY17 Budget to move allocated funds from GCIC and Warrants budgets to the SWAT Division budget in the amount of 1,361,600.00.

**COUNTY MANAGER**

Mr. Cooper went over the six items under the **County Manager's** portion.

**12.1 SR 92 at Ragsdale Road/Claremore Drive - Construction Contract.**

Consider award of construction agreement to Bartow Paving Company, Inc., in the amount of \$339,470.47, for construction of the SR 92 at Ragsdale Road/Claremore Drive Intersection Improvement Project.

**12.2 East Cherokee Drive at Holly Springs Parkway Intersection Improvement Project - Construction Contract.**

Consider award of construction agreement to CMES, Inc., in the amount of \$2,745,683.10 for construction of the East Cherokee Drive at Holly Springs Parkway/Old Highway 5 Intersection Improvement Project.

**12.3 Amenities for Veteran and Patriot Parks.**

Consider awarding a Purchase Order to the lowest responsible, responsive proposer, Swartz Associates, in the amount of \$114,963.00 for the amenities at the new Veteran's Park and Patriot's Park.

**12.4 Reliance Trust Board Resolution.**

Consideration of a Board Resolution naming Reliance Trust as the successor trustee for the County's 457 Plan.

**12.5 GIS Aerial Services Agreement.**

Consider awarding standard Professional Services Agreement to The Sandborn Map Co., Inc. in the amount of \$229,000.00 for Digital Orthographic and LiDAR Services for a three year agreement.

**12.6 Update to Ordinance related to party listed as payee on surety bonds for Commissioners.**

Consider update to Section 6 of Article 1 related to party listed as payee on surety bonds required from Commissioners entering office.

**COUNTY ATTORNEY**

**ADJOURN**

Hearing no further items, Commissioner Kovacs made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session at 3:54 p.m. to discuss property acquisition, personnel matters and pending or threatened litigation. Commissioner Gunnin seconded. The resulting vote was Passed, 5-0.