



Cherokee County Board of Commissioners MINUTES

August 15, 2017

Regular Meeting

Cherokee County Admin Complex, Cherokee Hall, 1130 Bluffs Parkway, Canton, GA 30114

6:00 PM

INVOCATION

Tim Trotter with Fellowship of Christian Athletes will give the invocation.

Tim Trotter was unable to attend the meeting. The invocation was given by Ted Lester with Christ Covenant Church.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Ahrens asked retired USN Captain Claude Levinge from the audience to lead the 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"

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Ahrens called the regular meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. Those present included 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.

2. RATIFY CLOSURE OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Ahrens called for a motion to ratify closure of Executive Session at 6:00 p.m. where nothing will be brought forward to the regular meeting.

Scott Gordon made a motion to approve; Bob Kovacs seconded. The resulting vote was Passed, 5-0.

3. PRESENTATIONS / PROCLAMATIONS

3.1. Sheriff's Office Quarterly Awards.

Chairman Ahrens introduced Sheriff Reynolds who thanked the Board for allowing the Sheriff's Office once again to present quarterly awards. Sheriff Reynolds turned over the

presentation to Captain Satterfield who announced the following awards as Sheriff Reynolds presented them to the recipients:

Unit Citation which included, Lt. Mike Grier, Sgt. Lee Hands, Sgt. Marianne Kelley, Sgt. Charles Westbrook, Cpl. Cody Jones, Cpl. Olen Boughner, Cpl. Claude Dobbs, Cpl. Trent Kuykendall , Cpl. Robert Haugh, Cpl. William Pauley, Cpl. Nick Timms, Deputy Kasey Sobotka, Deputy George Spamer, Deputy Matthew Pettepher, Deputy Joseph Sullivan, Deputy Robert Slover, Deputy Alan Beatty and Deputy Bryant Olejnik;

Sheriff's Commendation Awards to Corporal Scott Ryder, Deputy Jack Fulenwider and K9 Amp;

Sheriff's Appreciation Awards to Lt. Casey McLeod and Sgt. Lee Stewart;

Lifesaving Awards to. Sgt. Matthew Azaroff, Officer Brandon Merritt with Canton PD, Deputy Jon Swindler, Deputy Patrick Hansen, Deputy Michael Duncan, Deputy Charles Mills, Deputy Jason Lupro, Deputy Jack Fulenwider, Woodstock High Teachers Laura Antonelli, Chandler Wall and Heather Bolt, Citizens Kaylea Atkinson and Rebecca Findley;

Outstanding Citizen award to USN Retired Captain Claude Levinge.

Sheriff Reynolds thanked the Board once again and he thanked the friends and family that came out to show their support. Chairman Ahrens thanked the Sheriff for his leadership, adding that the awards presentation was very inspiring.

3.2. Recognition of CCAC Lifeguard Teams.

Recognition of the Cherokee County Aquatic Center Lifeguard Teams that Earned Gold & Bronze Medals at GRPA State Lifeguard Competition by Bryan Reynolds.

Chairman Ahrens introduced Bryan Reynolds to announce the awards for Cherokee County Recreation and Parks Agency.

Bryan Reynolds stated that each year since the aquatic center opened, CRPA sends a group of their lifeguards to the *Georgia Recreation & Parks Association State Lifeguard Competition*.

Despite competing against powerhouse teams like Cobb and Gwinnett that draw from multiple pools and aquatic centers, the teams were immediately competitive, bringing home the bronze medals in 2013, 2014 and 2015. In 2016, they were knocked out of the top three and finished fourth. But in 2017, Cherokee County brought home both the GOLD and BRONZE medals.

Six guards make up a team and they compete in seven events. The events include a swim relay, rescue board relay, capture the flag, triathlon, rescue relay, CPR scenario and written exam. The events test not only physical ability but teamwork and the lifesaving skills needed by guards in lifesaving situations. Cherokee took two teams this year. One was formed of our best guards and athletes with an eye on the prize and the other was a reward for those guards with the best attitudes, attendance records, etc. throughout the year.

Our representatives were: Gold Medal – Chas Pierce, Logan Whetterling, Lauren Fischer, Matt Buchtrup, Bailey Ibarra, and Chris Castaldo; Bronze Medal – Abby Booz, Zoie Hart, Tegan Brown, Eric Mielnicki, Adam Nunemaker, and Andy Thompson.

The gold medalists took first or second in six out of the seven events! Both teams were among the best in the written test and CPR scenario; where lifeguarding knowledge is really tested. Congratulations to our teams and the full team at the aquatic center.

4. **AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA**

5. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

5.1. Flood Risk Open House - Wednesday, August 30, 2017.

The Cherokee County Stormwater Engineering Department and the Georgia Department of Natural Resources announce a Flood Risk Open House to be held on Wednesday, August 30, 2017 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. The open house will take place in the Etowah Room of the Cherokee County Administration Building; 1130 Bluffs Parkway, Canton, GA 30115. The new digital FEMA - Flood Insurance Rate Maps for Cherokee County will be on display.

Chairman Ahrens stated that it is an important update of the floodplain areas within the County that have a link to requirement for flood insurance for people who have residences. He stated that a lot of people are likely not to need flood insurance or have significantly reduced costs based on the updates, although some people's flood insurance may increase. He stated that there will be a public comment period following the open house and that it would be posted on the County website.

5.2. Senior Services Fundraiser.

Senior Services will host a hotdog cookout fundraiser for the Volunteer Aging Council on Friday, August 18, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Senior Center on Univeter Road. \$5 for hotdog, beans, chips, drink and dessert.

5.3. Tee Off Fore VAC fundraiser.

Golf Tournament Fundraiser hosted by Voluntary Aging Council. Eagle Watch Golf Club on Monday, October 16. Early registration discount deadline September 8. Sign up at www.birdeasepro.com/teeoffforevac.

5.4. 2017 Solar Eclipse - Georgia Dpt. of Health Press Release.

On Monday, August 21, 2017, all of North America will experience a celestial event, the first visible total Solar Eclipse since 1918. Visit <https://eclipse2017.nasa.gov/> for more information, including tips to view the Solar Eclipse Safely. Flyer attached to this agenda packet.

Chairman Ahrens stated that on Monday, August 21, 2017 there will be a solar eclipse. He stated that it is the first coast to coast total eclipse since 1918. He stated that the Georgia Department of Public Health has some safety measures to follow: Be sure to wear eclipse glasses before looking up; turn away to remove the eclipse glasses and do not remove them while looking at the sun; do not look at the eclipse through a camera, telescope or binoculars while using the eclipse glasses because the sun will damage the filter and your eyes; always inspect your eclipse sunglasses before use and if scratched or damaged do not use them; supervise children viewing the eclipse; and remove your glasses only when the moon completely covers the sun and it gets dark and then when the sun reappears put your glasses back on. He stated that it will only be a couple of minutes long around 2:30 p.m. He stated that there are several locations organizing watch opportunities and the public can investigate those areas.

ARC Population Report.

Chairman Ahrens added an announcement regarding the recently released Atlanta Regional Commission population report. He stated that every year they produce a population estimate from April to April. He listed points from the report that came out on the previous Friday. He stated that from the report it showed the population from the ten county Atlanta region as 4.48 million people up by 78,000 from the prior year which is a 1.8 percent increase; Cherokee County was the fastest growing county of the ten metro counties; Cherokee County has an estimated population of 247,300 which is a 3 percent increase; and Cherokee County added 7,000 from the previous year. He stated the increase was about 10 percent of the total and yet Cherokee County is only 5 percent of the population. He stated that it was good news because Cherokee County is on the radar, people are coming here for a lot of reasons and he likes to see the County in the headlines. He stated that it is good news particularly when it's put into the context of Adidas is the first US factory in Cherokee County; the standing statewide and nationwide of our school districts; the whole range of Public Safety people from every aspect of public safety; the parks and greenspace initiatives with the opening of Veteran's Park on Hwy. 20; a couple of water reservoirs; the Economic Development people are doing a terrific job; taxes are fair; five interesting and unique cities; and an expanded runway general aviation airport. He stated that it is a positive dimension of growth, and he assumes the rate will settle back down in the mid 2's which the target of the 30 year plan.

Veteran's Park Opening.

Chairman Ahrens also added an announcement about Veteran's Park which opened yesterday. He said he stopped by there and people were already using the park.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

6.1. Consider approval of Work Session, Executive Session and Regular meeting minutes from August 1, 2017.

Scott Gordon made a motion to approve; Bob Kovacs seconded. The resulting vote was Passed, 5-0.

6.2. Consider approval of minutes from the Special Joint meeting of the Board of Commissioners and Planning Commission on July 11, 2017. Note: The Planning Commission approved the minutes at their regular meeting on August 1, 2017.

Scott Gordon made a motion to approve; Bob Kovacs seconded. The resulting vote was Passed, 5-0.

7. PUBLIC HEARING

7.1. Request by Mr. Philip Schuyler for creation of a Legacy Lot on property located 1321 Gaddis Road. (BOC District 2).

Conduct a public hearing for the creation of a Legacy Lot at 1321 Gaddis Road as requested by Mr. Philip Schuyler for his daughter, Jayme and son-in-law Jason Jenkins.

Scott Gordon made a motion to open the Public Hearing at 6:45 p.m.; Bob Kovacs seconded. The resulting vote was Passed, 5-0.

Vicki Taylor-Lee stated that Mr. Philip Schuyler had been before the Board of Commissioners before requesting a rezone to R-40 in order to cut out a secondary lot for his daughter and son-in-law to keep them in proximity as they are aging. She stated that the initiative failed, as there isn't a lot of R-40 around his property. She stated that the

applicant withdrew and they have been working really hard on a solution. She stated that they did some trading of land and purchases in order to bring the total up to three acres. She stated that they are coming before the Board of Commissioners requesting the granting of legacy lot status for a one acre parcel for the daughter and son-in-law, keeping their two acres consistent with AG zoning.

Chairman Ahrens stated that four people had signed up to speak.

1. Tom Yeargin signed up to speak in opposition. He stated that he lives on Arborhill Road, located at the intersection of Arborhill and Gaddis Road and that his property is located directly across from the Schuyler's property. He stated that in sympathy for and with all due respect for the expressed concerns by the Schuylers regarding their health, he is requesting that the Board of Commissioners reject the application for the following reasons. He stated that earlier in Case 17-05-015 the zoning request was heard May 2, 2017 and it was denied [by Planning Commission]. He stated that within that ruling, there were several things that kept the property from being classified as a legacy lot and there was not enough square footage. He stated that based on the current submitted property plat, the legacy lot tract 2 appears again to be only one acre. He inquired as to what has changed that would allow the lot to conform to a classification of a legacy lot. He stated that the minutes read as follows: "the application be withdrawn without prejudice until he and I can work with the adjoining property owners to possibly come up with a solution where he can get two houses on the property". [BOC minutes from May 16, 2017]. He stated that it is his stance that the subdivision of the subject property will set an unwanted precedence that undermines all the community property values. He stated that most all the properties in the area are situated on two or more acre lots and the one acre lot doesn't seem to conform to community norms. He is requesting that the Board of Commissioners reject the application for a legacy lot.

2. Terry Stueck signed up to speak in opposition. He stated that he lives on Arborhill Road in Canton, and that he first came to Cherokee County in 1980 looking to buy a farm. He stated that he paid \$25,000 per acre and his property is right across the intersection to the property that is being addressed. He stated that he has been working with a financial company for some years as a long term care specialist, and if the Schuyler's want to turn the lot into a legacy lot because of health issues, he feels it may not be a valid reason. He stated that once you need long term care you have to have someone on site and not in an adjoining property and that could add on to their home or finish their basement.

3. Pat Stueck signed up to speak in opposition. She declined to speak when called on, deferring to her husband's remarks previously.

4. David Garner signed up to speak in opposition. He stated that he attended the last hearing regarding the property, and at that time it didn't conform, nor was it a fit for a legacy lot. He stated that if some property has been exchanged, but there has been no increase in property to allow for it, it doesn't make any sense to do so. Mr. Garner stated that when he built his home he did so because the whole area was set for two acre lots and he wanted to protect his property.

Ms. Taylor Lee stated that she wanted to bring forward some information based on comments that were just made. She stated that maybe she didn't make it clear that the Schuyler's have added acreage. She stated that previously it was less than 2.5 acres and if the Schuyler's kept their full two acres, the remaining acreage for a legacy lot wouldn't work because it wouldn't be big enough for a septic system. She stated that what has changed is that they have added to the property, and they now have a full three acres of land allowing them to keep two acres and one for the legacy lot. She stated she also wanted to address the comment "about meeting the minimum size for a legacy lot." She stated that the provision in the code and the whole purpose of the legacy lot status is to create one nonconforming lot for a familial member. She stated that with the current acreage, it does

meet the criteria for a legacy lot. She stated that there are other one acre lots in the proximity.

Scott Gordon made a motion to close the Public Hearing at; Bob Kovacs seconded.

Diana Schulyer came forward to speak. Scott Gordon withdrew his motion to close the Public Hearing and Bob Kovacs withdrew his second.

Ms. Schulyer stated that she and her husband are residents on Gaddis Road, they are each 73 years old and both have health issues. She stated that they cannot afford in-home nursing or long term care. She stated that they have purchased a portion of land and swapped some that they had and now have a total of three acres. She stated that she would like to have her daughter who is an RN at Northside Hospital living next door for other reasons including their health. She stated again that they have done everything they need to conform to the regulations for a legacy lot. She requested that the Board of Commissioner consider their request.

Scott Gordon made a motion to close the Public Hearing at 6:57; Bob Kovacs seconded. The resulting vote was Passed 5-0.

Raymond Gunnin stated that it was in his district and seeing what has been done and accomplished and with the land that they now have, he made a motion to grant the legacy lot; Steve West seconded. Commissioner Kovacs commented that for the healthcare aspect of the request, a legacy lot doesn't have to be a hardship. He stated that they are fully in their rights to ask for it and the Board of Commissioners are fully in their rights to grant it. The resulting vote was Passed 5-0.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

No one had signed up to speak.

9. ZONING CASES

9.1. Appeal of the Zoning Board of Appeals affirmation of the Zoning Administrator's decision by Ms. Lydia Moll.

Consider a request by Ms. Lydia Moll appealing the Zoning Board of Appeals affirmation of the Zoning Administrator's decision

Mr. Watkins stated that on August 1, 2017 there was a Public Hearing related to the case. He stated that it was on the agenda for a decision by the Board of Commissioners as to whether to affirm the decision of the Zoning Board of Appeals as to whether a kennel operating at 3097 South Cherokee Lane was a legal nonconforming use. He stated that the Zoning Board of Appeals affirmed the decision of the Zoning Administrator that it was not legal nonconforming. Chairman Ahrens restated that a Public Hearing was held and closed on August 1, 2017 and consideration of the matter was tabled until August 15, 2017.

Chairman Ahrens requested that the County Attorney Angie Davis give a reference that she provided during Work Session. Ms. Davis stated that the zoning case was based on an appeal from the decision of the Zoning Board of Appeals. She stated that the matter first went to the Zoning Board of Appeals pursuant to a decision that was rendered by the Zoning Administrator. She stated that the decision made by the Zoning Administrator was that the property was not grandfathered under the law such that the zoning regulations would not apply. She stated that the decision by the Zoning Administrator was appealed by Ms. Moll to the Zoning Board of Appeals. She stated that the ZBA then, after conducting a

Public Hearing and considering it, made the decision to uphold or affirm the decision of the Zoning Administrator, thereby concluding again that the property was not grandfathered. Ms. Davis stated that it was then appealed to the Board of Commissioners, and the Board of Commissioners conducted a Public Hearing. She stated that what was before the Board of Commissioners was the sole issue as to whether to affirm the decision of the ZBA which in turn affirmed the decision of the Zoning Administrator.

Chairman Ahrens stated that he would begin by putting a motion before the Commissioner's for their consideration. He stated that there had been considerable communication about welfare of animals, and the Marshal's office was the appropriate enforcement agency to address those issues and those issues are not part of the relevant decision as to whether to grant or deny the appeal. In looking at just the relevant zoning issues as the Board of Commissioners is constrained to do, the sole question is whether the applicant's use of her property for a kennel is a grandfathered use. It requires that the use took place prior to the zoning regulations in the County that prohibited the use as of 1969. He stated that based on and upon all the evidence, he could not conclude that Ms. Moll used her property for a kennel before 1969. As a result:

Chairman Ahrens made a motion for the consideration of the Commissioners that the decision of the Zoning Board of Appeals be affirmed; Steve West seconded. The resulting vote was Passed, 5-0. Chairman Ahrens stated that it is a unanimous decision to uphold the decision by the Zoning Board of Appeals.

9.2. Case #17-03-006 Oak Hall Companies, LLC (BOC Dist. 2).

Consider request by Oak Hall Companies, LLC to rezone 39.575 acres at Arnold Mill Road and Highway 140 from AG and R-40 to NC and RZL to build a mixed use development.

Mr. Watkins gave an overview of the case, stating that the Future Development Map has it as Suburban Living Character Area with the transitional corridor along State Route 140. The Public Hearing was on June 6, 2017 and the Planning Commission's recommendation was for denial.

Mr. Watkins provided a site plan and stated that the surrounding area to the North is R-40 and R-20; East as R-20 and NC; South is AG, R-40 and GC; and West is R-40 and R-20. He stated that the Future Development Map has the entire area as Suburban Living character area with the transitional corridor along State Route 140. He stated that the proposed residential component will be an age restricted project.

Mr. Watkins stated that through his representative, the applicant submitted a set of nine stipulations which include: 1. The property would be zoned RZL with 95 age restricted homes; 2. the Oak Hall neighborhood would be age restricted as applies to the Fair Housing Act, the restriction will be contained in the covenants enforced by the HOA, and it will comply with the Easy Living Standards proposed by ARC or a similar aging in place standard; 3. there will be no access to Julie Ann Way, and the applicant will improve Grimes Road long its frontage; 4. the homes will all be detached homes, and the homes will be a minimum of 1800 sq. ft. and range well above 2000 sq. ft.; 5. all homes will be low maintenance homes with exterior being brick, stone and/or cement board siding, and windows and doors to be low maintenance and energy efficient products to ensure active adults can spend time with family and friends rather than maintaining homes; 6. all landscaping, other than owners private fenced areas, to be maintained by the HOA with a professional landscaping company being employed to keep lawns fertilized and mowed on a regular basis and landscape to include buffer landscaping being properly maintained; 7. the site setback to be reduced from ten feet to five feet while maintaining a minimum of a ten foot separation between homes; 8. that Oak Hall will comply with County Engineering

Department requests regarding road improvements related to the community entrance; 9. and there will be a 50 ft. buffer on the northern western property line as depicted on the zoning site plan. He stated that the stipulations are posted online.

Commissioner Gordon stated that there was a considerable amount of discussion in Work Session with very specific issues discussed, and he had the opportunity to speak with the Commissioner Gunnin in between meetings as well. He stated that in light of the fact that the stipulations were received August 10, 2017 and they were not uploaded to the website until Monday morning, there has not been the opportunity contact the neighborhoods or those who have expressed a lot of concern in this particular case. He stated that given the amount of iterations that it has gone through and the place where it is at now, he feels there is a need to have that dialogue with constituents and amongst the Commissioners given the arrival time of the stipulations.

Scott Gordon made a motion to table until September 5, 2017; Bob Kovacs seconded. Commissioner Gordon addressed the members of the public who were not present during the Work Session, stating that the Board had a very lengthy dialogue and a lot of issues were raised and discussed during the meeting. He stated that there are some improvements to the plan and still some challenges to the plan. He stated that he highly encourages everyone at the Regular Session to listen to the Work Session meeting and to get with Commissioner Gunnin or whomever they have been communicating with so that they can hear from them.

Chairman Ahrens stated that the applicant, as well as his attorney, attended the Work Session and heard the dialogue. He stated that the comment that he made at the Work Session is that when the information comes in just at the weekend time, it is very difficult for the Commissioners to have meaningful communication by email or even by phone because of dealing with different pieces and different interests. He stated that the first real working opportunity was this afternoon during the Work Session meeting. He stated that a fair amount of time was spent in discussion. He stated that in deference to one process to an expectation level and the responsibility to everybody, he supports the motion. Commissioner Gordon stated that they are trying very hard to amend Chapter 18 and the rules and procedures to allow public input and public participation to be meaningful, to be timely and be a part of the process, and he feels that tabling is necessary in order to achieve it.

Having a motion and second to table until September 5, the Chairman called for a vote. The resulting vote was Passed, 5-0.

9.3. Case #17-07-020 Bart Williams (BOC Dist. 1).

Consider a request by Bart Williams to rezone 0.60 acres at 10631 East Cherokee Drive from R-20 to NC for expansion of adjacent property.

Mr. Watkins stated that the Future Development Map has the property as Suburban Growth Character Area within the Community Village Node. He stated that the Public Hearing was on August 1, 2017, and the Planning Commission's recommendation was for approval.

Mr. Watkins provided a site plan and described the property to the North as AG, R-80, R-40, R-20, NC and GC; East AG, R-20, and GC; South AG, R-20 and NC; and West AG, R-80, R-20, NC and GC. He stated that the Future Development Map has the area as Suburban Growth Character Area within the Community Village Node and surrounding area. Mr. Watkins provided a brief overview of the case. Commissioner West stated that the case was in District 1. He stated that the applicant purchased the property for additional parking which is needed. He stated it was voted unanimously by the Planning

Commission for approval.

Steve West made a motion to approve the zoning; Raymond Gunnin seconded. The resulting vote was Passed, 5-0.

9.4. City of Ball Ground Annexation Notice - Old Howell Bridge Rd

Consider annexation request from the City of Ball Ground for approximately 4.83 acres on Old Howell Bridge Road adjacent to I-575.

Mr. Watkins stated that the applicants, Randy and Cynthia Carter, are requesting to annex property that is zoned LI and is currently in the County and annex it into the City to use it as LI, so there is no zoning change being proposed. He stated that the property is located at 475 Old Howell Bridge Road, and the property abuts the I-575 corridor to the north and is 4.83 acres. He stated that it is proposed to be used as a storage lot for construction equipment for the company that they operate. He stated that it is in the Workplace Center Character Area, and the 30-day period expires on August 27, 2017 which is before the next Board of Commissioner's meeting. He stated that the property was zoned LI by the County when the new permitted uses table was adopted. He stated that they were the only two pieces zoned "highway commercial" and the category was done away with and combined it with the LI District. He described the surrounding area as being North AG; East R-40; South LI; and West AG.

Ms. Davis stated that legally she sees no issue with respect to the annexation in terms of incorporated islands or contiguity, so there is no legal objection. She stated that no rezoning is requested and no action is necessary.

10. COMMISSION BUSINESS

10.1. Chairman Ahrens: Discussion on Growth Boundary with City of Holly Springs.

Chairman Ahrens stated that over a period of time there have been different discussions with the City of Holly Springs about a new Growth Boundary Agreement. He stated that there were drafts in 2007, 2010 and 2016, and the County has had discussion with the City staff in late June early July, 2016. He stated that there has been no further movement, and the County has asked the City to make some amendments to the draft.

He stated the City of Holly Springs will consider at their next regular meeting a 120-day moratorium on residential zoning applications within a one mile distance on either side of Hwy. 140. He stated the purpose is to discuss joint planning and the Hwy 140 area, adopt amendments to the zoning ordinance and to propose a Growth Boundary. Chairman Ahrens stated that Mayor Miller had attended the Work Session earlier today and has heard the County's discussions. Chairman Ahrens stated that he is asking the Commissioners to consider asking the City and County staff to once again pick up the pieces from late June/early July of 2016, using the proposed Growth Boundary as a base, update it to some annexations that have occurred since then and look at the meaningful relevant conditions that can be included in a resolution between the municipality and the County. He requested that they try for completion by the middle of September, discuss it at the second meeting, and either act or take another two weeks until the first of October to consider that as the relevant action to move forward with a jointly developed Growth Boundary.

He stated that there is a double purpose that is specific of both jurisdictions; the County and the City are in the process of updating their Comprehensive Plan. He stated that both are on the same timeline and looking at the same critical corridor, at least in this case. He stated that in this case there is Southwest Cherokee along Hwy. 92, east along Hwy 20 and

Bells Ferry, so it is a critical area that both are looking at. He stated that it just make a lot of sense to sit down and focus on it and see if a relationship can be developed. He stated that there is a non-expiring Growth Boundary for the City of Canton that has worked very well and in cases where there have been rezonings within the growth boundary, the County has included in the City of Canton's conditions, landscaping and those elements that characterize continuity and it has worked fine.

Chairman Ahrens made a motion to request the County Planning Staff to sit down with the counterparts in Holly Springs and discuss the Agreement, look at the draft that exists, update it, talk about conditions and other aspects related and bring it to the Board of Commissioners by the second meeting in September to consider; Bob Kovacs seconded.

Commissioner Kovacs commented that he has been talking with Mayor Miller about some of the concerns, and he is very willing to work with the County to establish a boundary and work out some of the discrepancies between the two land use plans that will work for both the County and the City. He stated that at the City's last meeting, the City had directed staff to work with County staff and the County is doing the same to work issues out in a reasonable timeframe. Chairman Ahrens stated that it leads into the consideration of Overlay Districts, which is part of planning and not necessarily incorporated into a Growth Boundary Agreement, but those types of conversations are where they can be aligned. Commissioner Kovacs stated that one of the things that have been discussed in Work Session is Holly Springs Parkway from exit 11 to 14 which is a mix between City and County. He stated that there is an Overlay District in that area that requires any new development to have a sidewalk with brick pavers every so many feet and decorative street lamp etc. He stated that the County is looking at adopting their standards so that if one of the County pieces decides not to annex into the city and gets built out it will all be consistent. He stated that all of those situations will try to be worked out in the meetings as well.

Having a motion and second, the Chairman called for a vote. The resulting vote was Passed, 5-0.

11. CONSENTAGENDA

11.1. E 9-1-1 Surplus Equipment.

Consider authorizing the surplus of old UPS equipment from E 9-1-1 and relinquish to Pickens County Sheriff's Office.

11.2. IT Surplus Equipment.

Consider authorizing the surplus of obsolete computer and phone equipment from multiple agencies within the county.

11.3. Sheriff JAG Application.

Consider authorizing the Sheriff's Office to submit an application for \$10,022 in federal grant funding for the 2017 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG).

Scott Gordon made a motion to approve Consent Agenda; Bob Kovacs seconded. The resulting vote was Passed, 5-0.

12. COUNTYMANAGER

12.1. 2018 CATS DHS Contract.

Consider approval of the 2018 DHS contract for CATS operations in the amount of \$323,165.06;

Cherokee County's obligation is \$132,000.00.

Scott Gordon made a motion to approve; Bob Kovacs seconded. The resulting vote was Passed, 5-0.

12.2. SR 140 at East Cherokee Drive Intersection Improvement Project - Added Design Services - II.

Consider supplemental agreement from AMEC Foster Wheeler, Inc. for additional engineering design services for completion of the SR 140 at East Cherokee Drive Intersection Improvement project in the amount \$24,000.00.

Bob Kovacs made a motion to approve; Raymond Gunnin seconded. The resulting vote was Passed, 5-0.

12.3. Network Equipment.

Consider approving the purchase of Cisco network equipment from World Data Products, Inc. for \$54,056.40.

Bob Kovacs made a motion to approve; Raymond Gunnin seconded. The resulting vote was Passed, 5-0.

12.4. Video surveillance system upgrade in Cherokee County Adult Detention Center.

Consider approval to purchase upgrade to the video surveillance system in the Cherokee County Adult Detention Center in the amount of \$63,365.

Raymond Gunnin made a motion to approve; Bob Kovacs seconded. The resulting vote was Passed, 5-0.

12.5. Purchase and installation of new carpet at CSO CID South Annex.

Consider approval to purchase new carpeting for the Cherokee Sheriff's Office CID South Annex building from DWF in the amount of \$24,494.15.

Bob Kovacs made a motion to approve; Raymond Gunnin seconded. The resulting vote was Passed, 5-0.

12.6. Electronic Warrant Software - License and Annual Maintenance.

Consider approval of an annually renewable contract with Palatine Technology Group for \$28,783.50 to license their Electronic Warrant Interchange software.

Raymond Gunnin made a motion to approve; Bob Kovacs seconded. The resulting vote was Passed, 5-0.

12.7. Facility Use Agreement for Cherokee Veterans Park for Holiday Light Event.

Consideration of a Facility Use Agreement for Cherokee Veterans Park with 112 Events to Create and Operate a Drive Thru Holiday Light Event.

Steve West made a motion to approve; Raymond Gunnin seconded. The resulting vote was Passed, 5-0.

12.8. Windstream Fax Contract.

Consider entering into a two year contract with Windstream to provide faxing over Centrex PBX connection for a monthly cost of \$1,504.20 plus Federal mandated fees.

Bob Kovacs made a motion to approve; Raymond Gunnin seconded. The resulting vote was Passed, 5-0.

12.9. Fees for providing EMS and Fire services for Special Events.

Consider approval to establish and apply fees for Cherokee County Fire & Emergency services to provide Fire and EMS services at Special Events when requested.

Raymond Gunnin made a motion to approve; Bob Kovacs seconded. The resulting vote was Passed, 5-0.

13. COUNTY ATTORNEY

ADJOURN

Chairman Ahrens stated that this concludes the regular agenda, but that he wanted to thank the County staff for their advice, counsel, and professionalism in helping the Board of Commissioners do the right thing. He stated that he wanted to sincerely thank his colleagues for their continued collaboration and cooperation in working through some tough issues. The Commissioners thanked Chairman Ahrens for his continued leadership.

Jeff Watkins announced as a reminder that a Target Area Workshop related to the Comp Plan update would be conducted tomorrow (August 16) at 6:30 p.m. at Ball Ground City Hall. Other meetings follow on August 23 at the Freehome Fire Station, August 24 at the Hickory Flat Fire Station community room, August 29 at the Airport Fire Station community room, August 31 at the Oak Grove Fire Station community Room, and September 12 at the Waleska Fire Station community room.

Bob Kovacs added that the first Advisory Committee meeting was coming up as well on the following Monday.

Hearing nothing further to come before the Board, Scott Gordon made a motion to adjourn at 7:34 p.m.; Bob Kovacs seconded. The resulting vote was Passed, 5-0.