

CHEROKEE COUNTY COMMISSION CENTRE, AL

MINUTES

The Cherokee County Commission met in regular session on the date specified below. Bills were reviewed and approved as per attached at month-end.

DATE:	PRESENT:	ABSENT:
November 14, 2005	Lori J. Owens, District I Earl Westbrook, District II Elbert St. Clair, District III Kay Y. Chumbler, District IV J. Kirk Day, Chairman	None

1. The Chairman called the meeting to order.
2. Public Comment from Citizens.
 - A. Mary Sibert Davis from the Childcare Resource Center addressed the Commission concerning an additional fund request of \$5,000. She said the Center was in need of some improvements including a freezer, air conditioning unit and restrooms. The Commission agreed to take the matter under advisement.
 - B. Mr. Peter Selman, Administrator of Baptist Medical Center Cherokee addressed the Commission concerning the future of the hospital. He stated that the current owners do intend to sale the hospital. The sale of the Hospital should probably be announced sometime before the end of the year. He also stated that the Roscoe Smith Estate funds are placed in a trust account with a principal of approximately 1.3 million dollars. That trust is a protected, restricted fund to be used to offset indigent care provided at the hospital closest to the Cherokee County Courthouse and is administered by the Baptist Health System.
 - C. The Chairman read a thank you letter from the Robert King, hurricane Katrina victim expressing his thanks and appreciation to the citizens of Cherokee County.
 - D. The Chairman read a thank you letter from Karen Howell expressing thanks to the Commission for the \$5,000 appropriation to the Cherokee County Children's Policy Council.
3. Public Comment from other Elected Officials
 - A. The Commission expressed their appreciation to Mike Rogers for the \$100,000 grant to the Cherokee County Sheriff's Department Drug and Violent Crime Task Force.
 - B. The Chairman reported that he had attended the Alabama Board of Education Work Session concerning the Gadsden State Community College/Civic Center Project. He stated that most of the Board was in favor of the Project.
4. Roll Call to establish quorum.

All present.
5. Motion by Earl Westbrook, second by Lori Owens to approve the agenda for the November 14, 2005 meeting with the addition of WEIS Radio 2005 Shop At Home Advertisement. Passed 4-0.
6. The Chairman led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance and Wayne Cochran gave the Invocation.
7. Motion by Earl Westbrook, second by Elbert St. Clair to approve the minutes from the October 24, 2005 regular meeting. Passed 4-0.
8. Reports from Staff
 - A. Roger Hall reported on the Resolution for Industrial Access funds. The Commission needed more information on cost overruns. There is no deadline on approval.

9. No Old Business

10. New Business

- A. Motion by Earl Westbrook, second by Lori Owens to approval the Integraph Services Company (ISC) GIS Contract and permission for Chairman to sign. Passed 4-0.
 - B. Motion by Lori Owens, second by Earl Westbrook to authorize Alabama Department Of Revenue to issue tobacco stamps on behalf of the county. Passed 4-0.
 - C. Motion by Kay Chumbler, second by Earl Westbrook to table turn lane project with ALDOT. Passed 4-0.
 - D. Motion by Earl Westbrook, second by Elbert St. Clair to approve Excess Land Redemptions to Brian Bowman in the amount of \$284.22, David McDaniel in the amount of \$303.71, and John Benefield in the amount of \$347.18. Passed 4-0.
 - E. Motion by Earl Westbrook, second by Kay Chumbler to approve the WEIS Radio 2005 Shop At Home Advertisement in the amount of \$895 per month. Passed 4-0.
10. Motion by Earl Westbrook, second by Elbert St. Clair to adjourn meeting. Passed 4-0.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned subject to call.

Lori J. Owens, District I

J. Kirk Day, Chairman

Earl Westbrook, District II

Elbert St. Clair, District III

Kay Y. Chumbler, District IV