

CHEROKEE COUNTY COMMISSION

CENTRE, ALABAMA

MINUTES

DATE:
December 8, 2008

PRESENT:
Wade Sprouse, District I
Kimball Parker, District II
Elbert St. Clair, District III
Carlton Teague, District IV
Melvyn Salter, Chairman

ABSENT:

1. The Chairman called the meeting to order.
2. Public Comment From Citizens:

Mr. Jim Lewis representing a group from the Canyon View Forest Association addressed the Commission about well water concerns. Mr. Lewis explained that there were 49 homes in their development with the majority of the homes being constructed in the last 5 years. Mr. Lewis said that most of the wells were experiencing high levels of iron and some of the wells were drying up. The residents were asking for the Commission's assistance in possibly trying to tie on to Northeast Alabama Water. Commissioner Teague discussed with the group that a grant may be possible. After much discussion Commissioner Teague advised that he and the Commission would explore options.

Mr. Bob Whitman voiced concerns about problems if a fire occurred in that area. He explained that there is a lack of fire hydrants and equipment in the area and a problem of getting enough water to extinguish a fire.

3. Public Comment from other Elected Officials: None

4. Roll Call to Establish Quorum:

District I, Commissioner Sprouse – Present
District II, Commissioner Parker – Present
District III, Commissioner St. Clair – Present
District IV, Commissioner Teague – Present

5. Motion by Kimball Parker, second by Carlton Teague to approve the agenda for the December 8, 2008 regular meeting with the addition of item #7 on the election of a vice-chairman and item # 8 to approve a resolution for BancorpSouth Finance. Passed 4-0.
6. The Chairman led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and the Mr. Terry Dean gave the Invocation.
7. Awards and Presentations: None Submitted
8. Motion by Elbert St. Clair, second by Wade Sprouse to approve the minutes as published for the November 24, 2008 regular meeting. Passed 4-0.

9. Reports from Staff:

County Administrator Tim Burgess – None Submitted
County Engineer Corey Chambers – None Submitted
County Attorney Bill Hawkins – None Submitted
County Sheriff Jeff Shaver – None Submitted

10. Public Meetings: None

11. Old Business: None

12. New Business:

- A. Motion by Carlton Teague, second by Elbert St. Clair to approve the attached 2009 Holiday Schedule. Passed 4-0.
- B. Motion by Kimball Parker, second by Wade Sprouse to approve Excess Land Redemption to Reba Ray in the amount of \$208.19. Passed 4-0.

- C. Motion by Wade Sprouse, second by Carlton Teague to approve the hiring of Charles Ivey, Jr. to be the Project Manager on a part-time basis for the Cowan Creek County Road 22 bridge project at a rate of \$40.00 per hour as recommended by the Highway Department. Passed 4-0.
- D. Motion by Kimball Parker, second by Elbert St. Clair to approve the hiring of William John Ed McCord to be the Senior Bridge Inspector on a part-time basis for the Cowan Creek County Road 22 bridge project at a rate of \$31.00 per hour as recommended by the Highway Department. Passed 4-0.
- E. The Chairman announced that the 4 seats on the Health Care Authority Board and 3 seats on the Library Board would be considered at the January 12, 2009 regular meeting. The Chairman also announced the Parks & Recreation Board Appointments would be considered at the January 16, 2009 regular meeting. The Commission will begin receiving resumes for the board seats.
- F. Motion by Kimball Parker, second by Wade Sprouse to approve the property and liability insurance for the January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009 coverage period to Trident Insurance Company for a total premium of \$123,500. Passed 4-0.
- G. The Chairman opened the floor for nominations to serve as Vice-Chairman. Commissioner Sprouse nominated Carlton Teague as Vice-Chairman. Motion by Kimball Parker, second by Elbert St. Clair to close the nominations and Commissioner Teague would be approved by acclamation. Passed 4-0.
- H. Motion by Elbert St. Clair, second by Carlton Teague to adopt the attached resolution authorizing and approving execution of a contract to BancorpSouth Finance and authorize the Chairman to sign related documents. Passed 4-0.

12. Discussion Items by Commissioners:

- 14. Motion by Elbert St. Clair, second by Kimball Parker to adjourn meeting. Passed 4-0.

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

Wade Sprouse, District I

Melvyn Salter, Chairman

Kimball Parker, District II

Elbert St. Clair, District III

Carlton Teague, District IV