

CHEROKEE COUNTY COMMISSION

CENTRE, ALABAMA

MINUTES

DATE:
April 12, 2010

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: None submitted
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 Carlton Teague, second by Elbert St. Clair to approve the agenda for the March 12, 2010 regular meeting with the addition of item # 5 to adopt a Mitigation Plan Resolution and item # 6 a resolution approving amendments to the CED Mental Health Charter. Passed 4-0.
6. The Chairman led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and Dr. Darryl Harrison gave the Invocation.
7. Awards and Presentations: None Submitted
8. Motion by Kimball Parker, second by Wade Sprouse to approve the minutes as published for the March 22, 2010 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 Submitted
11. Old Business: None Submitted
12. New Business:
 - A. Motion by Kimball Parker, second by Carlton Teague to adopt the attached Proclamation Recognizing April as National Community College Month as read by the Chairman. Accepting the Proclamation is Dr. Darryl Harrison, President of Gadsden State Community College. Dr. Harrison stated that the Cherokee campus was one of the fastest growing campuses. He recognized Dr. Martha Lavender and Ms. Luanne Hays for their dedication in serving this community. Passed 4-0.
 - B. Motion by Elbert St. Clair, second by Wade Sprouse to approve excess land redemptions to Randy & Sharon Cox in the amount of \$289.45, Randy & Sharon Cox in the amount of \$500.00, David or Irene Spouse in the amount of \$332.57, Imogene Painter in the amount of \$101.56, and Jack F. Mackey in the amount of \$134.50. Passed 4-0.
 - C. Motion by Wade Sprouse, second by Carlton Teague to adopt the attached Resolution Establishing Terms of Service of Board Members of Public Parks and Recreation Board of Cherokee County, Alabama, Inc. The Chairman stated that this had been researched back to 1984 to be consistent with the Charter. Passed 4-0.

- D. Motion by Carlton Teague, second by Kimball Parker to declare the following vehicles as surplus and allow for disposal as scrap or public sale. Passed 4-0.
- (1) 2005 Ford Crown Vic Vin.# 2FAFP71W85X148283
Vehicle is totaled, no engine or transmission.
 - (1) 2000 Ford Crown Vic Vin.# 2FAFP71H1YX119065
Vehicle is wrecked and parts salvaged.
 - (1) 1999 Ford Crown Vic Vin.# 2FALP71W8XY159688
Vehicle is salvaged no engine or transmission
 - (1) 1996 Ford Crown Vic Vin.# 2FALP71W7TX110138
Vehicle is wrecked.
 - (1) 1989 Chevrolet Van Vin.# 2GBHG31K8K4151288
Surplus road crew vehicle.
 - (1) 1977 Military Truck 2.5 ton Vin.# 04H28771
Surplus vehicle no longer needed.
- E. Motion by Carlton Teague, second by Elbert St. Clair to adopt the attached Mitigation Plan Resolution as read by Commissioner Teague and presented by EMA Director Beverly Daniel. Passed 4-0.
- F. Motion by Kimball Parker, second by Wade Sprouse to adopt the attached resolution approving the amendments to the CED Mental Health Charter as read by Commissioner Parker. Passed 4-0.
- G. The Chairman announced that a Special Called Meeting will be on April 20, 2010 at 3:30 PM to have a discussion on bond requests.

13. Discussion Items by Commissioners:

The Chairman recognized Brett Burgess who was in attendance at the meeting and is a student Youth Council Participant. The Chairman then called on Ms. Luanne Hayes who heads the program in the County. Ms. Hayes mentioned that Gadsden State is a partner and sponsor of the program. She said that the program has had a successful year and that graduation for juniors in the program will be soon.

The Chairman stated that this is County Government Month and good things have been accomplished in the county the past year or so. He then asked if any Commissioner would like to speak about any of those accomplishments.

Commissioner Parker mentioned County Day at the Legislature and recognized the State Association for their hard work that they do for our county and every county. They are able to get bills passed that enable our county to receive funding to accomplish tasks. Parker also mentioned that our Commission works well together.

Commissioner Teague said that it is an honor to be on this Commission and that it is a great county to live in. Teague also stated that the Commission went to County Day and it was exciting to see our legislature at work. Teague said that we are fortunate that our county has not been greatly affected financially like other counties.

Commissioner St. Clair said he appreciated the opportunity to visit the State House and see the Legislature in action. He appreciates the Association for updates and alerts on bad bills so that you would have the opportunity contact legislators to voice your opinion. He also stated that it is good to live in this county. St. Clair mentioned that he met with a group of individuals this morning that live on a road that is not a designated county road and advised everyone to know their situation before you buy property because the county cannot take in a road unless is up to county specifications.

Commissioner Sprouse said he was able to talk to Rep. Lindsey and Senator Means about our problems. Sprouse mentioned that the big thing that stands out to him with this Commission is the use of discretionary funds. The Commissioners work together to use funds for schools, fire departments, and other community services.

Commissioner Teague mentioned the Adopt A Mile program has come a long way in a short period of time. Some families and citizens in his district are already participating. If anyone is interested please let the Commissioners or Mr. Chambers at the Highway Department know so they can get signs printed to go on roadways.

The Chairman stated several things that the Commission is supporting. The Parks and Recreation Board has been given more funding for Pratt Park, Ethel Morrison Park, Cornwall Furnace and Rock Village. The Chairman stated that 1309 vehicles were counted at Rock Village over the Easter weekend. The Economic Development Board, the Chamber of Commerce, Gadsden State Community College, Airport Authority,

Decentralized Waste Authority, Weiss Lake Improvement Association, the Board of Education, Special Activities, Animal Control, Nutrition Center, and Public Transportation are all supported by the Commission.

The Chairman also gave an update on the Census. At this time 65% of mail-ins have occurred nationally, 62% statewide and 51% county. In the year 2000 the county was less than 40% at this particular time. For every undercount the county would lose \$3,000 per person per year meaning \$30,000 over a ten year period.

14. Motion by Carlton Teague, second by Wade Sprouse 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