



Where Metro Meets The Mountains



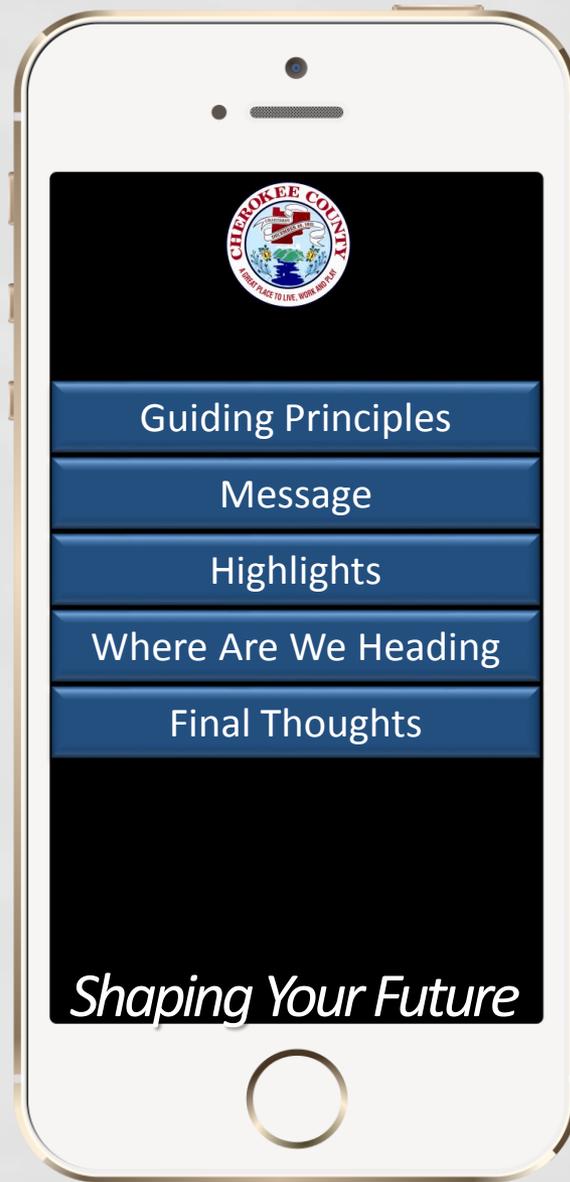
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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

QUALITY GROWTH

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FISCAL INTEGRITY

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ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP



SUPERIOR SERVICE & CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT (raise the bar)



Fire Protection Rating Improved from ISO 5 to 3



Etowah River Water Treatment Facility earns **Plant of the Year**



Ranked in **TOP 5** Georgia Districts in **SAT** Scores



Cherokee County Aquatic Center

GRPA Most **Outstanding** New Recreation & Parks Facility

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ACG **Build Georgia** Award

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Aquatics International **2014 Dream Designs**

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Voted Best New Thing by Cherokee Life magazine



NAYS **Excellence in Youth Sports** Award, Honorable Mention

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Lifeguard team **placed 3rd** @ State Lifeguard Olympics for **2nd** year in a row



Region One **EMS of the Year**



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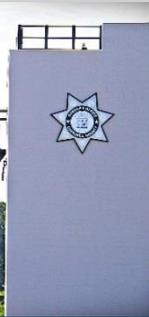
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PUBLIC SAFETY

- SHERIFF ROGER GARRISON LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING CENTER
- CHEROKEE COUNTY FIRE & EMS TRAINING CENTER
- E-911 CALL (DISPATCH) CENTER
- COUNTY MARSHAL'S OFFICE



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VALUE OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT

- 2ND LOWEST TAX BURDEN AND SPEND PER CAPITA IN THE REGION
- LOWEST NUMBER OF COUNTY EMPLOYEES PER CAPITA IN THE REGION
- LOWEST COUNTY GOVERNMENT HEALTHCARE COST PER CAPITA IN THE REGION
- 2ND LOWEST LEGAL COST PER CAPITA IN THE REGION
- LOWEST LONG-TERM DEBT PER CAPITA IN THE REGION
- TOP 10 LOWEST GENERAL FUND TAX RATE IN THE STATE OF GEORGIA



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STRONG COMMUNITIES



The City of Woodstock was named 1 of the 7 Best Neighborhoods to live in Georgia by Georgia.com



Savewise.com name Holly Springs the 4th Safest City in Georgia.
Canton ranked 11th and Woodstock ranked 25th



Movoto.com name City of Canton the Best Place to live in Georgia
(The City of Woodstock took the #8 spot)



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MORE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES → BROADEN BASE

NORTHSIDE HOSPITAL CHEROKEE - \$250 MILLION INVESTMENT (2016 OPENING)

LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE (ROADS/INTERSECTIONS, FIRE STATIONS, PARKS, COURTS)

LIFELONG COMMUNITIES

CONTINUE TO BUILD/STRENGTHEN KEY METRICS

OUTLET MALL ANNUAL SALES EXCEEDED \$150 MILLION IN FIRST YEAR OPEN

CABELA'S OPENED 1ST STORE IN GEORGIA LOCATED IN SW CHEROKEE

CONTINUE TO STRENGTHEN FINANCIAL RESERVES



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OUR “PACKAGE OF PREDICTIBILITY”

- JOBS
- GREAT SCHOOLS
- LOW TAXES
- GROWING PARKS & PROGRAMS . . . MAINTAINING GREENSPACE
- SERVICE EXCELLENCE
- BEST WATER/SEWER OPERATION IN GEORGIA
- FIVE ‘NEAT’ CITIES – EACH WITH THEIR OWN CHARACTER
- ETHICAL LEADERSHIP
- PROFESSIONAL MANAGEMENT

STEADY/SURE

CONFIDENT/EXECUTE

RELEVANT/PRIORITIES



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L. B. "Buzz" Ahrens, Chairman
Cherokee County Board of Commissioners

"In this Results Driven Culture Cherokee County is THE CHOICE to
Live, Work, Play, Visit and Retire"

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