

CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SEPTEMBER 12, 2000
WORK SESSION

Chairman Lemcke opened the work session at 5:04 p.m. Present were Chairman Lemcke, Vice-Chairman Sanders, Commissioners Biello and Singleton, County Manager, Lamar Hamill, County Attorney, Mark Mahler, and County Clerk, Karen S. Huey.

- Mr. David Gray with Robinson Humphrey to Discuss Bonds
Mr. Mahler stated he felt the county would be in a position to issue the bonds for the SPLOST early because the first payment on the bonds would not be due until after July. He noted that an attorney general opinion was still pending. Mr. Gray stated the county could borrow \$33 million and make enough on interest to make the first payment. Chairman Lemcke inquired about arbitrage rules. Mr. Gray advised he felt the interest earnings and interest paid would be adequate to meet the rules. Chairman Lemcke asked how much would be paid back if \$33 million were borrowed. Mr. Gray advised payback would be \$38,345,000, considering the current market condition using 5.5%. Mr. Mahler stated he would know more the direction in mid October. Mr. Gray stated the first payment would be due in February 2001 but that the first two payments would be deferred. It was stated that this deferment would cost \$1 million. Mr. Gray pointed out that if the bonds were delayed further that the cost would be \$6 million.

- Agenda Items
Mr. Mahler reviewed the consent agenda. He advised the public hearing for the soil and sedimentation ordinance came as a result of a Court of Appeals decision. He explained this amendment was necessary to allow for immediate citations. With regard to the traditional village ordinance, Mr. Zunguze recommended it go before the Planning Commission at its next meeting and come before the Board on October 24. He pointed out this would require an extension of the moratorium.

By consent, the following items would be added as an amendment to the agenda: consideration of a contract for Juvenile Court counseling services, not to exceed \$4,800 and consideration of the appointment of Dr. Mike Litrel to the Board of Health due to the resignation of Dr. Geeslin.

Ms. Kay Bolick explained that several years ago retirees were allowed to keep their medical and dental benefits at their own expense until age 65 and to keep ½ of accrued sick leave. She pointed out that retirement was not adequately defined. She presented the benefits committee recommendation of retirement at a minimum age of 55 plus 10 years of service equal or greater than 65 provided the individual was at least 55. The committee also recommended granting ½ accrued sick leave if the age plus service was 65 or better, regardless of age.

Commissioner Singleton advised that Kemp Road was used as a cut through road and recommended holding a public hearing to close the road and place culdesacs at each end. He pointed out that he had received one call opposing this. Chairman Lemcke advised she had received a request asking that Cobb Trail be closed and asked this be added to the agenda.

Mr. Mahler stated the call for election and setting of the qualifying fee was a ratification of an earlier action.

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Mr. Mahler stated the de-annexation was located in Holly Springs. It was noted that this was for a church and had come about because they had failed to meet building standards. Chairman Lemcke noted a pending lawsuit and recommended tabling until litigation was concluded.

Mr. Mahler recommended termination of the contract with The Bacon Group. Chairman Lemcke advised the main architect would remain intact.

Vice-Chairman Sanders pulled Collins Place from the agenda.

- **Closed Session to Follow to Discuss Pending Litigation**
Commissioner Singleton moved to go into closed session. Seconded by Chairman Lemcke. Unanimously approved. 5:47 p.m.