



## MINUTES

### REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 26, 2010

STEPHENS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
HISTORICAL COURTHOUSE  
8:30 A.M.

**PRESENT FOR MEETING:** Commissioners Dean Scarborough, Jonesy Haygood, J B Hudgins, Jr., Harold Andrews and Stanley London; County Administrator John Rutan; County Attorney Brian Ranck; County Clerk Beth Rider, and Finance Director Phyllis Ayers

Chairman Dean Scarborough called the meeting to order at approximately 9:35 a.m. and welcomed those present. Richard Adams gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### I. APPROVE AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Andrews, seconded by Commissioner Hudgins to approve the agenda with additions. Additions to include item # 5, #6 and #7. **Motion carried unanimously.**

#### II. APPROVE MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Haygood to approve minutes as presented, seconded by Commissioner Andrews to approve minutes as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

#### III. OLD BUSINESS

#### IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. MOTION FOR BOARD TO APPROVE FY 2011 BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR CODE ENFORCEMENT AND AUTHORIZE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN BUDGET AMENDMENT RESOLUTION

A motion was made by Commissioner London, seconded by Commissioner Hudgins to approve amendment and authorize Chairman to sign amendment resolution. **Motion carried unanimously.**

2. MOTION FOR BOARD TO APPROVE FY 2011 BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FOR VEHICLES FROM FY 2010 FUND BALANCE AND AUTHORIZE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN BUDGET AMENDMENT RESOLUTION AND FOLLOW CURRENT PURCHASING POLICY PROCEDURE

A motion was made by Commissioner Hudgins, seconded by Commissioner London to postpone the amendment for Sheriff's Department until the audit is complete and the senior auditor has signed off on the documents. **Motion carried unanimously.**

3. MOTION FOR BOARD TO APPROVE HARDSHIP MOBILE HOME VARIANCE FOR LARRY WILLIAMS

A motion was made by Commissioner London, seconded by Commissioner Hudgins that when Mr. Williams cleaned up the property, he then can come back and ask for a hardship variance. **Motion carried unanimously.**

4. MOTION FOR BOARD TO APPROVE ADJUSTMENT SHEETS AND AUTHORIZE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN

A motion was made by Commissioner London, seconded by Commissioner Hudgins to approve and authorize Chairman to sign adjustment sheets. Motion carried unanimously.

5. MOTION FOR BOARD TO APPROVE RESOLUTION AND AUTHORIZE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN RESOLUTION FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY IMPROVEMENT UNDER GATEWAY PROJECT FOR NORTH GEORGIA TECHNICAL COLLEGE

Chairman Scarborough stated this is a State grant that North Georgia Technical College is trying to get from DOT. The county has to sign to do the maintenance, NGT will do the maintenance and we will enter into a separate agreement once the grant is awarded to maintain the entrance way landscape. Brian Ranck stated we have to enter into an agreement with DOT saying the county will maintain and do a reciprocal agreement with North Georgia Tech. A motion was made by Commissioner Haygood, seconded by Commissioner Hudgins to approve resolution and authorize Chairman to sign resolution for the Gateway Grant. **Motion carried unanimously.**

6. PRESENTATION FROM STEPHENS COUNTY HOSPITAL

Jeff Laird came as a representative from the Stephens County Hospital. The hospital, with the backing of the County Commission issues bonds for some of the long term debt. The hospital has an outstanding issue dated 2001, which the County has backed; if we keep it the current way \$4.2 million dollars in penalties in interest. We have an opportunity to private place these bonds, with a private investor, Bank of America, who has contacted Morgan and Keegan who does our bond issues, with a proposition of placing tax exempt financing monies out, but must do it by the end of the year. The current placement is running an average coupon of 5.17%, the new placement they are offering of 1.758% which gives us a five year saving of \$259,000, which is a win-win situation for both of us with you backing the bond it lowers liability that you have outstanding. In 2001, we issued a B series that did not include County backing, which was a couple of refinancing the hospital had done. The outstanding dollars on the B issue which is currently not backed by the county is \$975,000, if we could roll that up into this private placing offering and get county backing for the entire issue, we can increase our savings over the next five years to \$387,000 which is an additional \$128,000 that we can have to spend at the hospital on necessary equipment rather than paying interest on bonds that are outstanding at this point. We are coming to present this opportunity to you and request your support in going ahead with this financing

arrangement. The closing would be December 14, 2010, and would decrease the hospital debt load by two years. Commissioners agreed to support the hospital with the bond issue.

7. COMMISSIONER HAYGOOD PRESENTED CITIZENS ACADEMY AWARDS

Commissioner Haygood presented all participants of the Citizens Academy a Certificate of Completion for their participation in the Academy. The Citizens Academy is a 12 week class held on Thursdays of each week for citizens to come and learn how the County and each department operates.

**V. MATTERS FROM DEPARTMENTS**

1. ADMINISTRATOR REPORT –
2. FINANCE REPORT –
3. DEPARTMENT REPORT -

**VI. MATTERS FROM CITIZENS – TIME LIMIT OF THREE (3) MINUTES**

**VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION –**

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Commissioner Haygood, seconded by Commissioner Andrews to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 a.m. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2010

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Dean Scarborough, Chairman

Attest:

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Beth Rider, County Clerk