

WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF THE FY 2018 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING

HELD MONDAY, JUNE 5, 2017 AT 4:30 P.M.

The White County Board of Commissioners held a Budget Public Hearing on the Fiscal Year 2018 Budget and a Regular Meeting on Monday, June 5, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. in the Board Room at the White County Administration Building. Present for the meeting were: Chairman Travis Turner, Commissioner Terry Goodger, Commissioner Lyn Holcomb, Commissioner Edwin Nix, Commissioner Craig Bryant, County Manager Michael Melton, Finance Director Vicki Mays, and County Clerk Shanda Murphy.

Chairman Turner called the meeting to order.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Pastor Tim Morgan of Faith Lutheran Church and the White County Ministerial Alliance provided the invocation.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Goodger there was a unanimous vote to adopt the minutes of the May 1, 2017 Regular Meeting and the May 22, 2017 Work Session & Called Meeting (with revision indicating that Commissioner Bryant did not cast a vote in his appointment to the White County Water Authority) - including adoption of the May 22, 2017 Executive Session Minutes.

Mr. Melton presented the proposed Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Budget (see attached presentation). The budget as presented included General Fund Expenditures at \$16,938,774.00, Separate Fund Expenditures at \$4,214,670.00 – for a total proposed budget of \$21,153,444.00. Mr. Melton noted that General Fund Revenue for FY 18 was estimated at \$15,873,046.00 – which resulted in \$1,065,728.00 needed in order to balance the General Fund Budget. He stated that direction from the Board was to fund the needed balance from Fund Balance, which would retain approximately \$3,280.662 (2.3 months) in Fund Balance. Mr. Melton noted that the proposed FY 18

Following presentation of the proposed budget, Chairman Turner opened the floor for public comment.

Mr. Jimmy O’Neil – 192 Spencer Road Cleveland, GA: Mr. O’Neil stated that he was concerned with utilizing reserve funds during good economic times as opposed to saving these funds for use during an economic downturn. He also expressed concern for County Employees, whether pay rates were competitive or not, turnover in employment, and the county’s difficulty in filling vacant positions. He stated that he would support a tax increase in order to adequately fund the county. Mr. O’Neil also complimented the Board on the transparency displays in working to develop Yonah Preserve.

Mr. Clell Wood – 493 Dean Mountain Road Cleveland, GA: Mr. Wood asked from clarification on several items related to the budget and the development of Yonah Preserve. He stated that he has concerns related to the future costs of operating and maintaining Yonah Preserve.

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The Budget Public Hearing was closed.

Mr. Melton provided the Board with an update on the progress of paving projects within the County.

Chairman Turner opened the floor for general public participation.

Ms. Cindy Bailey, President of the White County Chamber of Commerce updated this Board on scheduled events.

Ms. Hillary Johnson, White County Friends of the Library, expressed appreciation to the Board of Commissioners for installation of the electronic door at the Cleveland Branch and for the financial support provided to the Library.

Chairman Turner provided the announcements, including that the Board would be considering adoption of the 2017-2018 Budget at the June 12, 2017 Meeting at 4:30 p.m.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Nix there was a unanimous vote to adjourn the meeting.

The minutes of the June 5, 2017 Budget Public Hearing and Regular Meeting are hereby approved as stated this 26th day of June, 2017.

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s/Travis C. Turner

Travis C. Turner, Chairman

s/ Terry D. Goodger

Terry D. Goodger, District 1

s/Lyn Holcomb

Lyn Holcomb, District 2

s/Edwin Nix

Edwin Nix, District 3

s/Craig Bryant

Craig Bryant, District 4

s/Shanda Murphy

Shanda Murphy, County Clerk