

# **WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

## **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2018 AT 4:30 P.M.**

The White County Board of Commissioners held a Regular Meeting on Monday, October 1, 2018 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 Jodi Ligon, and County Clerk Shanda Murphy.

Chairman Turner called the meeting to order.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Pastor Marc Turner of the Cleveland Worship Center 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 August 27, 2018 Work Session & Called Meeting, the September 10, 2018 Called Meeting, and the September 24, 2018 Work Session.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Nix, seconded by Commissioner Goodger there was a unanimous vote to approve the following consent agenda items:

- Approval of a tax release application filed by Mr. / Mrs. Howard and Annette Wadsworth for property located at 202 Clarice Lane Sautee-Nacoochee, Georgia 30571 for the 2018 Tax Year providing a prorated credit for the structure damaged by fire in the amount of \$1,061.37;
- Grant acceptance for a Tourism Product Development Grant from the Georgia Department of Economic Development for the Yonah Preserve Trails in the amount of \$10,000.00;
- Award of the bid for the self-contained compactor for the White County Convenience Center to Waste Equip in the amount of \$22,371.76 – to be paid from the Solid Waste Fund;
- Approval of the option for right of way as presented by the Georgia Department of Transportation for an easement on county property related to Phase 3 of the Appalachian Parkway; and
- Approval of the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Enotah Indigent Defense Services Agreement.

Mr. Charlie Brown, Enotah Public Defender, presented an amendment to the Board for the 2018-2019 Indigent Defense Service Agreement. He explained that Union County had agreed to provide \$20,000.00 in addition to their pro-rata share of the circuit expense in order to assist in funding a Public Defender to work exclusively in Union County in order to assist in moving inmates, primarily involved in drug cases, through the jail bond process more expediently. Mr. Brown stated that approximately \$10,000.00 would be spent in the northern portion of the circuit (Towns & Union) and approximately \$10,000.00 would be spent in the southern portion of the circuit (White & Lumpkin). He further stated that these funds would provide supplements for the filling of two (2) positions in Union County and provide a supplement for the increased workload resulting in the Lumpkin & White.

Chairman Turner stated that the board was considering the concept and could give the Chairman authorization to execute the amendment at a later date.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Goodger, seconded by Commissioner Nix there was a unanimous vote to approve the proposed amendment to the 18-19 Enotah Indigent Services Agreement thereby providing authorization for the Chairman to execute at a later date once the document was finalized.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Nix, seconded by Commissioner Holcomb there was a unanimous vote to approve the land use application filed by Mr. Jeremy McAfee to redistrict property located at 2779 Tesnatee Gap Valley Road, Cleveland, Georgia 30528 from: C-1 Community Commercial District, to C-2 Highway Business District. Total acreage changed is 7.10 acres. Tax Parcel # 032 004.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Nix, seconded by Commissioner Holcomb there was a unanimous vote to approve the land use application filed by Mr. Michael Clark to request a Conditional Use Permit (understanding the capacity limitations of the share septic system) at 5058 Helen Hwy, Sautee Nacoochee, Georgia 30571. Tax Parcel # 058C-097. Total acreage affected is 1.00 acres. Approved conditional use is “Place of Worship” in a C-1 Community Commercial District.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Goodger there was a unanimous vote to approve the land use application filed by Mr. Jon Steve Neal to request a Conditional Use Permit at 253 Enota Drive Sautee-Nacoochee, Georgia 30571. Tax Parcel # 070-108. Total acreage affected is 1.18 acres. Approved conditional use is to place in a “For Rent by Owner” program in an R-1 Residential, Single-Family District.

Mr. John Sell, Director of Community & Economic Development, presented information to the Board on the proposals received for the maintenance and operation of the White County Transfer Station. He stated that staff’s recommendation was to renegotiate the current contract with Advanced Disposal adding the provision for penalties for noncompliance with contract requirements, the requirement for a minimum of three (3) employees, and the routine trash pick-up on Industrial Blvd. He explained that Advanced Disposal’s proposal included an increase of \$6.00 in the tipping fee to \$49.75 and a flat \$3.00 per ton host fee. Mr. Roscoe Dorsey of Advanced Disposal and Mr. Mark Robinson of Robinson Hauling (sub-contractor) were present. The Board addressed their issues with the current maintenance and operation including substandard maintenance, unsafe occurrences, and inappropriate performance by employees. Mr. Dorsey stated that he felt like all the issues noted could be resolved.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Holcomb, seconded by Commissioner Goodger there was a unanimous vote to authorize staff to renegotiate the current contract for the operation and maintenance of the White County Transfer Station with Advanced Disposal.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Nix, seconded by Commissioner Bryant there was a unanimous vote to approve \$221,099.00 in SPLOST funding for the replacement of the 911 phone system including \$163,517.00 to AT&T – West Public Safety for phone system components, \$27,581.75 to Eventide for recording solutions, and \$30,000.00 for off-site database management with AT&T.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Nix there was a unanimous vote to approve \$34,664.00 in SPLOST funding for the purchase of a quick response vehicle (2019 Ford F150 4x4 from Jacky Jones Ford) and vehicle equipment for the White County Fire Department.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Holcomb, seconded by Commissioner Nix there was a unanimous vote to establish the following rules for Yonah Preserve effective October 15, 2018:

No boats over 16', electric motors only / no gas powered boats, no stand up paddle boards, and no live minnow bait.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Holcomb, seconded by Commissioner Bryant there was a unanimous vote to approve the following resolution (2018-23) of pre-application for a DNR Grant for recreational projects and a request for assistance to GMRC for grant application assistance.

**RESOLUTION**  
2018-23

STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF WHITE:

WHEREAS, at the a *regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners* of *White* County, Georgia, held on OCTOBER, 1 2018, a motion was made and duly seconded that *White County* agrees to submit a Pre-application for funding from the Land and Water Conservation Fund. *White County* further agrees that in the event that *White County's* pre-application is recommended for funding by the Department of Natural Resources, *White County* certifies and assures that it has the **ability** and **intention** to finance their 50 percent of the total project cost and will move forward with due diligence to prepare, or have prepared, appropriate documentation required for a formal LWCF application.

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BY: s/Travis C. Turner  
(Official Authorized to Sign)

Ms. Jodi Ligon, Finance Director, presented the monthly Financial Status Report (see attached).

Chairman Turner stated that Mr. Richard Palmer, who was in attendance, had expressed his concern regarding litter at Yonah Preserve. Mr. Melton stated that he was working to have bear-proof trash cans installed as soon as possible.

Chairman Turner opened the floor for public comments.

Ms. Beth Truelove, President of the White County Chamber of Commerce, reported that the Agri-Fest was a success.

Chairman Turner closed the floor.

Commissioner Goodger presented a proposed draft drawing for a trailhead building at Yonah Preserve that he had worked with Charles Black Construction on. He stated this was a 53'x23' structure and would cost approximately \$150,000.00 including septic – he compared this to the low bid received on the previously

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designed building of \$300,000.00 He stated that he recommended getting a design finalized and adding this to the current Yonah Preserve Contract with Charles Black Construction. He anticipated having an elevation rendering by the end of the month.

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

The minutes of the October 1, 2018 Regular Meeting are approved as stated this 5<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2018.

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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