

# **WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

## **MINUTES OF THE CALLED MEETING HELD**

**THURSDAY, MAY 23, 2019 AT 8:00 A.M.**

The White County Board of Commissioners held a Called Meeting on Thursday, May 23, 2019 at 8:00 a.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.

Ms. Jodi Ligon presented the proposed FY 19/20 budget for the Enotah Judicial Circuit. For the portion administered by White County that includes Superior Court, Juvenile Court, District Attorney – the budget increased a net of \$380.00 (total budget \$790,850.00)– with White County’s portion being \$180,966.00 (FY 19 was \$184,574.00). For the portion administered by Lumpkin County that includes the Public Defender’s Office – the budget increased a net of \$4,583.77 – with White County’s portion being \$142,896.85 (FY 19 was \$142,768.00). Both portions of the Enotah Budget were utilizing some fund balance.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Goodger, seconded by Commissioner Nix there was a unanimous vote to approve the FY 19/20 budget for the Enotah Judicial Circuit thereby approving the county’s contributions noted above to be included in the county’s budget.

Ms. Jodi Ligon reviewed the status of the FY 19/20 county budget. She stated that the proposed general fund budget was \$19,190,827.00 – which was a \$422,403.00 increase over the FY 18/19 general fund budget. She noted the proposed budget included a 2.5% cost of living adjustment (COLA) as well as the other new positions and changes noted on the budget summary sheet. Ms. Ligon also explained that fund balance used in the proposed budget was \$964,722.00 – and that property tax revenue was being based on a preliminary digest before appeals have been factored in. There was a consensus of the Board that they wanted to move forward with the proposed budget as presented for advertising and other legal requirements prior to adoption.

Bids received for a certificate of deposit currently held at South State Bank in the amount of \$172,000.00 were reviewed.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Holcomb, seconded by Commissioner Goodger there was a unanimous vote to award the certificate of deposit to United Community Bank for a 12-month term at 2.02% APY.

Ms. Jodi Ligon presented the monthly financial status report (see attached).

Mr. David Murphy, Director of Public Safety, presented information to the Board on a 2015 Chevrolet Tahoe 4x4 which was available through the federal surplus program – as he had been

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directed to monitor the availability of a vehicle for the Board of Commissioners / administration through the surplus program. He stated the cost of the vehicle was \$26,500.00, the mileage was 85,523, the vehicle did need some minor repairs, and the vehicle was located in Maryland.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Holcomb, seconded by Chairman Turner there was a vote to approve the purchase of a 2015 Chevrolet Tahoe 4x4 through the Georgia Department of Administrative Services, Surplus Property Division in the amount of \$26,500.00 – to be funded from SPLOST – with the vehicle to be assigned to the Board of Commissioners Office. Commissioner Nix voted in favor of the motion and Commissioner Bryant opposed the motion. The motion was approved by a 4-1 vote.

Commissioner Holcomb exited the meeting.

Mr. Melton reviewed the status of road work on Sam Craven Road and Joe Franklin Road – as both are or will be prepped by contracts within the next week. He informed the Board that a bid had been put out on paving half of the remaining section of Asa Dorsey Road – due to issues with right of way on Mr. Lawson’s property. Commissioner Nix encouraged the Board to make sure any issues with obtaining the necessary right of way for paving were taken care of prior to the Board’s approval for improvements in the future. Commissioner Nix directed Mr. Melton to address his concerns with the “island” on F-M Road, as that section needed to remain when the road is paved. Mr. Melton stated that he would advise Mr. Cangemi of this.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Goodger there was a unanimous vote to enter into Executive Session in order to discuss litigation and personnel issues.

-See The Following Closed Meeting Affidavit-

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Nix, seconded by Commissioner Goodger there was a unanimous vote to exit Executive Session.

The Board directed Mr. Melton to contact School Superintendent Laurie Burkett regarding the request from the middle school softball team to utilize the fields at Yonah Preserve.

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

The minutes of the May 23, 2019 Called Meeting are approved as stated this 4<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2019.

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s/Travis C. Turner  
Travis C. Turner, Chairman

s/Terry D. Goodger  
Terry D. Goodger, District 1

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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