

WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF THE CALLED MEETING HELD

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2010 AT 8:30 A.M.

The White County Board of Commissioners held a Called Meeting on Friday, December 10, 2010 at 8:30 A.M. in the Board of Commissioners Office Conference Room. Present at the meeting were: Chairman Travis Turner, Commissioner Craig Bryant, County Manager Carol Jackson, and County Clerk Shanda Smallwood.

Chairman Turner called the meeting to order.

Chairman Turner stated that the Board needed to address some confusion with the current sign ordinance and changes which were made on sign permit fees in January 2010.

Commissioner Bryant presented a poster display for clarification on the number of signs allowed and charged for under the current sign ordinance.

Tom O'Bryant provided a summary of the current sign ordinance, explaining that wall signs are allowed based on the business's square footage along road frontage and free standing signs are allowed based on structure square footage. Mr. O'Bryant further explained that the free standing, portable flashing signs were not permitted under the current sign ordinance; although all signs existing at the time the sign survey (2009) was done were permitted as nonconforming signs.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Chairman Turner there was a unanimous vote to adopt the following changes to the sign permit fee structure and sign ordinance code:

- Any new business established after December 31, 2010 will be required to pay a one time \$50.00 sign permit fee (regardless of the number of signs), however the number and type of signs allowable will be subject to the White County Sign Ordinance (County Code, Chapter 58);
- Any business existing prior to January 1, 2011 will be grandfathered and signs will be permitted as non-conforming signs under the White County Sign Ordinance (County Code, Chapter 58) and will be subject to a one time \$50.00 sign permit fee (regardless of the number of signs) – however any subsequent addition or material modifications of the signs will be subject to the White County Sign Ordinance (County Code, Chapter 58);
- If a business in existence prior to January 1, 2011 is sold – the subsequent owner will be responsible for a one time \$50.00 sign permit fee (regardless of the number of signs) with all existing signs continued to be grandfathered as long as there are no material changes to the signs or addition of new signs - any subsequent addition or material modifications of the signs will be subject to the White County Sign Ordinance (County Code, Chapter 58) ; and
- Any business displaying a portable sign after December 31, 2010 will be subject to a \$50.00 annual sign permit fee in addition to their one time \$50.00 sign permit fee.

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Carol Jackson presented the counter offer made by the City of Cleveland to White County in reference to the Automatic Fire Aid Agreement – with the counter offer to include reducing the proposed annual reimbursement from \$10,000.00 to \$7,500.00 as well as providing the 1991 Mini Pumper (in addition to the proposed titling of the 1996 Pumper Engine to the City of Cleveland and the equipment listed within the agreement).

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Chairman Turner there was a unanimous vote to approve the counter offer as presented by the City of Cleveland in reference to the Automatic Fire Aid Agreement – including an annual reimbursement from the White County Fire Fund in the amount of \$7,500.00, the County providing the \$211,237.00 in equipment as outlined in the agreement, guaranteeing 24/7 access to a breathing air system – in the event the County owned system currently located at the Cleveland Fire Station is relocated, and the titling of the 1991 Mini Pumper and the 1996 Pumper Engine from the County to the City of Cleveland.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Chairman Turner there was a unanimous vote to provide authorization for the White County Fire Department to obtain bids for a truck to replace the 1991 Mini Pumper which was being removed from the Shoal Creek Fire Station to satisfy the automatic aid agreement with the City of Cleveland – with the bid results to be brought back before the Board of Commissioners at a later date for award and funds to be paid from the Fire Fund.

Carol Jackson presented options for water service to the Truelove Road property where the Public Works Facility is being built. She stated the County could have a well bored at the approximate cost of \$7,000.00; however the City of Cleveland had presented an offer to the County for water service. Ms. Jackson stated the City of Cleveland would allow the County to reimburse the City for the cost of the pipe from Morning Side Drive to the Truelove Road Property in the amount of \$6,000.00 (1,100 feet of pipe) and charge the County \$3,850.00 for installation of 1,100 feet of pipe (@ \$3.50 per foot) – with all being contingent on the County approving a easement along the County's right of way of Truelove Road. This would also allow for the City of Cleveland to expand water service past the County's property to Old Hwy 75.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Chairman Turner there was a unanimous vote to accept the City of Cleveland's the expenditure associated with the City of Cleveland providing pipe and installing water service from Morningside Drive to the future location of the White County Public Works Facility to be located at 675 Truelove Road; as well as the approval of the utility easement along the entire portion of Truelove Road from Hwy 129 to Old Hwy 75 South. This approval was based on the estimates provided by the City of Cleveland as follows:

- \$6,000.00 for 1,100 feet of pipe; and
- \$3,850.00 for installation of 1,100 feet of pipe (@ \$3.50 per foot)

with a total cost not to exceed \$10,000.00 and to be paid from the 2008 SPLOST Account.

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

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-See the Following Closed Meeting Affidavit-

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Chairman Turner there was a unanimous vote to exit Executive Session.

Upon returning to an open meeting and upon a motion made Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Chairman Turner there was a unanimous vote to adjourn the Called Meeting.

The minutes of the December 10, 2010 Called Meeting are hereby approved as stated this the 14th day of January, 2011.

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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 Smallwood

Shanda Smallwood, County Clerk