

**WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2010 AT 4:30 P.M.**

The White County Board of Commissioners held a Regular Meeting on Monday, December 6, 2010 at 4:30 P.M. in the Grand Jury Room of the White County Courthouse. Present at the meeting were Chairman Travis Turner, Commissioner Joe Campbell, Commissioner Craig Bryant, County Manager Carol Jackson, Finance Director Vicki Mays, and County Clerk Shanda Smallwood.

Chairman Turner called the meeting to order.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Rev. Dick Huycke of the Cleveland United Methodist Church delivered the invocation.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Bryant there was a unanimous vote to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held November 1, 2010, the Called Meeting held November 18, 2010, and the Called Meeting held December 1, 2010.

Upon presentation of proclamation, the White County Board of Commissioners honored the following White County residents: Connie Palmer Schapansky Smith, John Carter (J.C.) Cannon, and General Russel Weiskircher.

Mr. Chris Hollifield and Mr. Clay Pilgrim with Rushton & Company presented White County's annual audit report for Fiscal Year 2010 (see attached presentation).

Commissioner Campbell expressed his pleasure that White County is in a stable financial position, despite the current economy, and had received a clean audit report.

Chairman Turner expressed his appreciation to the County Management Staff for their diligence in overseeing the County finances.

Commissioner Bryant expressed his pleasure in the audit results and his appreciation to all who had been diligent with County finances.

Vicki Mays, Finance Director, presented the Financial Status Report for October 2010 (see attached presentation).

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Campbell there was a unanimous vote to approve the following consent agenda:

- Adoption of a resolution (County Resolution Number 2010-34 designating a County Legislative Coordinator;
- Adoption of a submittal resolution (County Resolution Number 2010-33) for White County's Short Term Work Program;

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- Adoption of a surplus resolution (County Resolution Number 2010-35) for various equipment assigned to the White County Fire Department to be sold via GovDeals;
- Adoption of a surplus resolution (County Resolution Number 2010-37) for two Kaiser Jeeps (VIN 3672 & 0742) and various spare parts / accessories currently assigned to White County EMA – using EBAY with a minimum bid of \$1,200.00 each, with all proceeds to be set aside for the future purchase of a Polaris ATV with Stokes rescue equipment; and
- Adoption of a resolution (County Resolution Number 2010-38) restating the due date of ad valorem taxes on tangible property other than motor vehicles to be payable in full not later than the 15<sup>th</sup> day of November of each year relative to the passage of SB 346.

Chairman Turner asked if there was a motion to grant the appeal filed by Keck's Yonah Brews relative to the denial of a retail package license by the White County Alcohol Beverage Commission and in reference to the appeal heard on December 1, 2010.

With there being no motion, Chairman Turner stated the ruling of the White County Alcohol Beverage Commission would stand.

Carol Jackson stated the funding for the local share on the installation of a mass alert system - Emergency Notification System (25% - \$5,870.00) and the installation of three (3) outdoor warning sirens (25% - \$12,982.00) could be taken from the excess collections, above the projected, Beer & Wine revenues.

David Murphy, EMA Director, stated that sirens would be placed at County Fire Station #5 (Shoal Creek), County Fire Station #7 (Chimney Mountain), and the Skylake Community.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Campbell, seconded by Commissioner Bryant there was a unanimous vote to accept the two Hazard Mitigation Grants awarded to White County by the Georgia Emergency Management Agency (\$56,555.00 grant) – for installation of a mass alert system and installation of three (3) outdoor warning sirens – with the local funding share not to exceed \$20,000.00 and to be funded by excess beer & wine revenues.

Carol Jackson presented a new agreement between White County and the City of Cleveland for automatic fire aid with the incorporated area of Cleveland and the unincorporated area of White County. Ms. Jackson explained the agreement being presented included a \$10,000.00 reimbursement to the City of Cleveland from White County for the City's response into the unincorporated area, the title to one 1996 F800 Gatco Pumper currently owned by the County, and the providing of \$290,000.00 worth of equipment to the City of Cleveland. Ms. Jackson stated that David Murphy, EMA Director, had worked as a liaison with the City of Cleveland in developing this agreement and it was her recommendation that this agreement be approved by the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Bryant stated he would like to see the reimbursement amount provided to the City of Cleveland decreased to \$7,500.00 and add the title to the 1991 Mini Pumper to the agreement.

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Ms. Jackson asked if Commissioner Bryant would consider only providing the 1991 Mini Pumper and removing the 1996 Gatco Pumper from the agreement. Commissioner Bryant stated he would be in agreement with that change.

Commissioner Campbell stated that the County and City had been working toward an agreement for over five (5) years and he would like to see the agreement approved as presented. Carol Jackson stated the City of Cleveland had indicated they would approve the agreement which was being presented.

Chief Howard explained that the 1996 truck was a pumper engine – which was necessary for the City of Cleveland to meet water flow rate requirements. Chairman Turner stated the County would not need the 1991 mini pumper until a new County fire station was built. Chief Howard stated that having the mini pumper helped the County with limiting fuel usage as well as accessing some of the roads in the County with steep grades.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Campbell, seconded by Commissioner Bryant following discussion there was a vote to approve the automatic aid fire agreement with the City of Cleveland as presented – with a \$10,000.00 annual reimbursement from the County to the City of Cleveland for response in the unincorporated area of White County, the provision of the equipment listed as an attachment to the agreement, and providing title to the 1996 F800 Gatco Pumper to the City of Cleveland. Chairman Turner opposed the motion.

Chairman Turner opened the floor for citizen participation.

Norma Miller expressed her appreciation to the Board of Commissioners for being courteous in hearing the appeal filed on behalf of Keck's Yonah Brews, however the Board of Commissioners would be hearing further from them on this issue. Ms. Miller asked where they should proceed from this point on the issue of their alcohol license. Chairman Turner stated the Board of Commissioners could not provide legal advisement; however encouraged Ms. Miller to meet with Ms. Jackson on the matter. Ms. Jackson encouraged Ms. Miller to speak with her attorney.

Al Whiten, 1455 Stanley Nix Road, asked the Board of Commissioner what the protocol was for requesting extra gravel be applied to Stanley Nix Road. Ms. Jackson stated she had spoken to Mr. Whiten and she had been told by the Road Department that this work would be done. Mr. Whiten asked what the status of the paving of Stanley Nix Road. Commissioner Bryant stated that normally the Board of Commissioner met in January of each year to decide what roads would be paved; however due to the need to repair existing hard surface road in order to keep them passable it would be very difficult for any new paving to be completed. Commissioner Bryant told Mr. Whiten that he would be happy to further discuss this issue with him after the first of the year.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Campbell, seconded by Commissioner Bryant there was a unanimous vote to enter into executive session in order to discuss personnel issues.

-See the Attached Closed Meeting Affidavit-

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Upon a motion made by Commissioner Campbell, seconded by Commissioner Bryant there was a unanimous vote to exit executive session.

After entering back into an open meeting and upon a motion made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Campbell there was a unanimous vote to adjourn the meeting.

The minutes of the December 6, 2010 Regular Meeting of the White County Board of Commissioners are hereby approved as stated this the 14<sup>th</sup> 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