

WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF THE CALLED MEETING

HELD THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 2011 AT 8:30 A.M.

On Thursday, April 14, 2011 at 8:30 a.m. the White County Board of Commissioners held a Called Meeting in the Grand Jury Room of the White County Courthouse. Present at the meeting were: Chairman Travis Turner, Commissioner Terry Goodger, Commissioner Lyn Holcomb, Commissioner Edwin Nix, Commissioner Craig Bryant, County Manager Carol Jackson, and County Clerk Shanda Smallwood.

Chairman Turner called the meeting to order and welcomed the officials from the City of Cleveland, the White County Board of Education, and the White County Board of Assessors – as they would be taking part in discussions regarding the 2011 Tax Digest later in the meeting.

Fire Chief Dickie Howard addressed the Board of Commissioners, requesting authorization to purchase a 1997 F-450 4x2 Danko Mini Pumper / Rescue from Fire Service Incorporated (Columbus, IN) through the White County Fire Fund in order to replace the 1992 Mini Pumper given to the City of Cleveland as part of the current Automatic Aid Fire Service Agreement. Chief Howard stated the asking price for the vehicle was \$25,900.00, which was negotiable, and the vehicle had 26,000 miles on it.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Goodger, seconded by Commissioner Holcomb there was a unanimous vote to authorize Chief Howard to negotiate the purchase of a 1997 F-450 4x2 Danko Mini Pumper / Rescue from Fire Service Incorporated (Columbus, IN) through the White County Fire Fund in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00 and pending inspection of said vehicle.

Shanda Smallwood presented a Surplus Resolution to the Board of Commissioners for their consideration. The White County Parks YMCA was requesting the surplus of two pieces of golf course style maintenance equipment – currently housed at the White County Sports Complex. Marvin Cowart, Maintenance Supervisor, stated the equipment was very expensive to operate and he felt the grounds maintenance could be done with a much less expensive piece of equipment. Ms. Smallwood stated that the equipment was estimated to be valued at (1) \$19,500.00 and (2) \$13,500.00 – and once this equipment was sold the White County Parks YMCA Staff would obtain bids to be brought back before the Board of Commissioners at a later date on the replacement equipment – which would cost approximately \$8,200.00.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Holcomb, seconded by Commissioner Goodger there was a unanimous vote to approve the following Surplus Resolution, being County Resolution Number 2011-13:

WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-13

TO DECLARE CERTAIN PROPERTY OWNED BY WHITE COUNTY TO BE SURPLUS PROPERTY; TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISPOSAL OF SAID PROPERTY BY ON-LINE AUCTION THROUGH GOVDEALS; TO PROVIDE FOR ADVERTISING OF SAID DISPOSITION OF SAID PROPERTY; AND TO AUTHORIZE A REPRESENTATIVE OF WHITE COUNTY TO EXECUTE ANY TITLE TRANSFERS AND BILLS OF SALE ON THE PROPERTY.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of White County have determined that certain County-owned property is surplus; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of White County desires to dispose of said property through the government on-line auction and to give public notice of said disposition;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of White County, Georgia, and it is hereby resolved by the authority of the same as follows:

-1-

The Board of Commissioners of White County hereby declares that the property described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference is surplus and shall be disposed of by the county by government on-line auction to the highest responsible bidder for each item. All surplus personal property will be sold "as is" and must be removed from the county property by the successful bidder within ten (10) days

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from the award of the bid, except as otherwise provided in Exhibit "A."

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The Board of Commissioners of White County reserves the right to refuse any and all bids on said property.

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The County Manager is hereby authorized to execute any title transfers and bills of sale to the successful bidders on the personal property.

ADOPTED, this 14th day of April, 201.

WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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

s/Edwin Nix
Edwin Nix, District 3

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

s/Craig Bryant
Craig Bryant, District 4

s/Lyn Holcomb
Lyn Holcomb, District 2

ATTEST: s/Shanda Smallwood
Shanda Smallwood, County Clerk

-Exhibit A-

WHITE COUNTY

SURPLUS PROPERTY

TO BE SOLD "AS IS/WHERE IS"

(1) 1 John Deere 3225 C, 5 Gang Reel Mower, 2 Wheel Drive (250 hours)

(2) 1 John Deere 2653 A, 3 Wheel Drive Trim Unit (157 hours)

-End of Resolution-

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Chairman Turner expressed the Board's appreciation to the White County Parks YMCA Staff for their work during the 2011 Opening Day / Healthy Kids Day, stating this was an excellent event for the community.

Ms. Carol Jackson stated she was working with the Georgia Forestry Commission to have a bridge constructed in order to join the adjoining properties at the White County Parks YMCA in order to create potential for the future use of the available space.

Chairman Turner stated the Board of Commissioners had asked Mr. Bryan Payne, Chief Appraiser, to provide a status report on estimates for the 2011 Tax Year Digest in order to facilitate the taxing entities represented in planning for the upcoming budget year. He explained further that the White County Board of Commissioners had resolved that increasing the millage rate in order to offset a decrease in the digest should be a last resort during the present, struggling economy.

Mr. Bryan Payne, Chief Appraiser, presented Projected Digest Figures for 2011 to White County, the City of Cleveland, the City of Helen, and the White County Board of Education. The information presented to the White County Board of Commissioners was as follows:

2010

Gross Digest: \$1,208,080,634
Less Exemptions: -\$183,561,778
Net Digest: \$1,024,518,856
Current Millage Rate: 0.00919

Total Tax Collected: \$9,415,328

2011

Gross Digest: \$1,145,103,138
Less Exemptions: -\$168,180,535
Net Digest: \$976,922,603
Current Millage Rate: 0.00919

Total Tax (Estimate): \$8,977,919

Projected Amount of Change in Digest For 2011 = -4.646% (\$437,409)

Mr. Payne emphasized the estimate being presented was preliminary as the Assessors Office was still working all returns filed and would be sending the required assessment notices to all taxpayers which could be appealed. He stressed that everything was different for the Assessors Office this year due to the requirements of SB 346 and the digest would continue to decrease. Mr. Payne presented a millage rollback sheet to the Board of Commissioners, based on the estimate presented. The estimated rollback (roll-up) calculation was 0.00970, meaning this was the amount (.00051) the Board of Commissioners could increase the County Millage rate without advertising a tax increase.

Chairman Turner expressed the Board of Commissioners appreciation to Mr. Bryan Payne for the presentation he had made.

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 personnel.

-See the Attached Closed Meeting Affidavit-

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Upon a motion made by Commissioner Nix, seconded by Commissioner Bryant there was a unanimous vote to exit executive session and reenter into a Called Meeting.

Ms. Carol Jackson introduced Kevin Hamby with CHA. Ms. Jackson stated that Mr. Hamby currently managed SPLOST programs for Lumpkin, Union and Heard Counties – with having managed Athens-Clarke County’s SPLOST Program previously for about nine (9) years. She further explained that Mr. Hamby had met with the staff on a few occasions and had prepared a complimentary presentation regarding the current state of White County’s 2008 SPLOST.

Mr. Hamby made the following presentation (see attached).

Following Mr. Hamby’s presentation, Ms. Jackson presented the Board of Commissioners with a contract for SPLOST program management services with CHA. The amount of the contract was for \$24,500.00 for a six (6) month period (May 1, 2011 – October 31, 2011) and could be paid from 2008 SPLOST Funds.

Mr. Hamby stated that if the contract was approved that he would serve as the project manager / owner’s representative for the jail construction project and any other SPLOST projects, provide periodic updates on the status of individual projects and the SPLOST program, as well as assist the County in developing the 2012 SPLOST referendum and work plan.

There was a consensus among the Board of Commissioners that the contract presented for CHA should be considered at the April 25, 2011 Work Session, with the Board of Commissioners requesting that Mr. Hamby make this same presentation at the Work Session.

Commissioner Bryant advised the Board that he had received a complaint from a resident in the northern part of White County regarding a neighbor who had several dogs which barked on a continual basis. Ms. Jackson stated that Animal Control would handle this issue. Chairman Turner asked that a copy of the nuisance animal county code be sent to the Board of Commissioners for review.

Commissioner Bryant asked the Board of Commissioners to consider a \$6,000.00 donation to the Sautee Nacoochee Community Association from Hotel Motel Taxes collections for the purpose of completing the African American Heritage Site – which had a total project cost of \$31,620.00.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Holcomb there was a unanimous vote to approve a \$6,000.00 donation to the Sautee Nacoochee Community Association from Hotel Motel Taxes collections for the purpose of completing the African American Heritage Site.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Goodger, seconded by Commissioner Holcomb there was a unanimous vote to enter into Executive Session at 11:35 a.m. in order to discuss personnel.

-See the Following Closed Meeting Affidavit-

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

Commissioner Goodger presented an estimate from the City of Cleveland for the installation of meter by the City of Cleveland for the existing 6” line on Hulsey Road at the White County Detention Center Construction Site. This installation would be at the street, as requested by the City of Cleveland and differing from the location of current meters being at the buildings; thereby reducing the City of Cleveland’s responsibility to the meter at the road and not along the entire length of the pipe running across County property and to the meter located at the building. The cost estimate submitted by the City of Cleveland was \$10,350.00 plus the cost of the vault being \$3,750 – for a total of \$14,100. Commissioner Goodger further indicated that JB Stevens Construction would be reducing their contract by \$22,095.00 if the Board of Commissioners approved the City of Cleveland’s proposal – saving \$7,995.00 on this portion of the project. He said the project would be more efficiently completed with the City of Cleveland doing the work directly on their system as opposed to having an outside contractor do this and would eliminate any responsibilities on the job site for the City of Cleveland.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Goodger, seconded by Commissioner Bryant there was a unanimous vote to contract with the City of Cleveland for the installation of the meter and vault on Hulsey Road for an amount not to exceed \$14,000.00 from the Jail Construction Project Funds.

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

The minutes of the April 14, 2011 Called Meeting are hereby approved as stated this 5th day of May, 2011.

WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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