

# **WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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

**MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 2011 AT 4:30 P.M.**

On Monday, August 15, 2011 at 4:30 p.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 Lyn Holcomb, Commissioner Edwin Nix, Commissioner Craig Bryant, County Manager Carol Jackson, and County Clerk Shanda Smallwood. Commissioner Goodger was not in attendance due to a death in his family.

Chairman Turner called the meeting to order.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Holcomb, seconded by Commissioner Bryant there was a unanimous vote to reappoint Ms. Jane Grillo to the Region One Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD) Planning Board for a three (3) year term beginning July 1, 2011 and expiring June 30, 2014.

The Board of Commissioners discussed the vacancy on the AVITA Community Partners Board due to the unfulfilled three year term of Desiree Reddick-Head. There was a consensus of Board that this board vacancy be advertised with the applications being presented to the Board of Commissioners at a later date.

Chairman Turner introduced the proposed resolution requesting the amendment of White County's Enabling Legislation to include the election of District Commissioners by an at-large vote. He stated this was an action which the Board of Commissioners had been considering over the past few months. Chairman Turner said he realized Commissioner Goodger was not in attendance and Commissioner Nix had not yet arrived at the meeting. Commissioner Holcomb stated that his recommendation was to table action on this item until the full Board was able to be in attendance and vote on resolution. He also said the Board of Commissioners had discussed having a public hearing in order to receive citizen comment prior to voting in the resolution. It was decided amongst the Board of Commissioner at a Public Hearing would be held on Monday, August 29, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. in the Grand Jury Room of the White County Courthouse in order to allow the public to comment on the proposed resolution requesting the amendment of White County's Enabling Legislation to include the election of District Commissioners by an at-large vote, with the adoption of the resolution being considered at the following Called Meeting.

Ms. Shanda Smallwood, County Clerk, asked the Board of Commissioners to consider the questions noted regarding the resolution – in particular if the Board desired for the referendum to be held in conjunction with specific election – that this needed to be reflected in the resolution. There was a consensus that the referendum should be held in conjunction with the 2012 General Election.

Kevin Hamby, CHA –SPLOST Manager, presented 2014 SPLOST Funding Requests by Department to the Board of Commissioners. These requests were as follows:

<u>Requesting Organization</u>	<u>Budget Estimate</u>
Debt Service	\$6,500,000
Administration	\$3,500,000
Historical Society	\$100,000
Development Authority	\$600,000
E911	\$500,000
Fire-EMS	\$640,000
Library	\$3,000,000
Information Technology	\$175,000
Roads	\$4,817,000
Senior Center	\$35,000
Sheriff	\$400,000
Solid Waste	\$400,000

Chairman Turner stated that since the County had a Level One SPLOST Project, being the debt service for the new jail construction, the debt service could be taken off the top of the total SPLOST collections then disbursing allocations to the County, City of Cleveland, and the City of Helen from the remainder of collections. Mr. Hamby confirmed the Chairman's understanding, further stating this method would provide the County with additional funding in the amount of \$1,690,000.00 based on projections. He explained the County currently disburses 26% to the cities which is 17% more than the law requires – based on population. Mr. Hamby stressed that the information being prepared today was a draft document to be used for planning purposes when meeting with the cities and was a systematic approach to meeting the legal requirements for the exhibit required in the intergovernmental agreement.

Chairman Turner asked the Board to consider which distribution method would be used for the 2014 SPLOST as outlined in Scenario A and Scenario B as follows:

**Scenario A - Debt from WC Share**

Total 2014 SPLOST Request	\$15,750,000
Total 2014 SPLOST Estimate - County Share (74%)	\$14,060,000
Requests/Estimate Difference	<b>\$1,690,000</b>

**Scenario B - Debt "Off the Top"**

Total 2014 SPLOST Request	\$15,750,000
Total 2014 SPLOST Estimate - County Share (74%)	\$15,750,000
Requests/Estimate Difference	\$0

For the purposes of calculations there was a consensus among the Board to utilize Scenario B with taking the level 1 project (debt service for new jail construction in the amount of \$6,500,000.00) off the top of the projected collections of \$19,000,000.00. Mr. Hamby explained

that sense the level 1 project was equal to more than 24 months of SPLOST collections, the County could do a 72 month SPLOST without an intergovernmental agreement; although he understood that this was not the manner in which the County wanted to move forward as they work to negotiate with the Cities. Chairman Turner emphasized that the Board’s preference was to have an intergovernmental agreement.

Following discussions, the Board of Commissioners reconciled the following draft of County SPLOST Projects:

<u>Requesting Organization</u>	<u>Budget Estimate</u>
Debt Service	\$6,500,000
Administration	\$1,825,000
Historical Society	\$100,000
Development Authority	\$50,000
E911	\$300,000
Fire-EMS	\$0
Library	\$1,000,000
Information Technology	\$175,000
Roads	\$5,500,000
Senior Center	\$100,000
Sheriff	\$200,000
Solid Waste	\$0
	\$15,750,000

Chairman Turner emphasized that the information developed was a preliminary plan and the Board’s goal was to work with the Cities to develop a mutually agreeable document.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Holcomb there was a unanimous vote to approve an amendment to the White County VALIC Retirement Plan in order to comply with recent IRS guidance regarding regulatory provisions as provided by VALIC Plan Document Services.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Holcomb, seconded by Commissioner Nix there was a unanimous vote to enter into Executive Session in order to discuss matters regarding personnel and litigation.

-See the Following Closed Meeting Affidavit-

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

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

The minutes of the August 15, 2011 Called Meeting are hereby approved as stated this the 29<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2011.

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

Not in Attendance  
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