

WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2011 AT 4:30 P.M.

On Monday, September 26, 2011 at 4:30 p.m. the White County Board of Commissioners held a Regular 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, Finance Director Vicki Mays, and County Clerk Shanda Smallwood.

Chairman Turner called the meeting to order.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Pastor Jeff Groves provided the invocation on behalf of the White County Ministerial Alliance.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Goodger there was a unanimous vote to adopt the minutes of the Public Hearing and Called Meeting held August 29, 2011 and the Called Meeting held September 9, 2011.

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

- Approved awarding the bid for transportation of recyclables and compactor from the White County Convenience Center to Advance Disposal based on the bid received (compactor \$95.00 per pull / recyclables \$225.00 per pull) for a one (1) year period with automatic renewal not to exceed two (2) years with applicable charges to be paid through the Recycling Center Budget;
- Approval of the appointment of David Murphy to the White County Board of Health to fulfill the remainder of the Consumer Advocate term to expire December 31, 2015 (previously held by the late Dr. John Clark); and
- Approval of modifications by supplemental agreement to the paving contract with Colditz Trucking and Paving for the patching and overlay of four (4) County Roads (Town Creek Church Road, Shoal Creek Church Road, New Bridge Road, and Pless Road) to include the deletion of the surface treatment quantities on Shoal Creek Church Road (-\$12,155.00) and increase the contract amount by \$10,000.00 (for a revised total to not exceed \$327,000.00) in order to cover additional project quantities due to overruns on patching and to address additional damage repairs – with additional costs to be paid from the Road Department Budget.

-End of Consent Agenda-

Mr. Kevin Hamby, CHA – SPLOST Manager, stated himself, the County Manager, and the Fire Chief met with Architect George Hlavenka regarding the architectural services for the design of the proposed Asbestos Road Fire Station. Mr. Hamby stated that Mr. Hlavenka estimated the design costs for the project to be approximately \$15,000.00 and the total appropriation from the Fire Fund for the project would be approximately \$875,000.00 for the 10,000 to 11,000 square foot building. Commissioner Nix stated the last Fire Station which was built was in Sautee-Nacoochee and was 4,250 square feet. Commissioner Nix asked for a detail on the different in the Sautee facility and the proposed facility on Asbestos Road which would be in excess of 10,000 square feet. Fire Chief Dickie Howard stated the Asbestos Road Fire Station would serve as a Fire Department Headquarters and a central supply / storage base. Chief Howard also stated the design was based on providing a functional station for at least twenty (20) years. Chief Howard stated that residents in the area of Duncan Bridge Road, Spring Crest, Smithgall Woods and Mountain Lakes would be in the “covered” are of this proposed station.

Chairman Turner stated there was some reservation in beginning this large construction project at this present time with other projects and the current economic times, especially since the Fire Fund is funded 100% from the Insurance Premium Tax which was also to be used to fund the construction of the Asbestos Road Fire Station.

Mr. Hamby stated the \$15,000.00 design cost estimate included architectural services up to bid documents and did not include any construction administration fees. He also stated the Mr. Hlavenka was bidding out a similar project in Stephens County during the next few weeks and after that process he would have a better estimate of the construction costs for the Asbestos Road Fire Station.

Ms. Carol Jackson stated the White County Fire Fund currently had a balance of \$1.2 million.

Commissioner Holcomb asked Chief Howard if the Fire Department – considering the funds needed to construct the fire station - would be in need of any equipment in the near future. Chief Howard stated that currently the Fire Department has one (1) reserve apparatus on hand and would not need any additional equipment unless this was required based on an ISO evaluation.

Commissioner Holcomb stated his concern was that the design seemed a little elaborate; although he wished the County could have these types of facilities across the County.

Commissioner Nix stated the per square foot cost on the Sautee Fire Station was \$134.00 and he certainly hoped the per square foot cost of the Asbestos Road Fire Station would be less since there were any aesthetic details to the station in Sautee that would not be necessary on Asbestos Road.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Goodger, seconded by Commissioner Holcomb there was a unanimous vote to table the approval of a contract for architectural services with Mr. George Hlavenka for the design of the proposed Asbestos Road Fire Station until such time that Mr. Hlavenka has completed the bidding of the similar project in Stephens County and can provide the Board of Commissioners with a cost estimate for the proposed project.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Nix, seconded by Commissioner Holcomb there was a unanimous vote to adopt the following Authorizing Resolution for the Approval and Execution of the 2014 SPLOST Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Cleveland and the City of Helen:

Resolution Approving a SPLOST Intergovernmental Agreement and Authorizing the Chairman to Execute the Agreement on Behalf of the County

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF WHITE COUNTY, GEORGIA APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION, BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES OF WHITE COUNTY CONCERNING A COUNTY ONE PERCENT SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES AND USE TAX ENACTED PURSANT TO O.C.G.A § 48-8-110 *ET SEQ.*; REPEALING PRIOR RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. § 48-8-110 *et seq.* authorizes the imposition of a one percent county special purpose local option sales and use tax (SPLOST) for the purposes *inter alia* of financing capital outlay projects to be owned or operated by the County and one or more municipalities; and

WHEREAS, White County, Georgia, the City of Cleveland, Georgia, and the City of Helen, Georgia desire to utilize the proceeds of a SPLOST for one or more of the purposes authorized under O.C.G.A. § 48-8-111 (a)(1).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of White County, Georgia as follows:

SECTION 1. The attached intergovernmental agreement addressing the disbursement of SPLOST proceeds among White County, the City of Cleveland, and the City of Helen and other related matters is hereby approved.

SECTION 2. The Chairman of the White County Board of Commissioners is authorized to execute the intergovernmental agreement on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of White County, Georgia and affix the seal of the County thereto.

SECTION 3. All resolutions, or parts of resolutions, in conflict herewith are repealed.

This the 26th day of September, 2011.

WHITE COUNTY, GEORGIA

s/Travis C. Turner

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

s/Shanda Smallwood

COUNTY CLERK

-End of Resolution As Adopted-

Mr. Kevin Hamby stated that once the Chairman executed the Authorizing Resolution and the Intergovernmental Agreement; and upon the Cities execution of the Intergovernmental Agreement – the Board of Commissioners would need to adopt a resolution issuing the call for the 2014 SPLOST vote. Mr. Hamby emphasized that the resolution issuing the call must be to the Elections Superintendent before November 1, 2011.

Chairman Turner stated the Board had been asked to consider increasing the Enotah Circuit Juvenile Court Travel Allowance from \$500.00 annually to \$3,000.00 annually (circuit-wide) which would increase White County's contribution to the Enotah Judicial Circuit by \$789.00 annually.

Commissioner Bryant stated the budget had been set and he did not think the Board should consider an increase to the budget. He further stated that the Board needed to evaluate White County's affiliation with the Enotah Judicial Circuit.

Chairman Turner stated that while Commissioner Bryant made some very good points that the White County residents were the ones having to travel to Lumpkin County to access services provided by the Juvenile Court.

Ms. Jackson stated she had concerns as to whether the requested amount of \$3,000.00 would be sufficient to cover the Juvenile Courts' personnel travel expenses for the remainder of the fiscal year since the \$500.00 budgeted amount was exhausted within less than the first two months of the fiscal year.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Goodger, seconded by Chairman Turner there was a vote to increase the Enotah Circuit Juvenile Court Travel Allowance from \$500.00 annually to \$3,000.00 annually (circuit-wide) which would increase White County's contribution to the Enotah Judicial Circuit by \$789.00 annually. Commissioner Holcomb, Commissioner Nix, and Commissioner Bryant voted against this motion, with the motion failing to carry by a 2-3 vote.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Holcomb, seconded by Commissioner Bryant there was a unanimous vote of acceptance of the \$300,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for expansion of the White County Senior Center thereby authorizing the Chairman to execute the grant acceptance documents.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Goodger, seconded by Commissioner Bryant there was a unanimous vote to designate Commissioner Edwin Nix as White County's delegate to the ACCG Business Session at the Legislative Leadership Conference on Monday, October 3, 2011.

Vicki Mays, Finance Director, presented the Monthly Financial Status Report for the month of August 2011 (see attached report).

Chairman Turner opened the floor for citizen participation.

Judy Walker, President of the White County Chamber of Commerce, thanked the Commissioners for the use of the Courthouse Parking Areas for the Agri-Fest & Country Market – Ms. Walker said the festival was very well attended and was a great success.

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

-See Following Closed Meeting Affidavit-

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

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

The minutes of the September 26, 2011 Regular Meeting are hereby approved as stated this the 7th day November of 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