

# **WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

## **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD**

**FRIDAY, JULY 29, 2011 AT 8:30 A.M.**

The White County Board of Commissioners held a Regular Meeting in the Grand Jury Room of the White County Courthouse on Friday, July 29, 2011 at 8:30 a.m. 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 Finance Director Vicki Mays.

Chairman Turner called the meeting to order.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Judge Garrison Baker provided the invocation.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Goodger there was a unanimous vote to adopt the minutes of the June 27, 2011 Called Meeting, with a portion being sealed regarding real estate and to approve the unsealing of portions of the minutes regarding - real estate with the proposed project being abandoned- from the March 28, 2011 Called Meeting, the April 28, 2011 Called Meeting, the June 24, 2011 Called Meeting, and the June 27, 2011 Called Meeting.

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

- Approval of the updated Early Warning System Plan and authorization for the Chairman to sign documents for application of the FY 12 Grant funding for the Early Warning System Program;
- Approval of the White County Road Department's submission for the FY 2012 Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG), authorizing the Chairman to sign the submission letter;
- Approval of the FY 12 Intergovernmental Agreement with White, Lumpkin, Towns, and Union Counties in order to receive grant funds associated with the 2011-2012 Byrne JAG Continuation Grant through the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) for the Appalachian Drug Task Force;
- Approval for awarding the bid for a certificate of deposit currently held at Mountain Valley Community Bank with a maturity date of July 26, 2011 to Mountain Valley Community Bank for a twelve month term and based on bids received by the White County Finance Department.

-End of Consent Agenda As Approved-

Mr. Kevin Hamby, CHA / SPLOST Manager, made a presentation regarding the status of the 2008 SPLOST Program (see attached presentation). Mr. Hamby presented an updated list of expenses and encumbrances to date – with the total amount spent being \$5,924,033 and the total encumbrances being \$11,067,360 for a total of \$16,991,393. He summarized changes to various

projects and stated there was estimated to be \$3,968,461.00 in expected funds which had not yet been designated in the 2008 SPLOST. Mr. Hamby emphasized that each project area listed within the presentation was required to have an allocation in order to meet the intent of the referendum of the 2008 SPLOST according to the State Law or the general fund would be responsible for the allocations.

Chairman Turner stated he would like for the Board to take note of the condition of the driveway and parking area at the White County Recreation Department for potential SPLOST allocation.

Commissioner Nix emphasized that it was very important for the Board to consider future SPLOST allocations to the roads and bridges program.

Mr. Hamby presented a draft calendar for the 2014 SPLOST Schedule for the Board's review.

Ms. Carol Jackson reviewed plans with the Board of Commissioners for the relocation of the White County Health Department and Ninth District Opportunity Office to the former Neighborhood Healthcare Facility. She stated there were some needed repairs such as carpet cleaning tile repairs, fascia board replacement, wiring for phone / computers, and roof repairs. She stated the Health Department had volunteered to take care of the needed painting. Ms. Jackson stated that the Environmental Division of the Health Department would remain in the Mauney Building. Chairman Turner asked that the insurance company be contacted regarding the possible repair of the roof if it could be determined that this was related to wind damage. The Board of Commissioners asked for a bottom line dollar amount which would include all the needed repairs and renovations. Ms. Jackson responded that the total cost would be approximately \$75,000.00 – which included the roof replacement.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Goodger there was a unanimous vote to approve the relocation of the White County Health Department to the former Neighborhood Healthcare Facility, to fund \$20,000.00 repairs and renovations to include wiring, plumbing, moving and setup of a dental chair, carpet cleaning and replacement as needed, and paint, for Chief Building Official Ringo McCollum to oversee the project, and for this funding to be taken from the 2008 SPLOST.

Chairman Turner confirmed that the roof repairs will be addressed at a later date.

Mr. Keith Canup presented the White County Road Department's reevaluation of the 2008 SPLOST Fund Projects. Mr. Canup stated that the west section of Westmoreland Road, Shoal Creek Church Road, and Town Creek Church Road would be resurfaced with the FY 12 LMIG (Local Maintenance Improvement Grant). The County's preparation work required to receive the LMIG funds accounted for \$70,000.00 of the \$570,000.00 being requested from the 2008 SPLOST. Mr. Canup stated that the remaining \$500,000.00 included the FY 13 LMIG preparation on New Bridge Road, needed repairs on Pless Road, and patching on various other County Roads. He stated that Title One Funds from the U.S. Forest Service – which were designated for road repairs – totaling approximately \$80,000.00 would be put toward these projects as well. Mr. Canup emphasized that any non-contract work performed by County employees would only serve as a band-aid until funds were allocated to contract for repairs.

He informed the Board of Commissioners that the Department of Transportation had agreed to divert the funds previously planned for the resurfacing of Asbestos Road to leveling of Cooley Woods Road and to limited portions of Asbestos Road.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Nix, seconded by Commissioner Goodger there was a unanimous vote to approve the White County Road Department's re-evaluation of the 2008 SPLOST Fund Projects; thereby providing \$570,000.00 in 2008 SPLOST Funds to be utilized by the White County Road Department based on the recommendation as presented by Mr. Keith Canup.

Ms. Rolann Smith presented the Board of Commissioners with a revised proposal for the trading two motor graders and one backhoe as part of a lease / buyback program. She stated the revised option showed a five (5) year payout including all travel time and mileage in years four and five of \$150,353.00 (increased approximately \$10,000.00 to include travel through the entire five year lease term).

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Goodger, seconded by Commissioner Holcomb there was a vote to approve the option dated July 20, 2011 with Yancey Brothers / Caterpillar Financial which involves the trading of two (2) Motor Graders and one (1) Loader Backhoe and the participation in a lease buy back option for two (2) 12 MQ LR Motor Graders and one (1) 416EQ Loader Backhoe for a five (5) year term, with a five (5) year warranty, with a five (5) year payout of \$140,178.00 not to include travel time and mileage in years 4 & 5 of the lease, and with this expense to be paid from the 2008 SPLOST. Commissioner Nix voted in favor of this motion and Commissioner Bryant and Chairman Turner voted in opposition to the motion; thereby the motion was approved by a 3-2 vote.

Ms. Vicki Mays, Finance Director, presented the 2011 Millage Rate Public Presentation (see attached presentation).

Chairman Turner emphasized that the Board of Commissioners had made necessary budget cuts for the recently adopted FY 12 County Budget in order to maintain the current millage rate and the Board did not elect to take the roll-up rate for the 2011 Millage, as they did not want to place an additional burden on the struggling businesses and families of White County.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Goodger, seconded by Commissioner Nix there was a unanimous vote to adopt County Resolution 2011-25 setting the 2011 millage rate for White County (County, State, School, and School Bond) thereby providing authorization for the Chairman to execute the following:

- PT 32.1 Form, Computation of Millage Rate Rollback and Percentage Increase in Property Taxes for the 2011 tax Year;
- PT 35, County Millage Rate Certification For Tax Year 2011;
- Certification of Insurance Premium Tax being used for Fire Protection / Emergency Management in the unincorporated area of White County; and
- Certification of Pending Appeal:

**WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2011-25**

**A RESOLUTION SETTING THE YEAR 2011 MILLAGE RATE**

**WHEREAS**, the White County Board of Commissioners is the taxing Authority of White County; and

**WHEREAS**, the digest for the taxable year 2011 has been established; and

**WHEREAS**, the White County Board of Commissioners has adopted a budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011, wherein there is included a portion of revenues to be derived from property taxes; and

**WHEREAS**, the White County Board of Education has approved an M&O millage rate for the taxable year 2011, along with a school bond millage rate;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the White County Board of Commissioners hereby sets the taxable year 2011 millage rate for the incorporated and unincorporated areas as follows:

<b>County portion</b>	-	<b>.009190;</b>
<b>State portion</b>	-	<b>.000250;</b>
<b>School portion</b>	-	<b>.015591; and</b>
<b>School Bond portion</b>	-	<b><u>.000339.</u></b>
<b>Total</b>		<b><u>.02537.</u></b>

**RESOLVED**, this 29<sup>TH</sup> day of July 2011.

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

Attest:

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s/Shanda Smallwood  
Shanda Smallwood, County Clerk

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

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s/Lyn Holcomb  
Lyn Holcomb, District 2

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s/Edwin Nix  
Edwin Nix, District 3

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s/Craig Bryant  
Craig Bryant, District 4

-End of Resolution as Adopted-

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Vicki Mays, Finance Director, presented the June 2011 Financial Status Report (see attached report).

Chairman Turner opened the floor for citizen participation.

Commissioner Goodger asked Chief Dickie Howard for an update on the status of the Fire Department Paving Project. Chief Howard stated the project was proceeding as planned.

Following announcements and upon a motion made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Nix there was a unanimous vote to adjourn the meeting.

The minutes of the July 29, 2011 Regular Meeting of the White County Board of Commissioners is hereby approved as stated this 29th day of August, 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 4

s/Craig Bryant

Craig Bryant, District 5

s/Shanda Smallwood

Shanda Smallwood, County Clerk