

WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WORK SESSION NOTES

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2012 AT 4:30 P.M.

The purpose of work session is to discuss agenda items for the Regular Meeting to be held Monday, December 3, 2012 at 4:30 p.m.

The White County Board of Commissioners held a Work Session on Monday, November 26, 2012 at 4:30 p.m. 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, County Manager Michael Melton, County Attorney Bill House, Finance Director Vicki Mays, and County Clerk Shanda Smallwood. Commissioner Craig Bryant was not in attendance.

- DISCUSS A RESOLUTION TO IMPLEMENT 100% LEVEL ONE FREEPORT EXEMPTION ON JANUARY 1, 2013 – SUBSEQUENT TO THE WHITE COUNTY VOTER’S APPROVAL ON NOVEMBER 6, 2012.

Mr. Melton stated that with the November 6, 2012 vote, voters approved all three facets of the Level One Freeport Exemption, which applies to manufacturer’s inventories before, during, and after the manufacturing process. He stated it is now up to the Board of Commissioners to set the percentage of the exemption. There was a consensus that the Level One Freeport Exemption would be set at 100% and to consider this item at the Called Meeting scheduled to follow the Work Session.

- DISCUSS AWARDING THE CONTRACT FOR HVAC MAINTENANCE FOR COUNTY BUILDINGS.

Following a review of the bids submitted, the Board of Commissioners directed that staff re-bid the project and hold a mandatory pre-bid meeting in order to assure that all bidders were completely clear on the bidding requirements and formats. It was also stated that the new detention center should be bid completely separate from the other county buildings.

- DISCUSS WHITE COUNTY’S PROJECT LIST SUBMITTAL FOR 2013 LOCAL MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT GRANT (LMIG) FROM THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (GDOT) DUE BY JANUARY 1, 2013.

Mr. Keith Canup, with the White County Road Department, stated they were requesting approval of the LMIG Project list for 2013 – which included the leveling and resurfacing of half of New Bridge Road. He estimated the County’s cost for leveling and resurfacing the remainder of the Road to be \$330,000.00. Mr. Canup indicated the County had invested in an overlay project on this road two (2) years ago with this future resurfacing in order to preserve the road until the 2013 LMIG funds were available. Chairman Turner stated that although 2008 SPLOST Funds were available in order to fund this project, the Board wants to focus on paving some dirt roads in 2013. Mr. Canup stated the current projections for funds’ being available for dirt roads was 2014 when the new SPLOST became effective. Mr. Canup concurred that based on his estimates he did believe it would be possible to pave a few dirt roads during the next fiscal year. There was

a consensus that this item would be voted on at the Called Meeting scheduled to follow the Work Session. The Board asked Mr. Canup to compile a report to provide the status of Leatherford Road.

- DISCUSS THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT FOR THE LEAF COMMUNITY / FIRE STATION PARK AREA.

There was a consensus that the purchase of the park equipment in the amount of \$4,778.00 be placed on the consent agenda at the December 3, 2012 Regular Meeting.

- DISCUSS THE SURPLUS OF THE 1983 DUMP TRUCK ASSIGNED TO THE WHITE COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT WITH PROCEEDS OF SALE TO BE DESIGNATED FOR THE ROAD DEPARTMENT.

Ms. Rolann Smith stated the truck's motor was blown up; however the dump body was still in usable condition. There was a consensus that this item would be placed on the consent agenda at the December 3, 2012 Regular Meeting.

- DISCUSS OPTIONS FOR THE OUTDOOR KENNEL PROJECT AT THE WHITE COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL FACILITY.

Mr. Melton stated that when bids came in on this project on November 2, 2012 – the cost was higher than expected, so he and the architect met with the two (2) lowest bidders in order to develop some cost saving alternates for the Board to consider. Mr. Melton presented the following alternates: Precision Metal Buildings, Inc. (Pre-Engineered Metal Building Type Structure @ \$39,910.00) and Shady Vent (Steel Canopy with Aluminum Posts @ \$41,883.00). Mr. Melton stated the bids were for two different designs and changes to the septic system would have to be addressed in a separate bid. There was a consensus that this item would be addressed in the voting portion of the December 3, 2012 Regular Meeting.

- DISCUSS RENEWAL OF THE MICROSOFT ENTERPRISE LICENSING AGREEMENT FOR WHITE COUNTY INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY.

Mr. Robert Hamrick, IT Director, stated the agreement which allowed the County to run Microsoft products on County computers was about to expire and he recommended renewing the agreement at a cost of \$40,525.26 for the annual fee, which is a budgeted item within the IT budget. There was a consensus that this item would be considered at the Called Meeting scheduled to follow the Work Session.

- DISCUSS REINSTATING THE EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION TO THE COUNTY EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLAN AS OF JANUARY 1, 2013.

Chairman Turner stated that during the FY 2013 budget process there were comments made that although the employer contribution to the retirement plan was not budgeted, the Board would review this for possible reinstatement at the beginning of the calendar year. There was a consensus that Board wanted staff to review the County's retirement plan (as compared to Counties of comparable size) in order to determine possible options for revamping the plan at the beginning of the FY 2014 Budget.

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- REVIEW THE AGENDA FOR THE MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2012 REGULAR MEETING.

The agenda was reviewed and approved.

The Work Session was closed with the Board of Commissioners entering into a Called Meeting – see Called Meeting Minutes.

The minutes of the November 26, 2012 Work Session were approved by the Board of Commissioners.

December 3, 2012

s/ Shanda Smallwood

Shanda Smallwood, County Clerk