

**WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD**

**MONDAY, AUGUST 6, 2012 AT 4:30 P.M.**

The White County Board of Commissioners held a Regular Meeting on Monday, August 6, 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, Commission Lyn Holcomb, Commissioner Edwin Nix, Commissioner Craig Bryant, County Manager Michael Melton, County Attorney Bill House, and County Clerk Shanda Smallwood.

Chairman Turner called the meeting to order.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Pastor Jeff Groves of The Bridge Church 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 Regular Meeting held July 9, 2012, the Called Meeting held July 30, 2012, and the Work Session held July 30, 2012.

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

- Approval of Mr. Ron Lee's appeal to the White County Code Appendix A (subdivisions), Article 6 (Design Requirements for Streets), Section 601 (Access) and Article 8 (Design Requirements for Blocks and Lots) Section 802 (Lot Width and Size) relative to the lot (White County Air Park) deeded to Mr. Lee on July 22, 2003;
- Acceptance of the grant award for White County Emergency Medical Services on behalf of the Georgia Trauma Commission for EMS vehicle equipment replacement, thereby approving for a purchase order to be issued to Peach State Ambulance, Inc. in the amount of \$72,254.00 for a replacement ambulance with an agreement to be made that Northeast Georgia Medical Center will utilize and insure the vehicle for White County Emergency Medical Services;
- Adoption of a resolution (2012-17) setting forth the procedures for issuance of secondary metal recycler registrations by the White County Sheriff's Office;
- Awarding the bid for a certificate of deposit (CD) in the amount of \$640,000.00 currently held at Mountain Valley Community Bank to United Community Bank for a twelve (12) month term at a rate of .15%;
- Adoption of a resolution (2012-18) approving the year-end amendments to the FY 2012 budget;

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- Approval of additional funds required for Health Department renovations over the \$21,000.00 allocated from the 2008 SPLOST – revising the 2008 SPLOST allocation for the project to \$21,840.00;
- Approval of the 2012 Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) certificate of distribution required by the Georgia Department of Revenue by September 1, 2012; thereby continuing at a 60% (White County) / 20% (City of Cleveland) / 20% (City of Helen) distribution;
- Adoption of a surplus resolution (2012-19) declaring a 1992 Ford F350 Cab & Chassis and a 1974 Ford D4110 currently assigned to the White County Road Department as surplus for sale on GovDeals with proceeds of sale being designated for the Road Department's purchase of equipment; and
- Approval of the Georgia Emergency Management Agency Homeland Security 2012 Performance Partnership Agreement.

-End of Consent Agenda-

In regards to the Social Media Policy which was provided by the Association County Commissioners of Georgia – Local Government Risk Management (ACCG-LGRMS) and presented at the July 30, 2012 Work Session, Commissioner Goodger asked that County Attorney Bill House review the policy with this being brought back to the Board of Commissioners at the September Regular Meeting.

Mr. Kevin Hamby, CHA / SPLOST Manager, presented the 2008 Status Update Report (see attached presentation).

In considering the White County Road Department's request for allocations for the 2008 SPLOST, Chairman Turner asked for the consideration of a purchase of a spreader truck to be tabled since the Road Department was still obtaining information on this issue.

Mr. Keith Canup, reviewed the work package A had already been awarded to Allied Paving for the deep patching of Asbestos Road, Paradise Valley Road, and Skylake Road – as well as the leveling and resurfacing of park & Rec. Road and adjacent parking areas (\$338,473.25). He indicated the work on this contract was in progress at this time.

Mr. Canup stated the Road Department was requesting funding for the following, known as work package B:

- Leveling and overlay of Town Creek road from SR 115 to Town Creek Church Road (to be bid out for contract);
- Strip patching of the following eleven (11) county roads (to be done by County forces); and

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>CR#</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>LENGTH</u>
Alex Stringer Road	164	Lewis Road	Thomas Road	0.86
Dock Dorsey Road	20	Black Road	SR 115	0.96
Gilstrap Road	153	SR 115	Lewis Road	0.49
Hawthorne Drive	607	Asbury Mill Rd	Cul-de-sac	0.33
Hood Acres Road	339	Hwy 75 South	Cul-de-sac	0.30
Mossy Trail	363	Underwood Farm Road	Cul-de-sac	0.16
Old Blue Creek Road	57	SR 255	Dead End	0.38
Post Circle	329	Post Road	Post Road	0.50
Tom Bell Road	78	SR 75	SR 75	2.00
Turner Ridge Road	336	SR 115	Cul-de-sac	0.39
William Gilreath Road	118	Town Creek Road	SR 115	0.17

- Strip Patching of the following eighteen (18) county roads (to be done by County forces):

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Albert Reid Road	84	SR 11 / US 129	Asbestos Road	3.95
Asa Dorsey Road	32	Post Road	Lothridge Road	0.37
Autumnwood Way	361	Brookwood Village	Cul-de-sac	0.21
Bean Creek Road	106	SR 255	End of Pavement	1.50
Bill Presley Road	36	Dorsey Road	Hulsey Mill Road	0.65
Brookwood Village Lane	359	Westmoreland Rd	Cherrywood Trail	0.33
Dorsey Brothers Rd	30	Hwy 75 South	Post Road	0.62
Garland Bristol Rd	99	SR 17	SR 255	0.41
Goat Neck Road	71	SR 255	End of Pavement	2.15
Holiness Campground Road	1	SR 115	SR 254	2.02
Hulsey Mill Road	39	Bill Presley Road	Ray Palmer Road	0.71
Kinsey Town Road	62	SR 115	SR 384	2.59

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Poplar Stump Road	95	SR 75 Alt	End of Pavement	1.72
Post Road	4	SR 254	Lothridge Road	0.18
Skitts Mtn Road	10	SR 254	Hall County Line	3.10
Twin Lakes Road	121	Tesnatee Gap Valley Road	SR 11 / US 129	0.36
Webster Lake Road	4	New Bridge Road	SR 254	1.21
Will Hambrick Road	3	Holiness Campground Road	Holiness Campground Road	0.96

Chairman Turner stated he was concerned about not using asphalt on the projects presented. Mr. Canup stated the proposal was a pavement preservation technique that Road Department employees could do for in order to stretch the funds available to as many damaged roads as possible. Chairman Turner stated the goal in the 2014 SPLOST (\$5.5 million for roads) would need to be paving some of the county’s 80 miles of gravel roads. Mr. Doug Dockery, Public Works Director, stated that the Board of Commissioners would have to determine how they wanted the gravel roads paved – ditch to ditch, acquiring right of way, and possible drainage issues.

Mr. Hamby indicated the estimate for work package B was presented was \$816,000.00.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Goodger, seconded by Commissioner Nix, seconded by Commissioner Goodger there was a unanimous vote to allocate \$816,000.00 from the 2008 SPLOST funds for work package B as presented.

Mr. Michael Melton presented the monthly financial status report (see attached presentation).

Mr. Melton presented the following items to the Board of Commissioners:

- The City of Cleveland would be relocating a crosswalk on the Cleveland Square, which would benefit the access to the Historic Courthouse;
- Brief discussion regarding the planned weekly work schedule for the Road Department being made available to the Board of Commissioners;
- The energy excise tax option would be presented to the Board of Commissioners at the next work session – this being a result of the exemption established by the State of Georgia which allows the Counties to collect the portion of taxes which they would lose from SPLOST and LOST when the exemption on energy used for manufacturing goes into effect;
- United Community Bank would be issuing the County \$4,300.00 in interest which had been identified as due;

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- A selection committee for the Senior Center Expansion Project needed to be established as set forth in the bidding procedure.  
Upon a motion made by Commissioner Holcomb, seconded by Commissioner Bryant there was a unanimous vote to appoint the following individuals to the selection committee: Commissioner Terry Goodger, County Manager Michael Melton, SPLOST Manager Kevin Hamby, and Senior Center Director Bonnie York;
- Comments on the State’s Outdoor Therapeutic Property (OTP) contract were going to be closed on Friday, August 10, 2012; and
- Options for relocating the Board of Commissioners Offices to the former jail facility would be discussed at the next work session.

Chairman Turner opened the floor for citizen participation.

Mr. Frank Ball, 413 Head Street Cleveland, GA – Mr. Ball asked that the Board of Commissioners research possibilities of hosting informational forums on WRWH radio station due to the Board’s 4:30 p.m. meeting time. He indicated that this would serve as a source of information for those who are not able to attend the meetings.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Nix, seconded by Commissioner Holcomb there was a unanimous vote to allocate \$4,160.00 from 2008 SPLOST funds for a cultural project for the purchase of audio / visual equipment for the White County Historic Courthouse, with the County Manager to coordinate the bidding processes.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commission Goodger there was a unanimous vote to provide \$15,000.00 in funding from Hotel / Motel Tourism Product Development funds to Sautee Nacoochee Community Association (SNCA) to be used to construction of a blacksmith shop at the Sautee Center.

During announcements, it was determined the September Regular Meeting would be rescheduled from Monday, September 3, 2012 to Monday, September 10, 2012 due to the Labor Day Holiday.

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

The minutes of the August 6, 2012 Regular Meeting are hereby approved as stated this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2012.

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s/Travis C. Turner

Travis C. Turner, Chairman

s/Terry D. Goodger

Terry D. Goodger, District 1

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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