

## WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

### WORK SESSION NOTES

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2012 AT 4:30 P.M.**

*The purpose of work session is to discuss agenda items for the Regular Meeting to be held Monday, October 8, 2012 at 4:30 p.m.*

The White County Board of Commissioners held a Work Session on Monday, September 24, 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, Commissioner Craig Bryant, County Manager Michael Melton, Finance Director Vicki Mays, and County Clerk Shanda Smallwood.

- MR. JUSTIN ELLIS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE SOQUE RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION, TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGARDING 319 GRANTS.

Mr. Ellis explained that 319 grants were funded through federal funds to repair streams which had been designated as having impaired water quality by the EPD – usually due to fecal coli form bacteria and sediment – and the grant funds are for projects which remove the sources of impairment. He noted that project partners are made up of private property owners and local governments. Recent projects had resulted in the delisting of a 29 mile segment of the Soque River. Mr. Ellis stated that he wanted to introduce the idea of considering 319 projects for White County – with the goal of improving water quality through farm projects (cattle fencing / off stream watering, streamside planting, stream crossings, stream bank restoration) and storm water projects. He was specifically asking White County to become a partner in the 319 project process in the Mossy Creek, White Creek, and Upper Chattahoochee areas. Mr. Ellis explained that the grants were a 60% (federal) / 40% (local) – with the local match being in-kind contributions (GIS support, office space). Mr. Ellis asked the Board of Commissioners for a letter of support by the end of October. Chairman Turner asked Mr. Melton to prepare a letter of support for the Board of Commissioners to consider on the consent agenda.

- DISCUSS THE SUPPLEMENTAL TAX LEVY RESOLUTION FOR THE SERIES 2012 BONDS TO BE ISSUED BY THE WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION.

White County Board of Education Superintendent Dr. Jeff Wilson and Finance Director Trish Harris asked the Board of Commissioners to consider approval of a resolution tied to the 2012 bond issue (\$4.5 million in addition to the 2010 series \$10 million issue – of the total \$16 million available by referendum) to maintenance and improvements to the White County School System. He explained that since the Board of Commissioners was the levying authority the resolution was required in order to bind the Board to levy the millage necessary to cover the bond obligation if SPLOST revenue did not cover this – as a protection to the investors. Dr. Wilson stated the projects to be covered by the bonds would include improvements to J.P. Nix Elementary, routine maintenance to the White County High School, replacements to technology which is seven (7) years old or older, and funding materials for curriculum. Ms. Harris stated the interest rate on the

bonds was .99%. There was a consensus that the Supplemental Tax Resolution on the Series 2012 bonds for the White County Board of Education would be placed on the consent agenda.

- DISCUSS BIDS RECEIVED FOR A CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT CURRENTLY HELD AT MOUNTAIN VALLEY COMMUNITY BANK.

Ms. Vicki Mays stated only one (1) bid was received – from Mountain Valley Community Bank at an interest rate of .110%. Chairman Turner asked Ms. Mays to contact the County auditors and see what other options were available for investments (i.e. money market) and bring this to the Board of Commissioners at the next meeting.

- DISCUSS THE U.S. FOREST SERVICE CONTRACT FOR THE WHITE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE PATROL ACTIVITIES FOR PORTIONS OF THE CHATTAHOOCHEE FOREST EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2013.

Sheriff Neal Walden stated this was an annual agreement requiring the Board's approval. There was a consensus that approval of this contract would be placed on the consent agenda.

- DISCUSS THE PURCHASE OF REPLACEMENT TRANSMITTER EQUIPMENT TO SIMULCAST WHITE COUNTY FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES VOICE ALERT SYSTEMS AS PART OF THE NARROW BANDING RADIO FREQUENCY PROJECT, AS APPROVED IN THE FY 2013 BUDGET.

Mr. David Murphy, E911 / EMA Director stated this equipment would complete Phase 1 of the three (3) Phase radio equipment upgrade and would have White County complete on the federal narrowband requirements to go into effect January 1, 2013. He stated this equipment was used to dispatch fire and emergency medical services throughout the county. He said this would be a sole source supplier purchase through Mobile Communications in the amount of \$59,137.74 (to be paid from the Emergency Services Fund) because Mobile Communications provides the maintenance on all of the County's radio equipment, this is a modification of existing equipment which is part of a Countywide system, and some of the items are at State contract price. There was consensus that this item would be placed on the consent agenda.

- DISCUSS THE BYRNE JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE APPALACHIAN DRUG TASK FORCE FOR GRANT PERIOD JAN 2013 – JUNE 2013.

Commander Mitchell Posey of the Appalachian Drug Task Force, stated this grant application was actually for the 2013 calendar year – which was a change from prior years. He stated the County's funding would remain as budgeted for FY 2013; however the reduction in federal funding in the amount of \$45,000.00 would be addressed in the FY 2014 County budget. There was consensus that approval of this grant application would be placed on the consent agenda.

- DISCUSS THE APPALACHIAN DRUG TASK FORCE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING REGARDING WHITE COUNTY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE TASK FORCE.

Commander Posey stated this was an item required for the grant process – confirming White County's commitment to remain part of the Drug Task Force by provided two (2) Sheriff's Deputies and one (1) administrative assistant, as well as funding in the amount of \$43,834.00.

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There was consensus that this item would be placed on the consent agenda.

- DISCUSS THE STATUS OF PROJECTS CURRENTLY IN THE BIDDING PROCESS:
  - WHITE COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL FACILITY – CANOPY FOR OUTDOOR KENNELS; AND
  - WHITE COUNTY FACILITY SIGN PROJECT.

Mr. Melton stated both project's bid packages would be issued later in the week with an October 16, 2012 bid deadline. The Commissioners asked that the Animal Control project be revised to include a concrete floor area in the outdoor kennels. There was discussion that the project would be paid for from 2008 SPLOST. No action was required on this item at this time.

- DISCUSS UPCOMING YEAR END BOARD / COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS:
  - WHITE COUNTY ALCOHOL BEVERAGE COMMISSION;
  - WHITE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION;
  - WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF ASSESSORS; AND
  - WHITE COUNTY BUILDING AUTHORITY.

No action was required at this time on this item.

- REVIEW THE AGENDA FOR THE FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2012 REGULAR MEETING.

The meeting agenda was reviewed. Chairman Turner recommended proceeding with addressing the consent agenda items at the Called Meeting scheduled to follow the Work Session. There was a consensus that the Board of Commissioners wanted to address the items at the Called Meeting immediately following the Work Session; thereby canceling the Regular Meeting scheduled for September 28, 2012.

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

The minutes of the September 24, 2012 Work Session were approved by the Board of Commissioners.

November 5, 2012

s/Shanda Smallwood  
Shanda Smallwood, County Clerk