

## **WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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

**MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2013 AT 4:30 P.M.**

The White County Board of Commissioners held a Regular Meeting on Monday, April 8, 2013 at 4:30 p.m. in the Main Courtroom 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 Murphy.

Chairman Turner called the meeting to order.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Pastor Tim Morgan of Faith Lutheran 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 March 4, 2013 Regular Meeting, the March 8, 2013, and the March 25, 2013 Work Session.

Upon presentation of proclamation, the week of April 7, 2013 was proclaimed "Special Olympics Come Be Inspired Week in White County" in honor of White County Special Olympics; and

Upon presentation to the White County Ministerial Alliance, May 2, 2013 was proclaimed "A Day of Prayer in White County" in honor of The National Day of Prayer; and

Upon presentation to WTVN-Warrior TV students and instructors, April 11, 2013 was proclaimed "WTVN-Warrior TV Day in White County" in honor of Warrior-TV's award of the best student broadcasting network in the nation; and

Mr. Marvin Cowart was recognized for his receiving of the Georgia Mountains YMCA Employee of the Year Award.

Upon presentation of proclamation to Life Link, the month of April 2013 was designated as "Donate Life Month in White County", in recognition and support of organ donation; and

The White County Chamber 2013 Youth Leadership Class was recognized.

Mr. John Erbele, Board Chair and Ms. Judy Barber, Executive Director, of the Sautee Nacoochee Community Association (SNCA), presented information to the Commissioners regarding events at SNCA and thanked the Board of Commissioners for the contribution made to SNCA from the Hotel / Motel Tax Funds in order to promote tourism in White County.

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 FY 2014 Local Share (\$8,450.00) for the Legacy Link, Inc. contract funding of \$156,169.00 for meals on wheels, congregate meals, transportation, etc. at the White County Senior Center; and
- Approval of a Federal Grant Application through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act JAG Program from the White County Sheriff's Office for updates to the White County Courthouse Security System.

Chairman Turner reviewed the staffing recommendations made by Mr. David Murphy, Public Safety Director, for the White County Fire Department at the previous Work Session. These recommendations included adding five (5) paid firefighter positions to the staff. It was proposed for this to be done by converting the funds for the vacant Assistant Chief's position, by converting funds previously budgeted for one-half of the fire inspector's salary, and by converting the administrative assistant's position to a firefighter position (promotion) and adding funds for four (4) additional positions – bringing the total of paid fire staff from four (4) to eight (8). Mr. Murphy noted that one of the additional positions would not be added until FY 14.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Goodger, seconded by Commissioner Bryant there was a unanimous vote to approve three (3) additional paid fire staff for FY 13 (additional \$80,842.00) and one (1) additional paid fire staff for FY 14 (additional \$44,951.00) with funds to be taken from remaining insurance premium tax revenue.

Chairman Turner reviewed the fleet replacement recommendations made by Mr. David Murphy, Public Safety Director, for the White County Fire Department at the previous Work Session. These recommendations included replacing Tanker 2 (Leaf) and Engine 3 (Sautee) as immediate needs and Rescue 2 (Leaf), Engine 6 (Sautee), and an Administrative Vehicle as FY 2014 replacements. Mr. Murphy stated that the Fire Department would like to bid all the apparatus at one time in order to leverage pricing benefits. He indicated that the estimated cost of the fleet replacement was \$842,000.00.

Chairman Turner recommended the Board approve the purchase of Tanker 2, Engine 3, and the Administrative Vehicle for FY 13 in an amount not to exceed \$486,000.00 – with the remaining fleet replacements to be considered as part of the FY 14 Budget.

Commissioner Goodger stated that if all vehicles were bid at the same time – this could result in a savings on the purchase.

Commissioner Bryant stated that he had no objections to approving the entire fleet replacement proposal – as the Board had worked diligently to set funds aside for the Fire Department through the Insurance Premium Tax and he was agreeable with the needs that had been identified.

Commissioner Nix asked if the estimated cost projection had been “shopped”. Mr. Murphy stated that the estimates were an average of demo / stock vehicles and new built vehicles. Commissioner Nix stated that he just wanted to make sure the County got the best deal on the purchases. Mr. Murphy stated the options would be brought back before the Board for approval once the sealed bids were received.

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Upon a motion made by Commissioner Goodger, seconded by Commissioner Bryant there was a unanimous vote to approve the purchase of Tanker 2 and Engine 3 in the FY 13 Budget – not to exceed \$450,000.00 and to approve the purchase of Rescue 2, Engine 6, and an Admin Vehicle in the FY 14 Budget – not to exceed \$392,000.00 and contingent upon bids being brought back to the Board of Commissioners for approval.

There was clarification on the vote that the admin vehicle would be purchased at state contract price; therefore it would not need to be brought back before the Board of approval.

Mr. David Murphy presented the bids received on the emergency replacement of the Fire Department's Breathing Air Compressor.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Holcomb the bid for the breathing air compressor was awarded to the lower bidder, Breathing Air, in the amount of \$16,495.00 – with funding to be taken from the Fire Department's Budgeted Funds.

Mr. Kevin Hamby, CHA / SPLOST Manager, presented the monthly SPLOST Status Report (see attached). Based on completed projects and cash flow – Mr. Hamby suggested delaying the letting of the encumbered repairs to New Bridge Road until the Fall and postponing any new projects until that time in order to allow revenues to replenish funds available.

There was discussion regarding the drastically decreased SPLOST Funds received for the month of February (less approximately \$100,000.00 – for White County and many other Georgia counties. Mr. Hamby stated the Georgia Department of Revenue had indicated that this was due to some late filings and the shortage would be made up on the March distribution – however it was not.

Ms. Vicki Mays, Finance Director, presented the monthly financial status report (see attached).

Mr. Melton reviewed his correspondence with the Department of Revenue with the Board. Although he had not received a specific answer on White County's disbursement – he stated there could be several contributing factors including new sales tax exemptions on energy for manufacturers, new sales tax exemptions for agriculture, and the new title tax on vehicles – effective March 1. He cautioned the Board that it would be a few months before the total impact of these changes were clear.

The Board emphasized that they would be in contact with State Officials on this issue in order to determine what caused this shortage in the SPLOST disbursement and when it will be corrected.

Mr. Melton presented the Board with the renovations needed to the outdoor pool at the Asbestos Road Park – which included issues with the filtration and resurfacing. Ms. Lynn Adams, Associate Director of the White County YMCA presented quotes she had obtained on the repairs which are needed in order to open the pool for the 2013 summer season. Due to the dollar amount, the project would have to be bid out. There was a consensus of the Board that the pool should remain operational and the project needed to be put out for sealed bids – with the bids to be brought back before the Board of Commissioners for approval.

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Mr. Melton updated the Board of Commissioners on the status of the proposed revisions to the alcohol ordinance. He indicated that the resolution was not ready for a first reading – and due to the complexity of the changes he was also sending the draft to the County Attorney for review.

Mr. Melton presented a deed for the Board’s consideration for the Hulsey Road Lift Station – in which the County and the White County Industrial Building Authority would be deeding the lift station to the City of Cleveland. He stated that staff had been working on getting this asset signed over for several months.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Holcomb, seconded by Commissioner Goodger there was a unanimous vote to approve the execution of the deed for the Hulsey Road Lift Station to the City of Cleveland.

Chairman Turner opened the floor for citizen participation.

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

-See Attached Closed Meeting Affidavit-

*Minutes of the Executive Session are sealed and maintained by the County Clerk pursuant to O.C.G.A. §50-14-1(e)(2)(C).*

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

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

The minutes of the April 8, 2013 Regular Meeting are hereby approved as stated this 6th day of May, 2013.

**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 Murphy

Shanda Murphy, County Clerk