

# **WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

## **MINUTES OF THE CALLED MEETING HELD**

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2013 AT 8:00 A.M.**

The White County Board of Commissioners held a Called Meeting on Tuesday, December 17, 2013 at 8:00 a.m. in the Administrative Building Conference Room. Present at the meeting were: Chairman Travis Turner, Commissioner Terry Goodger, Commissioner Lyn Holcomb, Commissioner Edwin Nix, Commissioner Craig Bryant, County Manager Michael Melton, and County Clerk Shanda Murphy.

Chairman Turner called the meeting to order.

Mr. Melton reviewed the details regarding the White County Event Park Project. He stated the total estimated project cost was \$860,744.00. He explained that the construction cost from Charles Black Construction Company, Inc. was originally \$718,911.00 and \$106,874.00 had been established in value engineering – bringing the contract price for Charles Black Construction Company, Inc. to \$612,037.00. The remaining project costs of \$248,707.00 included: site electrical, site lighting, owner’s contingency, and relocation of a power pole (however did not include site furnishings). Mr. Melton reviewed the proposed funding of \$550,000.00 from Hotel / Motel Tax Tourism Product Development Funds, \$165,000.00 from White County SPLOST Funds, and \$145,744.00 from the City of Cleveland’s SPLOST Funds.

Commissioner Goodger stated that the site furnishings had been taken out of the project because the hope was that different organizations, individuals, etc. would be willing to donate funds for a bench, table etc. in honor or memory.

Chairman Turner stated that \$550,000.00 had been designated from Hotel / Motel Tourism Product Development Funds and the City of Cleveland had agreed to fund \$145,744.00 from their SPLOST – leaving \$165,000.00 in funding for the project to be designated. He recommended that the funding be taken from the excess funds that had been set aside through SPLOST for the debt service on the jail bonds.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Goodger, seconded by Commissioner Bryant there was a unanimous vote to approve the construction contract for the White County Event Park with Charles Black Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$612,037.00.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Goodger, seconded by Bryant there was a unanimous vote to approve the county’s funding source for the project from hotel / motel tax tourism product development account (\$550,000.00) and \$165,000.00 in funding from the SPLOST debt service reserve account – for a total County project budget of \$715,000.00.

Commissioner Bryant commented that he felt this was going to be a great project, but he is aware that it is an expensive project.

Commissioner Goodger stated that the storm water drainage was definitely more expensive than he had anticipated.

Commissioner Goodger asked that everyone review the list of park name submissions that had been distributed and that they select two or three names that they preferred, with the Board reviewing the short list of names at the January 6, 2014 meeting.

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Mr. Melton presented two (2) agreements with Georgia Power - \$63,414.00 for the park lighting (with a \$230 per month energy / maintenance fee) and \$18,998.00 for the relocation of a power pole.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Goodger there was a unanimous vote to approve the agreements with Georgia Power for park lighting at \$63,414.00 with a \$230.00 per month energy / maintenance fee and for relocation of a power pole at \$18,998.00 - with the contract costs, other than maintenance fee, being part of the approved project cost.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Nix, seconded by Commissioner Bryant there was a unanimous vote to enter into Executive Session.

-See the Following 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 Nix, seconded by Commissioner Holcomb there was a unanimous vote to exit Executive Session.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Goodger, seconded by Commissioner Bryant there was a unanimous vote to adjourn the Called Meeting.

The minutes of the Called Meeting held December 17, 2013 are hereby approved as stated this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January 2014.

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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