

WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WORK SESSION NOTES

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2013 AT 4:30 P.M.

The purpose of this work session is to discuss agenda items for the Regular Meeting to be held Monday, March 4, 2013 at 4:30 p.m.

The White County Board of Commissioners held a Work Session on Monday, February 25, 2013 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 Murphy.

- CHIEF SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE MURPHY MILLER, TO PRESENT A PROPOSED RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A WHITE COUNTY DRUG ABUSE TREATMENT AND EDUCATION FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Judge Stan Gunter presented information to the Board of Commissioners, in Chief Judge Miller's absence, regarding a resolution being proposed in order to create an advisory committee to oversee the White County D.A.T.E. (Drug Abuse Treatment and Education) Fund. He indicated that HB 1176 set the provision of Accountability Courts for drug offenses, mental health, child support, etc. thereby increasing the revenue generated by these programs and being deposited in the D.A.T.E. Fund. Judge Gunter stated the advisory committee would oversee the fund, review requests for expenditures from the fund, and periodically report to the Board of Commissioners. He indicated that the White County Advisory Committee would flow into the Enotah Judicial Circuit by way of a "super committee" termed the Enotah Judicial Circuit Accountability Courts Steering Committee. The membership of both committees was outlined within the information provided.

There was a consensus that this item (adoption of resolution) would be placed on the March 4, 2013 consent agenda – with Commissioner Holcomb serving as the representative of the White County Board of Commissioners on the White County D.A.T.E. Fund Advisory Committee.

- MR. MATT BIDWELL, WITH MSI BENEFITS GROUP, TO BRIEF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON THE EFFECTS OF HEALTHCARE REFORM LEGISLATION ON WHITE COUNTY EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PROGRAM.

Mr. Matt Bidwell presented information to the Board of Commissioner regarding how White County would be affected by the Federal Healthcare Reform. The main points of this presentation included: the mandate for individuals to have healthcare by, required essential health benefits, coverage levels, penalties for individuals without healthcare beginning in 2014, subsidies / exchanges, large employer mandate to offer affordable, essential minimum coverage, definition of full-time equivalent, the requirement to notify employees of any benefit changes at least sixty (60) days prior to the effective date of changes (May 1 for White County's renewal), penalties for employers, and additional fees being charged to health plans – which will be passed on to the consumer (White County – approximately \$69,176). Mr. Bidwell said he would have the renewal options to the County in March and he was hopeful that Alliant and Blue Cross Blue Shield would both provide competitive quotes for the medical benefits plan.

No action was required on this item by the Board of Commissioners at this time.

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- SHERIFF NEAL WALDEN, TO DISCUSS A VEHICLE REFURBISHMENT PROGRAM.

Sheriff Walden stated he had been made aware of a vehicle refurbishment program with Greene Ford – wherein a high mileage vehicle could be refurbished and provided a three (3) year warranty at a cost of \$12,000.00 to \$15,000.00 – compared to the cost of a new vehicle being \$32,000.00. Sheriff Walden stated he would like to give the program a try. He indicated he did not have the funds budgeted for this project – however the telephone commissions revenue could be used to fund the expense.

There was a consensus that approval to fund two (2) vehicle refurbishments with Greene Ford from the telephone commission revenue would be placed on the March 4, 2013 consent agenda.

- DISCUSS AN FY 2013 BUDGET AMENDMENT RESOLUTION DOCUMENTING THE APPROVAL OF U.S. FOREST SERVICE TITLE 1 FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$34,056.09 BEING MOVED FROM DEFERRED GRANT REVENUE TO TITLE 1 ROADS REVENUE.

Ms. Vicki Mays explained that the resolution was needed since these funds were being moved across budget years.

There was a consensus that approval of the FY 2012 Budget Amendment Resolution would be placed on the March 4, 2013 consent agenda.

- DISCUSS ACCEPTANCE OF THE FOLLOWING EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT GRANTS: OUTDOOR WARNING SIREN INSTALLATION GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$37,749.00 – GEMA HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM REQUIRING A LOCAL MATCH OF \$5,662.00; AND CITIZEN'S EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (CERT) TRAINING GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,850.00 – 100% DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT.

Mr. David Murphy, Director of Public Safety, presented the grant award information – stating the outdoor warning siren grant was originally applied for in August 2011 and funding had just been approved for a total of four (4) sirens – 1 – City of Helen, 1 – City of Cleveland, and 2 – Unincorporated County. This would bring the total number of sirens in the entire county to 18. He stated the County warning sirens would be placed at the White County Public Works on Truelove Road and Mossy Creek Elementary School – covering an approximate total of 1,200+ structures. He stated the local match was not budgeted in the FY 2013 budget.

The CERT grant would make available training for an additional twenty (20) members for the CERT program.

There was a consensus that acceptance of the two (2) grants would be placed on the March 4, 2013 consent agenda – with funding for the local match (\$5,662.00) to be taken from the funds remaining in animal control's budget for capital outlay – as well as authorizing the County Manager to execute a contract for the warning siren installation to low bidder through the bidding process.

- DISCUSS APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT WITH THE HALL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROVIDING ACCESS TO THE MOODLE TRAINING MODULE FOR WHITE COUNTY FIRE AND E-911 TRAINING.

Mr. Murphy presented the contract to the Board of Commissioners which would allow Fire and E-911 personnel to access the web-based training through Hall County's Moodle Training Program. He indicated this expense was budgeted (\$1,000.00 per year) and would allow more flexible training opportunities that count toward State training requirements.

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There was a consensus that this item would be placed on the March 4, 2013 voting agenda.

- DISCUSS RESPONSES RECEIVED FOR THE WHITE COUNTY HVAC SERVICE CONTRACT.

Mr. Melton presented the seven (7) responses received on the request for proposals for the HVAC Service Contract. He reviewed the scoring criteria and that A & A Electric (Cornelia, GA) had the highest total score. Members of the Board expressed a desire to keep the business local and wanted to further evaluate the proposals.

There was a consensus that this item would be placed on the March 4, 2013 voting agenda.

- DISCUSS THE APPROVAL OF THE ACCG SAFETY DISCOUNT VERIFICATION FORM FOR 2013 FOR THE PROPERTY / LIABILITY & WORKER'S COMPENSATION PROGRAMS.

Ms. Murphy presented the 2013 Safety Discount Verification Form for the County Worker's Compensation and Property/Liability insurance programs. She indicated that participation in the program saved White County over \$22,000.00 on insurance cost this year and they hoped to continue participation upon the Board's approval.

There was a consensus that this item would be placed on the March 4, 2013 consent agenda.

DISCUSS APPROVAL OF THE FY 2013 INDIGENT SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR THE ENOTAH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE.

Mr. Melton explained that the agreement being presented was in effect as of July 1, 2012 – however our office had just received the agreement. He stated the contribution in the agreement did match what was budgeted for FY 2013.

Commissioner Bryant stated that he did not agree with funding the State employee's retirement when the County was not able to contribute to the County employee's retirement. Chairman Turner asked that staff continue to research the retirement expense.

There was a consensus that this item would be placed on the March 4, 2013 voting agenda.

MR. MICHAEL MELTON, COUNTY MANAGER, TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON VARIOUS COUNTY PROJECTS:

- WHITE COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL FACILITY, OUTDOOR KENNEL ADDITION;
Mr. Melton reported this project was complete. The Board expressed their appreciation to Chief Animal Control Officer Pat Cooper for her hard work and dedication.
- WHITE COUNTY SENIOR CENTER EXPANSION; AND
Mr. Melton stated that this project would be substantially complete by the end of the week with move in to begin in a couple of weeks – with the project remaining under budget. The Board expressed their wishes to have an official ribbon cutting ceremony for the facility in the near future.
- HULSEY ROAD LIFT STATION.
The County is in the process of turning this over to the City of Cleveland – he had met with City Attorney Grant Keene earlier in the day and he felt the transfer of this was moving forward.

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Commissioner Holcomb asked that the County maintenance staff meet with the Health Department Office Manager and work on an entrance door change which they had requested. Chairman Turner asked that the upstairs be inspected as well to insure there were no leaks.

There was a consensus that the non-judicial offices would be moved from the Courthouse to the admin side of the former jail facility.

- MR. KEVIN HAMBY, CHA / SPLOST MANAGER, TO PRESENT THE MONTHLY SPLOST STATUS UPDATE.

Mr. Hamby presented the attached report. He encouraged the Board to complete the existing projects; however not to begin any new projects until collections caught up with expenditures.

Chairman Turner asked that the Board be presented an estimate for triple surfacing Leatherford Road – the section between Lothridge Road and Hwy 115.

Mr. Melton stated that \$330,000.00 had been encumbered to resurface all of New Bridge Road – in addition to the local match calculated with the patching that had already been done and the LMIG funds that the County had been awarded by the DOT. He stated it was possible that the Commissioners could limit that project to half of New Bridge Road and use the encumbered funds toward the triple surfacing of Leatherford Road. Mr. Doug Dockery, Public Works Director, cautioned that the work previously done on New Bridge Road would only go toward the calculation of the local match for a two (2) year period.

- REVIEW THE AGENDA FOR THE MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2013 REGULAR MEETING.

The March 4, 2013 Regular Meeting Agenda was reviewed and approved.

The minutes of the February 25, 2013 Work Session were approved by the Board of Commissioners.

March 4, 2013

s/Shanda Murphy
Shanda Murphy, County Clerk