

WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION HELD

MONDAY, JULY 29, 2013 AT 4:30 P.M.

The purpose of the work session is to discuss agenda items for the Regular Meeting to be held Monday, August 5, 2013 at 4:30 p.m.

The White County Board of Commissioners held a Work Session on Monday, July 29, 2013 at 4:30 p.m. in the Grand Jury Room of the White County Courthouse. Present at the Work Session 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.

- MR. AL WHITTON OF 1455 STANLEY NIX ROAD TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGARDING THE PAVING OF STANLEY NIX ROAD.

Mr. Whitton stated that six (6) years ago when he purchased property on Stanley Nix Road it was his understanding that this road was first on the priority list for paving and he wanted to get an update on the status of this road being paved. Chairman Turner stated that the current Board of Commissioners could not answer to promises made years ago; however the current Board was committed to funding over \$5 million in paving from the 2014 SPLOST; with Stanley Nix Road being a priority project on this list of roads to be paved. Mr. Whitton also expressed safety concerns regarding four-wheelers being driven on Stanley Nix Road after dark.

- MR. GENE WHITE, OF COMMUNITY HELPING HANDS CLINIC, TO MAKE A PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGARDING POTENTIAL FUNDING FOR THE CLINIC.

Mr. White stated that he was requesting a one-time \$20,000.00 contribution for the Community Helping Hands Clinic from the County in order for the clinic to stay in existence. He explained that the clinic sees approximately 250 patients per year who are uninsured and have no resources for healthcare other than hospital emergency rooms. Mr. White stated that the clinic was going through restructuring, the budget had been reduced to half, and they needed to establish funding sources other than grants.

There was a consensus that this item would be placed on the voting portion of the August 5, 2013 Regular Meeting agenda.

Commissioner Goodger noted that he had refrained from the discussion and in full disclosure he asked that it be noted that he is a member of the Board of Directors for the Community Helping Hands Clinic.

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- DISCUSS THE PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY CHA FOR THE CONTINUED PROGRAM MANAGEMENT FOR THE WHITE COUNTY SPLOST PROGRAM (JULY 1, 2013 TO DECEMBER 31, 2013).

Mr. Melton noted that the contract being presented was for a month to month basis at \$4,083.00 per month. He stated that Mr. Kevin Hamby would continue to work on any SPLOST Projects as well as provide some technical support for the Road Department on their road projects.

There was a consensus that approval of this item would be placed on the consent agenda of the August 5, 2013 Regular Meeting.

- DISCUSS THE AGREEMENT SUBMITTED BY THE GEORGIA STATE DEFENSE FORCE FOR USE OF THE OTP PROPERTY FOR TRAINING EXERCISES IN SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 2013.

Mr. Melton presented the proposed agreement and noted the organization had been using the same area for training when the property was under DNR.

There was a consensus that approval of this item would be placed on the consent agenda of the August 5, 2013 Regular Meeting.

Chairman Turner asked for an update on the status the liability insurance coverage on the OTP Property as related to the public having access. Mr. Melton confirmed that the necessary insurance coverage is in place. Chairman Turner asked about the insurance of the Testnatee Water Shed Dam. Mr. Melton stated that was still an open issue with the White County Water Authority – as our insured would not insure this structure for White County since the County did does not own, maintain or operate the dam. Chairman Turner asked that Mr. Melton organize a meeting within the next thirty (30) days to address that issue.

- DISCUSS THE PROCESS FOR RELOCATION OF THE TESTNATEE POLLING PLACE (FROM THE ASBESTOS ROAD PARK TO MT. YONAH BAPTIST CHURCH ADMIN OFFICES).

Mr. Melton presented a letter submitted to the Board of Commissioner by the Judge Garrison Baker, Elections Superintendent. He stated that due to the expansion of the White County YMCA, it was no longer feasible to use the gym at the Asbestos Road Park for a polling place and Judge Baker was in the process of relocating this polling place to the administrative office of Mt. Yonah Baptist Church.

There was a consensus that support of this item would be placed on the consent agenda of the August 5, 2013 Regular Meeting.

- DISCUSS BIDS RECEIVED FOR THE RESURFACING OF NEW BRIDGE ROAD – TOBE FUNDED IN PART BY THE \$265,000.00 GDOT LOCAL MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT GRANT (LMIG).

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Mr. Melton presented the bids received for the project and stated that staff's recommendation was to award the project to the low bidder – being CW Matthews at \$458,870.86 – with \$265,000.00 to be funded by the 2013 GDOT LMIG and \$193,870.86 to be funded by the 2008 SPLOST.

Mr. Kevin Hamby presented the monthly SPLOST Status Report (see attached).

There was a consensus that award of this item to CW Matthews would be placed on the consent agenda of the August 5, 2013 Regular Meeting.

- DISCUSS APPOINTMENT OF MR. JOHN ERBELE TO THE ALPINE HELEN / WHITE COUNTY CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS IN ORDER TO FULFILL THE REMAINDER OF A TWO YEAR TERM EXPIRING JULY 1, 2015 – PREVIOUSLY HELD BY MR. SCOTT HUDGINS.

There was a consensus that approval of this appointment would be placed on the consent agenda of the August 5, 2013 Regular Meeting.

- MS. VICKI MAYS, FINANCE DIRECTOR, TO PRESENT FY 2013 BUDGET AMENDMENTS.

Ms. Vicki Mays presented the recommended amendments, explaining these were necessary in order to balance grant fund accounts for the FY 2013.

There was a consensus that approval of this item would be placed on the consent agenda of the August 5, 2013 Regular Meeting.

- REVIEW THE AGENDA FOR THE MONDAY, AUGUST 5, 2013 REGULAR MEETING.

The agenda for the August 5, 2013 Regular Meeting was reviewed and approved.

Ms. Rolann Smith, White County Road Department, gave an update on the Leatherford Road Project – stating there were seven (7) property owners who had not yet signed the requested easement associated with the upcoming paving project.

Commissioner Bryant stated that he wanted to express his appreciation to the Board for their continued work in keeping the county in good financial condition – he stated he was proud of this accomplishment and wanted to acknowledge the Board's work in this area.

The minutes of the July 29, 2013 Work Session were approved by the White County Board of Commissioners.

August 5, 2013

s/Shanda Murphy
Shanda Murphy, County Clerk