

WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD

MONDAY, MAY 6, 2013 AT 4:30 P.M.

The White County Board of Commissioners held a Regular Meeting on Monday, May 6, 2013 at 4:30 p.m. in the Grand Jury Room at the White County Courthouse. Present for 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 John Chiara, Family Pastor at The Bridge Church, provided the invocation.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Holcomb there was a unanimous vote to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 8, 2013, the Budget Retreat Work Session held on April 17, 2013, the Work Session / Called Meeting / Executive Session held April 22, 2013.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Holcomb there was a unanimous vote to approve a \$5,000.00 contribution to the Hillbilly Hog BBQ Event from the Hotel Motel Tax Proceeds to be designed to flow through the White County Chamber of Commerce for advertising and promotion of the event.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Goodger there was a unanimous vote to approve the purchase of two (2) patrol vehicles for the White County Sheriff's Office from Jackie Jones Ford in an amount not to exceed \$52,174.00 – with funding to be taken from the General Fund Contingency. Sheriff Walden indicated that he may not be able to take possession of the vehicles prior to July 1, 2013. Ms. Vicki Mays, Finance Director, stated that if that was the case it would be handled by a budget adjustment. This purchase is being made under state contract.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Goodger there was a unanimous vote to approve the purchase of one (1) Ford F250 4x4 for White County Animal Control from Jackie Jones Ford in an amount not to exceed \$38,691.00 including the truck and accessories – with funding to be taken from the General Fund Contingency. This purchase is being made under state contract.

In discussing the upgrade of the current Harris Open Windows Financial Software to the Harris CSI Software, as well as moving the permitting and licensing from Energov to CSI, and moving the fixed assets software from SAGE to CIS, thereby combining all of these administrative functions into one software package – Chairman Turner stated that he would prefer to delay making a decision on this upgrade until after the FY 14 budget was set – possibly in August

2013. He stated that funds would be available and he understood the benefits of purchasing new software, he just wanted to air on the side of caution with the \$70,310.50 software purchase. Mr. Melton stated that the current cost for the annual maintenance on the associated software was \$17,500.00 and with the Harris Software Package this would be reduced to \$12,000.00. Commissioner Goodger said he would be fine with taking this expense from the FY 13 contingency. Commissioner Bryant stated he would have liked to have been made aware of the request sooner.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Nix, seconded by Commissioner Holcomb there was a unanimous vote to table the upgrade of the White County Financial, Human Resources, Permitting, and Licensing Software until after the FY 14 budget was approved and the final tax digest was received.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Goodger, seconded by Commissioner Holcomb there was a unanimous vote to approve the purchase of Records Management Software (RMS) & Jail Management Software (JMS) through Interact for the White County Sheriff's Office in an amount not to exceed \$112,000.00 – with funding to be taken from FY 13 Sheriff's Office budget funds (salary budget excess).

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Holcomb, seconded by Commissioner Bryant there was a unanimous vote to appoint Dr. John Murphey as the local physician representative on the White County Board of Health.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Nix, seconded by Commissioner Goodger there was a unanimous vote to reappoint Commissioner Bryant as the Board of Commissioners representative on the White County Water Authority for a two (2) year term expiring June 30, 2015.

There was a consensus that the appointment to the AVITA Community Partners Board – in order to fulfill the remainder of the three (3) year term expiring June 30, 2015 – would be tabled due to no applications being received.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Holcomb there was a unanimous vote to appoint Ms. Judith Barber to the White County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors for a two (2) year term expiring June 30, 2015.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Nix, seconded by Commissioner Bryant there was a unanimous vote to reappoint Ms. Nita Decker to the White County CVB Board of Directors for a two (2) year term expiring August 31, 2015.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Holcomb there was a unanimous vote to appoint Mr. Michael Foor to the White County Development Authority in order to fulfill the remainder of a six (6) year term to expire June 30, 2015.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Nix, seconded by Commissioner Bryant there was a unanimous vote to table the appointment to the White County DFACS Board for a five (5) year term in order to provide the Board time to interview applicants.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Holcomb, seconded by Commissioner Goodger there was a unanimous vote to re-appoint Mr. Marc Greene and Mr. James Staton to the White County Industrial Building Authority for a five (5) year term to expire June 30, 2018.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Goodger, seconded by Commissioner Bryant there was a unanimous vote to reappoint Mr. R.K. Ackermann and to appoint Mr. Brad Ash to the White County Planning Commission for three (3) year terms to expire June 30, 2016.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Goodger, seconded by Commissioner Holcomb there was a unanimous vote to table the appointment to the White County YMCA Board for a one (1) year term to expire June 30, 2014 in to provide the Board time to research applicants.

Chairman Turner asked staff to research the possibility of shortening the terms for the White County Development Authority and the White County Industrial Building Authority, due to these appointments being six (6) and five (5) years in length respectively.

Mr. David Murphy, Public Safety Director, stated that in August 2011 former Fire Chief Dickie Howard had come before the Board of Commissioners to approval to apply for a federal Assistance for Firefighter Grant for the purpose of replacing the self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) and spare bottles – which would be required to be replaced due to a change in the standard for this equipment. Mr. Murphy stated White County had been awarded \$260,800.00 through this grant – which would require a 10% local match of \$26,080.00. He stated the local match was in the FY 13 budget. He stated that he was requesting formal acceptance of this grant from the Board of Commissioners, which authorization for the County Manager to execute a purchase order to the low bidder following the seal bid process.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Holcomb there was a unanimous vote to accept the Assistance to Firefighters Grant in the amount of \$260,800.00 with the 10% local match of \$26,080.00 to be taken from the FY 13 budget and providing authorization for the County Manager to execute a purchase order to the low bidder following the sealed bid process.

Mr. Kevin Hamby, CHA / SPLOST Manager, presented the monthly SPLOST Status Report (see attached).

Ms. Vicki Mays, Finance Director, presented the monthly Financial Status Report (see attached).

Commissioner Holcomb asked for an update on the options for paving Leatherford Road (Hwy 115 to Lothridge Road). Chairman Turner asked if Mr. Doug Dockery, Public Works Director, could bring an estimate to the Board for ditch to ditch paving on the road. Mr. Dockery stated there was no drainage along the road so it would not be possible to pave the road ditch to ditch. Commissioner Nix asked if a thirty (30) foot easement would be adequate. Mr. Dockery

expressed concern regarding property owners who had been unwilling to provide any right of way or easement in the past. Commissioner Holcomb stated he would get Mr. Dockery in touch with residents he had been speaking with who could assist in trying to obtain the necessary easement along the road. Commissioner Nix asked that Mr. Dockery bring an estimate for this work to Board in June.

Commissioner Nix stated he had become aware of chip-spreader equipment that was available and asked Mr. Dockery to look at the equipment if he thought it would be helpful in applying triple surface.

There was discussion regarding the White County Road Department handling the paving of the access road at the Mauney Building in house. Mr. Melton stated that he planned to evaluate this option when the bids were turned in on May 16, 2013 and bring a recommendation back to the Board.

Chairman Turner opened the floor for citizen participations.

Ms. Melissa Charles, President of the White County Chamber of Commerce, advised the Board that the Agriculture Committee was looking for an alternative location for Agri-Fest on September 28, 2013 since the construction on the park area would not be complete by that time.

Commissioner Goodger provided an update on the courthouse area park project. He stated he would be meeting with the City of Cleveland later in the week regarding right of way issues. He explained that without utilizing the City's right of way (Brook and Quillian) – the project would be narrowed up significantly which would reduce the angled parking design. Chairman Turner stated the Board was ready to move forward on the project.

Ms. Judy Lovell, President of the Historical Society, stated that regardless of the location of the Agri-Fest, the Historical Society still planned to use the courthouse parking area for their pottery show.

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

The minutes of the May 6, 2013 Regular Meeting are hereby approved as stated this 5th day of August, 2013.

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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