

WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSISONERS

MINUTES OF THE CALLED MEETING HELD

MONDAY, MAY 20, 2013

The White County Board of Commissioners held a Called Meeting immediately following their Work Session on Monday, May 20, 2013. Present for the meeting was: 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 at 5:45 p.m.

The purpose of the Called Meeting was to address items discussed at previous Work Session and to consider entering into Executive Session in order to discuss personnel.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Goodger there was a unanimous vote to appoint Mr. Brian Alexander to the AVITA Community Partners Board in order to fulfill the remainder of a three (3) year term to expire June 30, 2015.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Holcomb, seconded by Commissioner Nix there was a unanimous vote to reappoint Mr. Dustin Hulsey to the White County YMCA Board for a one (1) year term expiring June 30, 2014.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Goodger, seconded by Commissioner Nix there was a unanimous vote to ratify the Jail Facility Use Agreements for the City of Cleveland and the City of Helen – as signed by Chairman Turner on May 14, 2013.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Nix, seconded by Commissioner Holcomb there was a unanimous vote to approve the FY 2014 Enotah Judicial Circuit Budget for Superior Court, District Attorney, and Juvenile Court – with White County's contribution being \$181,701.98 (a \$10,027.98 increase over FY 2013).

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Holcomb, seconded by Commissioner Bryant there was a unanimous vote to designate \$11,040.00 in 2008 SPLOST Funds to the White County Road Department for the paving of the public access road at the White County Manuey Building – with the work to be done in house by the White County Road Department. All bids received on the project were rejected.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Holcomb there was a vote to address the approval of the Fire Department's purchase of replacement apparatus in two separate votes. Commissioner Goodger and Commissioner Nix voted in favor of the motion, Chairman Turner opposed the motion. Motion was approved by a 4-1 vote.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Holcomb there was a unanimous vote to approve the purchase of two custom demo pumpers from HME in the amount of \$528,944.00 (\$266,538.00 & \$262,406.00) with funds previously designated from the fund balance of the Emergency Services Fund.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Goodger, seconded by Chairman Turner there was a vote to approve the purchase of a 3000 gallon tanker (\$179,800.00) and a Rescue / Mini-Pumper (\$89,098.00) from Freedom Fire in the amount of (\$268,898.00) with funds previously designated from the fund balance of the Emergency Services Fund. Commissioner Nix voted in favor of the motion, Commissioner Bryant and Commissioner Holcomb opposed. Motion was approved by a 3-2 vote.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Goodger, seconded by Commissioner Nix there was a unanimous vote to approve the first reading for amendments to the White County Alcohol Ordinance – adding provisions for brewpubs, manufacturers, golf courses, caterers, and special event permits.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Nix, seconded by Commissioner Bryant there was a unanimous vote to adopt the indigent burial procedures as presented – being County Resolution 2013-06 as follows:

White County Board of Commissioners

Resolution No. 2013-06

A Resolution Setting Forth Policies and Procedures For

Funeral Assistance For Indigent Residents of White County

The White County Board of Commissioners wishes to establish policies and procedures for financial assistance for the decent interment or cremation of deceased indigent residents of White County.

Now, therefore, the following policy and procedures are hereby adopted:

Policy

When a resident of White County dies and the deceased, his family and immediate kindred are all indigent and unable to provide for the decent interment or cremation of the deceased, the Board of Commissioners shall make available from county funds a sum sufficient to provide a decent interment or cremation of the deceased indigent person or to reimburse such person (other than immediate family) as may have expended the cost thereof voluntarily, the exact amount thereof to be determined by the Board of Commissioners.

In that this assistance is only provided to those who qualify as being indigent – meaning no other sources are available for a decent interment or cremation of the deceased and there may not be any contribution / additional funds to upgrade an indigent burial or cremation.

The applicant for indigent burial or cremation is responsible for contacting the funeral home of choice - the funeral home will explain the burial or cremation available under indigent assistance.

Application

An application for indigent burial or cremation at the county's expense must be made by a relative or representative of the deceased. The application must be complete with signatures of all next of kin attesting to their indigent status.

In the event that next of kin cannot be located, a funeral home or convalescent home may make application for indigent burial or cremation to White County.

Applications can be obtained from the County Clerk.

Determination of Eligibility

The County Clerk will review the application for completeness. Once the Board of Commissioners Office has a complete application on hand, the County Clerk will evaluate the application in order to determine eligibility.

The deceased person must have been a resident of White County at the time of death to be eligible for indigent burial at county expense under the provisions of this resolution.

If the application is denied, the County Clerk will send a letter stating this to the applicant and funeral home.

Extent of Assistance

If the deceased and immediate family is determined to be indigent, the County Clerk will request an invoice from the funeral home and process the payment through the County Finance Department directly to the funeral home. The County will pay up to \$800.00 for the decent interment or cremation of the deceased indigent person – but shall not exceed the lesser of the costs of interment or cremation in accordance with O.C.G.A § 36-12-5 et. al.

If the deceased person dies owning property and / or personal possessions, the property and / or personal possessions, including any life insurance, retirement income or annuities, shall first be applied to the cost of interment or cremation. Funds will be provided pursuant to this chapter in an amount such that, when the funds are added to the property and / or personal possessions owned by the deceased at the time of death – a total of \$800.00 will be available for burial or cremation.

Reimbursement to County

In the event a deceased person was determined to be eligible for indigent burial expenses at the time of death and it is later evident that the estate has funds that would categorize the deceased as ineligible for indigent burial funds, White County may file a claim against the estate and recoup the funds so expensed for indigent burial.

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The Funeral Director shall agree that he shall receive no funds whatsoever from any of the deceased's family, estate, friends, or other sources except those funds be applied to the cost of the interment or cremation and deducted from the amount provided by the County.

Adopted this 20th 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

Attest:

s/Shanda Murphy

Shanda Murphy, County Clerk

-End of Resolution-

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Goodger, seconded by Commissioner Holcomb there was a unanimous vote to approve County Resolution No. 2013-07 creating the OTP Property Development Committee as follows:

WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-07

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE OTP PROPERTY
DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, the White County Board of Commissioners entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources on January 23, 2013 for the use of approximately 1,000 acres (formerly known as the Camp Appalachian Wilderness / Outdoor Therapeutic Program) for outdoor recreational purposes, for a term of fifty years;

AND WHEREAS, the White County Board of Commissioners wishes to establish an OTP Property Development Committee, consisting of 11 White County Citizens, in order to develop a

plan for the OTP Property that reflects the quality of life and heritage in White County and to facilitate public input on the development of this site. The Committee shall designate a Vice-Chair and Secretary of organizational purposes;

AND WHEREAS, the development of this site must adhere to the provisions set forth in the Intergovernmental Agreement between The Georgia Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and White County, Georgia. The Committee will be charged with determining the highest and best use of the property with venues that would benefit the citizens of White County and promote tourism; with the Committee being responsible for producing a presentation for each use type or event the committee deems desirable and the committee shall prioritize the use type or event in order to accommodate multiple phases of development over time;

AND WHEREAS, the Committee will have a one year timeline to develop a plan according to the guidelines of this resolution and present this plan to the Board of Commissioners – with the presentation consisting of a minimum of the following: proposed venues / events, prioritization of venues / events, suggested site locations for venues, construction considerations (plan for the venue, construction of the venue, estimated construction cost, funding sources, maintenance requirements / costs, recommended user fees, suggested specifications or locations of like projects with details), staffing recommendations for venues, impact on surrounding properties, potential challenges to overcome, potential liabilities, a timeline for development, and considerations regarding access to the site;

AND WHEREAS, the Committee shall take the following items into consideration when developing this presentation: safety is the upmost concern, there are several buildings on the northern portion of the property which need to be utilized, DNR would like to construct an archery range with operations and maintenance being White County's responsibility, DNR would like for the lake on the property to be used for fishing and non-motorized boating, all timber rights belong to DNR, and DNR must review and approve all improvements to the property;

AND WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners recognizes that specific resources may be needed in order to accomplish the objectives set forth by this resolution and any request for resources from the committee shall be routed through the White County Manager, with the Committee preparing routine progress updates to present to the White County Board of Commissioners at Regular Meetings to be held September 9, 2013, December 9, 2013, March 3, 2014 and the final report shall be presented on July 7, 2014;

AND WHEREAS, this Committee is being established for planning purposes and no member of this Committee shall have the ability to bind the County to any obligation or liability. This Committee shall be subject to all provisions of the Georgia Open Meetings and Open Records Regulations as follows:

- A. As per O.C.G.A. Title 50, Chapter 14 Section 1 (d)(1)(2) every board or committee created by the White County Board of Commissioners will notify the legal organ, Currently the White County News, of any scheduled meeting at least twenty- four (24)

hours prior to said meeting.

- B. As per O.C.G.A. Title 50 Chapter 14 Section 1(e)(1) every board or committee created by the Board of Commissioners will have available an agenda of all matters expected to come before the board or committee at such meeting. Said agenda shall be posted at the meeting site within the two week period prior to the meeting.
- C. As per O.C.G.A. Title 50 Chapter 14 Section 1(e)(2)(A) every board or committee created by the Board of Commissioners will have available a summary of subjects acted on and those members present at a meeting of any agency shall be written and made available to the public within two (2) business days of the adjournment of the meeting.
- D. As per O.C.G.A. Title 50 Chapter 14 Section 1(e)(2)(B) every board or committee created by the Board of Commissioners will promptly record minutes of said meetings and have those available for inspection by the public once approved but no later than immediately following the next regular meeting.
- E. As per O.C.G.A. Title 50 Chapter 14 Section 1(e)(2)(B) minutes shall, at a minimum, include the names of the members present at the meeting, a description of each motion or other proposal made, the identity of the persons making and seconding the motion or other proposal and a record of all votes.
- F. Every board or committee will be required to retain all approved minutes in an organized manner for historical reference and public inspection.

NOW, THEREFORE, in an effort to solicit input from the White County Community and to provide for the highest and best use in the extraordinary opportunity before us, the White County Board of Commissioners hereby establishes the OTP Development Committee thereby appointing the following individuals: Dr. John Crumpton - Chairman, Barry Vandiver, Doug Head, Laurie Burkett, Neal Walden, James Turner, Bill Huff, Jerry Brown, Buddy Belflower, Bob Hirshi, Scott Campbell – with Tom O’Bryant being an ex-officio staff representative.

Resolved, this 20th day of May, 2013.

WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

s/Travis C. Turner
Travis C. Turner, Chairman

s/Edwin Nix
Edwin Nix, District 3

s/Terry D. Goodger
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s/Craig Bryant
Craig Bryant, District 4

s/Lyn Holcomb
Lyn Holcomb, District 2

Attest: s/Shanda Murphy
Shanda Murphy, County Clerk

-End of Resolution-

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

-See the Attached Closed Meeting Affidavit-

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 May 20, 2013 Called Meeting are hereby approved as stated this 5th day of August, 2013.

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Shanda Murphy, County Clerk