

**WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MINUTES OF THE CALLED MEETING**

**HELD MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2013 AT 4:30 P.M.**

The White County Board of Commissioners held a Called Meeting on Monday, November 25, 2013 at 4:30 p.m. in the Grand Jury Room of the White County Courthouse. The purpose of the Called Meeting was to combine the items of business for the November Work Session and December Regular Meeting, due to the Regular Meeting being canceled. 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.

Chairman Turner called the meeting to order.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Dean Dyer provided the invocation.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Goodger there was a unanimous vote to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting held November 4, 2013 (including Sealed Executive Session Minutes) and the Called Meeting held November 15, 2013 (including Sealed Executive Session Minutes).

Mr. Melton stated he and the Road Department Staff had been working on a bridge rehabilitation program based on the latest Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) bridge inspection report for White County. He indicated that four (4) bridges in White County had been identified as being in need of repair (Webster Lake Road Bridge over White Creek, New Bridge Road Bridge over White Creek, New Bridge Road Bridge over Dean Creek, and Town Creek Road Bridge over Tesnatee Creek) and an engineer is needed to be hired in order draw the plans necessary to bid the bridge work out. Mr. Melton presented statements of qualifications from two (2) engineering firms – KCI Technologies, Inc. and Rochester & Associates, Inc. – with both packages containing schedules of rates related to bridge rehabilitation.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Nix, seconded by Commissioner Holcomb there was a unanimous vote to enter into a contract with KCI Technologies, Inc. for engineering services for the bridge rehabilitation program.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Nix, seconded by Commissioner Bryant there was a unanimous vote to appoint Mr. Adrian Medley to the White County Board of Assessors for a three (3) year term to expire December 31, 2016 (currently held by Mr. Stanley Strickland).

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Holcomb, seconded by Commissioner Goodger there was a unanimous vote to appoint Mr. Jim Waits to the White County YMCA Board for a one (1) year term to expire December 31, 2014 (currently held by Mr. Jon Estes).

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Nix there was a unanimous vote to appoint Ms. Anna Robertson to the White County Department of Family & Children's Services (DFACS) Board for a five (5) year term to expire June 30, 2018 (currently held by Mr. Billy Joe Jenkins).

Mr. Melton stated that the County had been through the RFP (Request for Proposals) process for the White County Event Park Project. He indicated that six (6) different companies submitted proposals for the project. Upon the review of the proposals submitted, based on the criteria in the RFP document – Charles Black Construction Company was identified as the recommended contractor based on the firm being the highest scoring contractor. Mr. Melton stated that Charles Black Construction had been sent a best and final offer letter to which the firm responded; however there are still opportunities for value engineering to be done on the project and a contract cost had not been finalized at this time. Chairman Turner clarified that the Board was not being asked to vote on a contract price at this time, they were only being asked to designate a contractor, being Charles Black Construction Company, who would then work on value engineering options in order for a contract price to be finalized. Commissioner Goodger stated that he was pleased with the price submitted by Charles Black Construction and felt like it was in line with what the Board had been discussing for the project and there was the opportunity to reduce the cost through value engineering – he noted the current project cost was \$850,000.00 with the alternates included. Commissioner Goodger stated that he anticipated the City of Cleveland contributing \$100,000.00 to \$150,000.00 to the project, the County had approximately \$550,000.00 in hotel / motel tourism product development funds set aside for the project, and the Board could designate the funds for the remaining \$150,000.00 from SPLOST. Commissioner Nix stated that if the City of Cleveland did not commit to contributing to the project that the project would have to be scaled back, as he thought the Board should consider limiting the project to the \$550,000.00 which the County has in hotel / motel tax funds. Commissioner Goodger clarified that although the electrical portion of the project was included in the estimate, this was not part of Charles Black's contract, as this would be bid separately. Mr. Clark McDonald, President of Charles Black Construction, Inc., stated the project would take approximately 90 (ninety) days to complete. Mr. Kevin Hamby, SPLOST Manager stated that approximately \$30,000.00 in value engineering had been identified. Commissioner Goodger explained that the project cost would be made up of the construction contract, the electrical contract, the lighting contract, and the cost of site furnishings. There was discussion among the Commissioners regarding their hesitancy to partially fund this project from SPLOST, as their hope had been to concentrate on road projects with the funds remaining in the 2008 SPLOST. Commissioner Goodger stated that the projected overage of the 2008 SPLOST at its expiration in October 2014 was in excess of \$3 million, including funds which have been encumbered to date for other projects not yet completed. He stated that he felt that even in using \$150,000 - \$200,000 of the SPLOST funds for the park project, there would be adequate funds remaining to do a substantial amount of road work. Mr. McDonald cautioned that some prices would be increasing effective January 1, 2014. Mr. C.J. McDonald, Project Manager with Charles Black Construction Company, Inc., summarized that the project construction cost with all alternates other than site furnishings was \$664,916.00 and \$42,877.00 had been identified for deducts – with a current construction project cost presented by Charles Black of \$622,039.00 (including alternates except site furnishings) or \$573,246.00 (without any alternates). The details of additional possible

savings with the design of the storm water system and the total amount of topsoil needed could produce additional savings once those items are addressed.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Holcomb, seconded by Commissioner Bryant there was a unanimous vote to approve Charles Black Construction, Inc. as the contractor for the White County Event Park Project with maximum county funding of \$550,000.00 from hotel / motel tourism product development funds, noting that if the City of Cleveland chose not to contribute to the project, the scope of the project would have to be scaled down to fit within the established budget.

Mr. David Murphy, Director of Public Safety, presented a request to the Board of Commissioners for the approval of the purchase of radio console / control upgrades for E911. He stated this project had been included in the FY 2014 budget as part of the continued radio system upgrade and the cost was \$162,367.75 from Mobile Communications at state contract price.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Holcomb, seconded by Commissioner Nix there was a unanimous vote to approve the purchase of radio console / control upgrades for E911 from Mobile Communications in the amount of \$162,367.75.

Ms. Vicki Mays, Finance Director, presented the monthly financial status report (see attached).

Commissioner Goodger presented the idea for the “Name Our Park”, in which citizens can submit recommendations to the Board of Commissioners for the naming of the White County Event Park – with the winning submission being awarded \$100.00.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Goodger, seconded by Commissioner Bryant there was a unanimous vote to approve the “Name Our Park” contest.

Commissioner Bryant stated that he wanted the Board to consider paying employees for any accrued vacation hours in excess of eighty (80) hours as of the end of this calendar year (this year this year only) – as opposed to this time being forfeited per the current policy.

Ms. Shanda Murphy stated that this amount would not be in excess of \$82,000.00.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Goodger there was a unanimous vote to approve the paying of accrued vacation hours in excess of eighty (80) hours as of the end of the calendar year – as opposed to this time being forfeited per the current policy – and with the budget amendment necessary for this expenditure to be taken from general fund being approved as well.

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

-See The Following Closed Meeting Affidavit-

*Minutes of the Executive Session are sealed and maintained by the County Clerk pursuant to*

November 25, 2013 – Called Meeting Minutes

*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 Nix, seconded by Commissioner Goodger there was a unanimous vote to adjourn the Called Meeting.

The minutes of the November 25, 2013 Called Meeting 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