

**WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2014 AT 4:30 P.M.**

The White County Board of Commissioners held a Regular Meeting on Monday, January 27, 2014 at 4:30 p.m. in the Board Room at the White County Administration Building. Present at the meeting were: Chairman Travis Turner, Commissioner Terry Goodger, Commissioner Lyn Holcomb, Commissioner Edwin Nix, Commissioner Craig Bryant, County Manager Michael Melton, County Attorney Bill House, and County Clerk Shanda Murphy.

Chairman Turner called the meeting to order.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Pastor Marc Turner of the Cleveland Worship Center provided the invocation.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Nix, seconded by Commissioner Goodger there was a unanimous vote to adopt the minutes of the January 19, 2014 Regular Meeting, including the sealed Executive Session Minutes.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Nix, seconded by Commissioner Holcomb there was a unanimous vote to adopt the following resolution:



**WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**A RESOLUTION**

Commending the Association County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG) on the Occasion of its Centennial

**WHEREAS**, Georgia's counties, as the level of government closest to the people, partner with the State of Georgia to ensure a high quality of life for all the citizens of the State; and

**WHEREAS**, counties serve as the administrative arm of state government, provide numerous services that protect the health, safety and well-being of the people, and foster the growth of business opportunities throughout Georgia; and

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**WHEREAS**, ACCG was founded in 1914 when county commissioners came together to support “the good roads movement” by committing county funds to improve state roads and by backing the creation of the state’s first highway department; and

**WHEREAS**, for the past 100 years, ACCG has served with integrity and distinction as the respected legislative advocate for and voice of Georgia’s 159 counties; and, in that role has provided credible leadership on numerous public policy issues facing the state and its citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, during its 100-year history, ACCG has broadened its purpose beyond legislative advocacy to include leadership development, civic and community engagement, and member services such as insurance and retirement programs, facility and equipment financing, and volume-pricing programs designed to meet specialized local government needs and save taxpayer dollars; and

**WHEREAS**, White County as a member of ACCG receives benefits of pooled insurance & risk management resources, financing opportunities, managerial support, technical assistance programs, training opportunities, legislative advocacy; and

**WHEREAS**, White County commends ACCG for their continuous efforts to ensure that the 159 counties in the State of Georgia can provide the necessary leadership, services, and programs to meet the health, safety, and welfare needs of their citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, 2014 marks the centennial anniversary of the founding of ACCG, it is fitting and proper that White County recognizes the accomplishments and rich history of this distinguished organization.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS** commends ACCG, Georgia’s county association, for 100 years of dedicated service on behalf of the counties and citizens of this State and offers their best wishes for continued success.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the county clerk is authorized and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mike Berg, Chairman of the Dawson County Board of Commissioners and President of ACCG and Ross King, Executive Director of ACCG.

**RESOLVED** this 27<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2014.

**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-

Ms. Marcie Kreager, with Advanced Disposal, stated that Advanced Disposal entered into a contract with White County for the operation of the White County Transfer Station on July 1, 2010. The term of the contract was one (1) year in duration with the option to renew another four (4) consecutive years for a potential total of five (5) years – ending June 30, 2015. Ms. Kreager stated that Advanced Disposal was requesting an additional five (5) year contract with no change in the tipping fee (currently at \$43.75 per ton) and the host fee schedule. Chairman Turner emphasized that even if the current Board agreed to the extension of the present contract, one County Board cannot bind another County Board under Georgia Law. Ms. Kreager indicated that she understood this. The Board asked for Advanced Disposal’s help in reminding haulers to tarp their loads, as a great deal of liter is collecting on the sides of Hwy 129 exiting the facility. The Board asked Mr. Melton to research the possibilities of having a prison work detail assist with the cleaning up of the right of way in this area. Advanced Disposal also stated they would be willing to assist with clean-up efforts as well as partnering to have restroom facilities installed at the Transfer Station. The Board expressed their appreciation to Mr. Bobby Bright, Advanced Disposal, for his responsiveness and management of the Transfer Station.

There was a consensus of the Board of Commissioners that this item should be placed on the next voting meeting’s agenda on March 3, 2014.

Commissioner Goodger reviewed the seventy-seven (77) suggestions submitted by forty-four (44) different people for the naming of the White County Event Park. There was discussion regarding the suggestions of “White County Freedom Park” and “White County Commons”.

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Upon a motion made by Commissioner Holcomb, seconded by Commissioner Bryant there was a unanimous vote to waive the building permit fees (\$30.00) related to the Sautee Community Association's construction on their Heritage Site.

The Board of Commissioners stated that in the future they would ask that staff handle the waiving of these types fees without the issue being brought before the Board of Commissioners

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Goodger, seconded by Commissioner Holcomb there was a unanimous vote to name the park - "White County Freedom Park". It was acknowledged that General Russell Weiskircher had submitted the name in the form of "Freedom Plaza"; therefore he would receive the \$100.00 prize of the winning submission.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Nix there was a unanimous vote to accept the Citizens Emergency Response Team (CERT) Grant Award from the Department of Homeland Security in the amount of \$10,000.00 (no cash match).

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Nix there was a unanimous vote to approve the necessary FY 2014 Budget Adjustments related to the acceptance of the \$10,000.00 CERT Grant.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Holcomb, seconded by Commissioner Bryant there was a unanimous vote to adopt the following surplus resolution (County Resolution No. 2014-03), with funds from the sale being designated for the White County Fire Department's purchase of new equipment:

**WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2014-03**

**TO DECLARE CERTAIN PROPERTY OWNED BY WHITE COUNTY TO BE SURPLUS PROPERTY; TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISPOSAL OF SAID PROPERTY BY ON-LINE AUCTION THROUGH GOVDEALS; TO PROVIDE FOR ADVERTISING OF SAID DISPOSITION OF SAID PROPERTY; AND TO AUTHORIZE A REPRESENTATIVE OF WHITE COUNTY TO EXECUTE ANY TITLE TRANSFERS AND BILLS OF SALE ON THE PROPERTY.**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of White County have determined that certain County-owned property is surplus; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of White County desires to dispose of said property through the government on-line auction and to give public notice of said disposition;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of White County, Georgia, and it is hereby resolved by the authority of the same as follows:

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The Board of Commissioners of White County hereby declares that the property described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference is surplus and shall be disposed of by the county by government on-line auction to the highest responsible bidder for each item. All surplus personal property will be sold "as is" and must be removed from the county property by the successful bidder within ten (10) days from the award of the bid, except as otherwise provided in Exhibit "A." -2-

The Board of Commissioners of White County reserves the right to refuse any and all bids on said property. -3-

The County Manager is hereby authorized to execute any title transfers and bills of sale to the successful bidders on the personal property.

**ADOPTED**, this 27<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2014.

**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

**WHITE COUNTY  
SURPLUS PROPERTY  
TO BE SOLD "AS IS/WHERE IS"**

Description	Quantity
1991 Ford F350 Mini-Pumper/Rescue	1
Self Contained Breathing Apparatus	48
SCBA Bottles	71
Winco 4000W Generator	1
Hurst Cutter	1
Holmatro Pump	2
Holmatro Cutter	1
Cascade Cylinders 4500PSI	7
Winco 2500W Generator	1

**-Exhibit A-**

-End of Resolution-

Chairman Turner presented the most recent communication from the City of Cleveland to White County regarding the proposed annexation of 15.28 +/- acres of the right of way of Georgia Hwy 11 (U.S. 129) as relates to the installation of their sewer facilities. He stated that the Board of Commissioners wanted to partner with the City of Cleveland in moving this annexation through the Georgia General Assembly as an amendment of the Charter of the City of Cleveland; however the County needed to see the actual proposed legislation, as required by Georgia Law and as advised by the County Attorney, prior to issuing their support for the annexation. Chairman Turner stated that he would like to see the County support this annexation request contingent upon the following language being included in the legislation “this shall not permit or allow the City of Cleveland to create any unincorporated island or islands along the property being annexed by this legislation”. There was discussion regarding the City of Cleveland being responsible for the patrolling of Georgia Hwy 11 (U.S.129) and the County being responsible for serving the properties located outside of the right of way.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Holcomb, seconded by Commissioner Goodger there was a unanimous vote to agree in support of the City of Cleveland’s proposed annexation of 15.28 +/- acres of the right of way of Georgia Hwy 11 (U.S. 129) as presented contingent upon the stated language being added to the proposed legislation not permitting or allowing the City of Cleveland to create any unincorporated island or islands along the property being annexed by the legislation.

Mr. Melton presented the monthly Financial Status Report (see attached).

There was discussion regarding carpeting the lobby at the White County Tax Commissioners Office, which Mr. Melton was asked to work with Ms. Cindy Cannon, Tax Commissioner, on.

There was a consensus that the expenses which needed to be approved for the Enotah Budget related to reimbursements to Union County should be placed on the next meeting agenda for consideration.

Mr. Tom O’Bryant provided an update on the OTP Property Project – stating that the Georgia Department of Natural Resources (DNR) would be conducting a site study for the proposed shooting & archery ranges and the Southern Off-Road Bicycle Association (SORBA) was waiting on the results of the grant which had been submitted for the multi-purpose trail system. Commissioner Nix stated he was awaiting information on bridge specifications, as he was hopeful there would be some resources available through the RC&D for the bridge project.

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

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-See Attached Closed Meeting Affidavit-

*Minutes of the Executive Session are sealed and maintained by the County Clerk pursuant to O.C.G.A. §50-14-1(e)(2)(C).*

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Holcomb, seconded by Commissioner Nix there was a unanimous vote to exit Executive Session.

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

The minutes of the January 27, 2014 Regular Meeting are approved as stated this 3rd day of March, 2014.

**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

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s/Shanda Murphy

Shanda Murphy, County Clerk