

WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION HELD

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2014 AT 4:30 P.M.

The purpose of the work session is to discuss agenda items for the Regular Meeting to be held Monday, March 3, 2014 at 4:30 p.m.

The White County Board of Commissioners held a Work Session on Monday, March 3, 2014 at 4:30 p.m. in the Board Room of 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, Finance Director Vicki Mays, and County Clerk Shanda Murphy.

MR. BUDDY BELFLOWER TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE PART-TIME STAFFING FOR THE NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION (NRCS) OFFICE IN WHITE COUNTY.

Mr. Buddy Belflower indicated that several of the NRCS personnel in the region that included White County had retired in the recent months, including himself. He stated that with White County having an office space available he would be working on a part-time basis (2 days per week) serving White County and the surrounding area. No action is required for this item; this discussion was to informational purposes only.

DISCUSS RENEWING THE ANNUAL HVAC MAINTENANCE CONTRACT WITH A & A ELECTRIC, INC. FOR ALL COUNTY BUILDINGS, EXCLUDING THE WHITE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

Mr. Melton presented that A&A Electric had done a good job with the HVAC maintenance contract since April 2013; their contract allowed for one (1) automatic annual renewal if parties agreed, and A&A had confirmed they would continue this service at the same cost as they had for 2013-2014.

There was a consensus that the renewal of this maintenance agreement would be placed on the March 3, 2014 Consent Agenda.

DISCUSS THE BIDS RECEIVED FOR THE TRIPLE SURFACING OF LEATHERFORD ROAD (LOTHRIDGE ROAD TO HWY 115 E).

The bids received were presented: Colditz @ \$62,667.00 and Colwell @ \$78,170.00. Mr. Melton stated that the recommendation was to award the contract to Colditz. There was discussion regarding having someone from Colditz look at the bridge on Webster Lake Road while they were in this area of the County working on this project – since Colditz had resurfaced this road several years ago and there are issues with the approach at the bridge. Mr. Melton indicated that this repair was part of the Bridge Maintenance Program which KCI was working on. Chairman

Turner asked that Mr. Melton have Colditz look at the bridge approach while there are working on Leatherford Road.

There was a consensus that the awarding of the contract for the triple surfacing of Leatherford Road to Colditz be placed on the March 3, 2014 Consent Agenda.

DISCUSS THE CURRENT COUNTY EMPLOYEE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE & OTHER PAID TIME OFF GRANTED TO COUNTY EMPLOYEES.

The discussion of this item was postponed until the March Work Session, at Commissioner Bryant's request.

DISCUSS THE REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST SUBMITTED BY UNION COUNTY TO THE ENOTAH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT RELATED TO EXPENDITURES MADE BY UNION COUNTY IN 2013 ON BEHALF OF THE CIRCUIT.

Ms. Vicki Mays stated that Union County had miscoded some expenses related to the Enotah Judicial Circuit in 2013 and they were now requesting reimbursement for these expenses totaling \$2,584.56 – of which White County's portion would be \$788.81. She indicated this could be paid from the Enotah Judicial Circuit's fund balance.

There was a consensus that approval of this reimbursement to Union County would be placed on the March 3, 2014 Consent Agenda.

DISCUSS A SURPLUS RESOLUTION FOR OBSOLETE OFFICE EQUIPMENT ASSIGNED TO THE TAX COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

Ms. Shanda Murphy stated that Ms. Cindy Cannon, Tax Commissioner, had 8 large HP printers, 1 typewriter, and 1 fax machine which were obsolete for her office and she was requesting the Board of Commissioners to approve the surplus of these items with funds from the sale returning to her department for the purchase of bar code scanners.

There was a consensus that surplus of these items would be placed on the March 3, 2014 Consent Agenda.

Mr. Melton presented an overview of SB299, detailing that current Department of Natural Resources rules require 150-ft stream buffers on waters seven miles upstream of drinking water reservoirs and intakes, allowing some variances if other water protection measures are taken. This bill will allow for diminishment of those buffers so long as the water treatment facility remains able to clean the water to drinking standards. The state's 25-ft (all streams) and 50-ft buffers (trout streams) are not impacted by this legislation. He explained that White County Code also requires the same (current) 150-ft stream buffer and if this bill passed, the Board of Commissioners would have the authority to revise this to less than 150-ft for the applicable areas.

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Commissioner Goodger asked that the Board of Commissioners consider adopting a resolution in order to emphasize the renaming of the former Detention Center to the White County Administration Office.

There was a consensus that the Board would consider such resolution at the March 3, 2014 Regular Meeting.

There was discussion regarding options surrounding the reopening of Claude Sims Road in order to connect the Cleveland By-Pass with school facilities, etc. - and the Board of Commissioners asked that staff bring information to the Board regarding these options in thirty (30) days.

Mr. Melton provided an overview of the Event Park Project – he indicated that an unexpected cost had arose in having the Windstream phone lines and the HEMC fiber lines relocated underground. Although these lines are located on the Georgia Power poles the agreement the County had approved with Georgia Power did not include the relocation of the Windstream and HEMC lines. He stated that Windstream provided a cost of \$23,000.00 and HEMC provided a cost of \$12,000.00. Mr. Melton indicated this could be paid from project contingency.

There was a consensus that approval of the relocation agreements with Windstream and HEMC would be placed on the March 3, 2014 voting agenda.

Mr. Melton presented information that he had obtained, at the Board's direction regarding the cost to obtain a work detail crew from Colwell Probation Detention Center – the cost would be \$39,500.00 per year.

There was a consensus that the options for obtaining a work detail crew would be discussed at the March Work Session – including a list of projects which the detail would be assigned to.

There was a consensus that Advanced Disposal's contract renewal for operation of the White County Transfer Station would be included on the March 3, 2014 voting agenda.

REVIEW THE AGENDA FOR THE MARCH 3, 2014 REGULAR MEETING.

The agenda for the March 3, 2014 Regular Meeting was reviewed and approved based on the details above.

The minutes of the February 24, 2014 Work Session were approved by the White County Board of Commissioners.

March 3, 2014

S/Shanda Murphy
Shanda Murphy, County Clerk