

WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF THE CALLED MEETING HELD

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2014 AT 8:00 A.M.

The White County Board of Commissioners held a Called Meeting on Thursday, October 16, 2014 at 8:00 a.m. in the Board Room at the White County Administration Building. Present at the meeting were; Chairman Travis Turner, Commissioner Lyn Holcomb, Commissioner Edwin Nix, Commissioner Craig Bryant, County Manager Michael Melton, and County Clerk Shanda Murphy.

Chairman Turner called the meeting to order.

Mr. Mitch Posey, Special Agent in Charge with the Georgia Bureau of Investigations – presented the Board with the Memorandum of Intergovernmental and Interagency Agreement that reflected the regional concept for the North Georgia Regional Drug Enforcement Office (NGRDEO) formerly known as the Appalachian Drug Task Force. He explained that the task force would be expanding from White, Towns, Lumpkin, and Banks Counties – to also include Habersham, Stephens, and Rabun Counties – as well as resources from the Georgia Bureau of Investigations, the Georgia Department of Public Safety. Mr. Posey stated that with the expansion of the task force they would be increasing the amount applied for from the federal grant from \$144,000.00 to \$430,000.00.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Holcomb there was a unanimous vote to approve the Memorandum of Intergovernmental and Interagency Agreement with The North Georgia Regional Drug Enforcement Office (formerly known as The Appalachian Drug Task Force) effective October 17, 2014 until December 31, 2015, in cooperation with:

- Georgia Bureau of Investigations,
- Georgia Department of Public Safety,
- Lumpkin County,
- Towns County,
- Banks County,
- Habersham County,
- Stephens County,
- Rabun County,
- Enotah Circuit District Attorney’s Office, and
- Mountain Circuit District Attorney’s Office

for combating the illicit drug trade within the State of Georgia and in particular the designated seven (7) county North Georgia area.

Mr. Melton provided the Board with an update on the progress of renovations to the main building at Yonah Preserve where the North Georgia Regional Drug Enforcement Office (NGRDEO) would be locating. He reported that renovations were going well and one schedule.

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Mr. Posey indicated that their office had caused some delays with the progress due to time needed to develop specifications for the evidence room and IT related needs.

The Board directed that the salt shed project be rebid – as the previous bids presented were too high. Mr. Melton stated that he would coordinate the re-bidding of the project. They also directed that a salt supplier be contacted for purchase of salt and determine if the supplier could hold the salt supply for approximately ninety (90) days.

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

The minutes of the October 16, 2014 Called Meeting are hereby approved this 1st day of December, 2014.

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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