

## **WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

### **MINUTES OF THE CALLED MEETING HELD**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2014 AT 8:00 A.M.**

The White County Board of Commissioners held a Called Meeting on Friday, September 5, 2014 at 8:00 a.m. in the Board Room at the White County Administration Building. The purpose of the Called Meeting was to consider approval of a contract for the improvement of eight (8) County Roads and to consider the funding source for the purchase of vehicles for the White County Sheriff's Office. 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.

Chairman Turner presented the following roads which were part of the contract being considered for road improvements:

- Gene Nix Road (1.19 Miles) Asbury Mill Road To The Bridge;
- Virgil Hunt Road (.48 Miles) Tesnatee Gap Valley Road To Town Creek Road;
- May White Road (.63 Miles) Webster Lake Road To Old Cherokee Road;
- Lynch Mountain Road (.30 Miles) SR 255 To The Bridge;
- Apricot Drive (.10 Miles) Boca Hills To End Of County Maintenance;
- Rabun Road (.97 Miles) SR 17 To Bean Creek Road;
- Gus Abernathy Road (.53 Miles) SR 356 To SR 356; And
- Mt. Pleasant Church Road (.34 Miles) Us 129 To Paradise Valley Road.

Mr. Melton presented the bids received for both triple surface treatment and asphalt, with Colwell Construction being the overall low bidder.

Chairman Turner stated that Mr. Kevin Hamby, SPLOST Manager, had confirmed that this project would fit into the 2008 SPLOST Program with sufficient funds being available.

Mr. Doug Dockery, Public Works Director, stated that none of the proposed roads had been prepped for paving at this time. Chairman Turner reviewed the schedule provided, indicating Mt. Pleasant Church Road, Lynch Mountain Road, and Apricot Drive could be prepped and paved this year. Mr. Dockery reminded the Board that the bids were based on ditch to ditch paving, with minimal prep work and he felt confident that the three (3) roads mentioned could be prepped and ready for paving this year, depending on the weather.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Nix, seconded by Commissioner Bryant there was a unanimous vote to pave the roads on the list being considered with asphalt, for the project to be completed as soon as possible, awarding to Colwell Construction at \$681,519.82 (contingent upon pricing guarantee into the 2015 paving season), and with the project to be paid from SPLOST – during discussion Commissioner Nix stated the he wanted the Board to consider (with consensus being confirmed) the prepping and paving of the entire length of Gene Nix Road.

Chairman Turner presented for consideration – the purchase of three (3) vehicles for the White County Sheriff's Office. Mr. Melton reviewed that all capitol purchases were removed from the FY 2015 budget

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– with these to be considered individually for purchase with SPLOST Funds. He indicated that the Sheriff's vehicle request was one of the capitol items which were removed from the FY 2015 Budget.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Goodger, seconded by Commissioner Bryant there was a unanimous vote to approve the White County Sheriff's Office purchase of three (3) vehicles in an amount not to exceed \$115,000.00 – to be paid from SPLOST.

Sheriff Neal Walden presented information to the Board of Commissioners regarding the planned expansion of the Appalachian Drug Task Force (ADTF) by December 1, 2014 which would include a GBI Special Agent, a GBI Agent, and a State Trooper. He stated that additional space was needed for this expansion and there had been discussion on utilizing the main building at Yonah Preserve for this use. Sheriff Walden indicated that additional growth was also expected in the future with the Task Force. He indicated that the first phase of the expansion would require the renovated facility at Yonah Preserve to be available by December 1, 2014.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Nix, seconded by Commissioner Holcomb there was a unanimous vote to empower Mr. Melton to begin coordinating the renovations (up to the \$50,000.00 in SPLOST funds previously designated by the Board) to the main building at Yonah Preserve for the occupancy of the expanded Appalachian Drug Task Force by December 1, 2014. Mr. Melton stated that as much of the work as possible would be done in-house, however a portion may have to be bid out.

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

The minutes of the September 5, 2014 Called Meeting are hereby approved as stated this 6th day of October, 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