

**WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD**

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2015 AT 4:30 P.M.**

The White County Board of Commissioners held a Regular Meeting on Monday, February 2, 2015 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, County Attorney Bill House, Finance Director Vicki Mays, and County Clerk Shanda Murphy.

Chairman Turner called the meeting to order.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Rev. Tim Morgan of Faith Lutheran Church 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 January 5, 2015 (including Executive Session Minutes), the Work Session held January 27, 2015, and the Called Meeting held January 27, 2015 (including Executive Session Minutes).

A Proclamation was presented to Mr. Mike Allen in recognition of his contributions to White County.

The 2014 – 2015 White County Chamber of Commerce Youth Leadership Class was recognized. This Class included: Co-Chair Patrick Ballington, Co-Chair Brenda Helton, Chamber Liaison Vicky Frankum, Sarah Bell, Laura Hewell, Sinead O'Bryant, William Berry, Madeline Bryson, Jaycee Dykes, Stephen Jones, Matthew Marciano, Chandler Miller, and Cheyenne Smith.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Nix, seconded by Commissioner Holcomb there was a unanimous vote to approve the following consent agenda:

Approval of Georgia Mountain Rentals request for refund of hotel motel excise tax paid 2011 to 2013 for four (4) rental properties physically located in Habersham County in the amount of \$13,707.59;

Approval of support for a resolution presented by the White County Chamber of Commerce requesting the Georgia General Assembly officially designate the Cleveland Bypass as the Appalachian Parkway;

Acceptance of the 2015 grant for the North Georgia Regional Drug Enforcement Office (NGRDEO) in the amount of \$359,412.00 for operation of the multi-jurisdictional drug task force (White, Lumpkin, Towns, Union, Banks, Stephens, and Rabun counties);

Approval of designation of CHA for engineering services for the bridge installation at the White County Recreation Complex in order to connect the Asbestos Road Park with Yonah Preserve– with engineering fees to be paid from SPLOST;

Approval of the widening of the inside curve at the intersection of Mauldin Road on the eastside of Asbestos Road in the amount of \$7,000.00 (materials) to be paid from the 2008 SPLOST account; and

Adoption of the Paid Time Off (PTO) Policy – replacing sections 12.09, 12.10, 12.22, & 12.23 of the White County Personnel Management System.

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-End of Consent Agenda-

Mr. Bill House presented the final decision and action response document related to the denial of appeal for the variance request made by Verizon Wireless for property located at 23 Sonny's Circle.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Goodger, seconded by Commissioner Holcomb there was a unanimous vote to table consideration of this document due to the Board just having received the final revision. Mr. House advised that today was the deadline for submitting this response. There was a consensus that this item would be address later in the meeting.

Mr. Kevin Hamby, CHA SPLOST Manager, presented the monthly SPLOST Status Report – noting collections were up by 15% and half of the debt services designated to be paid from the initial funds of the new (2014) SPLOST had been accounted for. He stated that a work session dated needed to be established in order to prioritize various projects for the 2014 SPLOST.

Ms. Vicki Mays, Finance Director, presented the monthly Financial Status Report (see attached).

Mr. Mike Melton had no comments of the County Manager's section.

Chairman Turner opened the floor for citizen participation.

Ms. Cindy Bailey, President of the White County Chamber of Commerce, provided an update on Chamber activities and expressed appreciation to the Board of Commissioners for their support of the Chamber.

Mr. Mark Johnson, President of the White County Historical Society, announced that 2015 was the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Historical Society. He noted that several events would be planned through the year including an event on May 23, 2015 at Freedom Park.

Ms. Vicky Frankum, White County Chamber, expressed what a great loss the passing of General Russ Wieskircher was for the White County Community. It was stated that a memorial service was being planned for later in the year.

Ms. Judy Lovell recognized Commissioner Edwin Nix's recent appointment to the Coosa River North Georgia Water Council.

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

-See the Following Closed Meeting Affidavit-

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

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Goodger there was a unanimous vote to rescind a vote made on January 27, 2015 to pay medical claims associated with Volunteer Firefighter Jason Ravan.

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Upon a motion made by Commissioner Holcomb, seconded by Commissioner Bryant there was a unanimous vote to approve the final decision and action response document related to the denial of appeal for the variance request made by Verizon Wireless for property located at 23 Sonny's Circle.

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

The minutes of the February 2, 2015 Regular Meeting are hereby approved as stated this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2015.

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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