

WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2015 AT 4:30 P.M.

The White County Board of Commissioners held a Regular Meeting on Monday, October 5, 2015 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 John Chiara of The Bridge Church provided the invocation.

Chairman Turner expressed the Board of Commissioner's appreciation to the various departments which had worked during and after the recent storms including: Road Department, Sheriff's Office, Fire Department, Emergency Management, and 911.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Goodger there was a unanimous vote to adopt the minutes of the Called Meeting held August 31, 2015, the Called Meeting (including sealed Executive Session Minutes held September 17, 2015, and the Work Session held September 28, 2015).

Upon presentation of proclamation, Sunday, November 1, 2015 was declared "Retired Educator's Day in White County".

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

- Approval of Addendum #1 for the Fiscal Year 2016 Contract with Legacy Link for Senior Services; and
- Approval of an amendment by resolution (County Resolution No. 2015-10) to the Fire Service Fee Schedule – White County Code Chapter 26 (Emergency Services) Article 5 (County Fire Services) Section 26-127 (Fire Service Fees and Charges) as follows:

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RESOLUTION NO. 2015-10

A RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, White County had previously established a schedule of Fire Service Fees and Charges with the adoption of County Resolution 2006-04 on January 31, 2006 as a means of spreading the cost of maintaining a fire and emergency response department to the users of the department and reducing the tax burden on taxpayers;

NOW THEREFORE, the White County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the following amended fee schedule pertaining Fire Service Fees and Charges as a means of establishing a more valid fee structure for the billable services provided by the department:

**FEE SCHEDULE AMENDMENT NO. 2015- 10 TO RESOLUTION NO. 2006-04
AMENDING WHITE COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 26 (EMERGENCY SERVICES)
ARTICLE 5 (COUNTY FIRE SERVICES)
SECTION 26-127 (FIRE SERVICE FEES AND CHARGES)**

INCIDENT RESPONSE/ITEMIZED RATE STRUCTURE – (MVC/FIRE/HAZMAT etc.)

All Incident response cost recovery will be billed using “hourly” rates, (hourly per apparatus) based on ” fully calculated rates” fee structure, as recommended per FEMA per commissioned study, with additional itemization for consumable materials utilized, special procedures performed and damaged equipment costs incurred during incident response.

Heavy Apparatus - \$275 per hour

Includes engines, aerials, rescues, air/light units, etc.

Light Apparatus - \$195 per hour

Includes brush units, support vehicles, etc.

Command Staff Vehicles - \$175 per hour

Battalion buggies, EMS Supervisors, etc.

Procedural /Consumable Material / Equipment - Line Itemization:

Extrication (w/o use of hydraulic tools) = \$795

Extrication with the use of hand tools

Extrication (with use of hydraulic tools) = \$1,945

Extrication with the use of hydraulic tools (Jaws, Cutters, Spreaders, Ram etc.)

Landing Zone (with extrication) - \$2245

Landing zone command and control (with extrication services)

Landing Zone (w/o extrication) - \$995

Landing zone command and control (without extrication services)

Light Tower - \$42 per hour

Operation of Light tower and generator to provide scene lighting.

Other Equipment as Utilized – (i.e. airbags, cribbing, sawzall etc.) – current “fully calculated” rate, per item/per hour.

Consumable Materials/Damaged Equipment – at replacement or repair cost / (adheres to average costing which may be updated periodically per market increases. A current rate sheet can be supplied per request).

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MINIMUM RATES: (minimum billing amount if combined hourly rates per apparatus, do not meet minimum rates below)

Single Apparatus Response - minimum rate of 1 hour per apparatus/per response (minimum rate \$275)

Multiple Apparatus minimum rate of .5 hours per apparatus/per response (minimum rate \$275)

Basic Covered Services: Scene safety & hazard control including perimeter command and control to protect and isolate the scene, hazard assessment & securing - including containment of hazard Materials (i.e. hazardous material spills such as gasoline/diesel fuel, motor oil, coolant or antifreeze) which may be flammable, dangerous to the environment, or cause other hazards such as slippery conditions, debris cleanup from roadway, vehicle systems safety assurance (i.e. disable potential ignition sources such as electrical/power supply systems), fire suppression / fire suppression stand-by.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the White County Fire Department or designee is hereby directed to issue invoices to insurance companies for such fire services and to collect such fees on behalf of White County. However, if no response or payment is received from the applicable insurance company, the insured WILL NOT be contacted or invoiced by White County or any representative or contractor thereof.

PENALTY. Any person, firm or corporation who violates any of the provisions of this Resolution shall upon conviction be punished by a fine not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100.00) or imprisonment not to exceed thirty (30) days in jail.

REPEALER. All Resolutions or parts of Resolutions in conflict with provisions of this Resolution are hereby repealed.

SEVERABILITY CLAUSE. If any section, provision, or part of this Resolution were adjudged to be invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the Resolution as a whole or any section, provision, or thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

RESOLVED, this 5th day of October, 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

Attest: <u>s/Shanda Murphy</u> Shanda Murphy, County Clerk
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-End of Resolution-

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Goodger, seconded by Commissioner Holcomb there was a unanimous vote to approve a co-application (with Hall & Habersham Counties), inducement resolution, and a letter of support to the Georgia One Authority for funding for construction improvements to the Lake Lanier Olympic Venue at Clarks Bridge Park in Hall County Georgia.

Ms. Jodi Ligon, Finance Assistant, presented the monthly Financial Status Report (see attached).

During the County Manger Comments section, Chairman Turner asked Mr. Melton to check on the status of the renovation plans to the Courthouse Entrance from Charles Black Construction.

Chairman Turner opened the floor for citizen participation.

Ms. Teresa Stansel, 2521 Adair Mill Road Cleveland, GA – Ms. Stansel presented a remonstrance to the Board of Commissioners regarding her concerns about disparaging practices toward women in allowing public comment and her concerns about the land use ordinance.

Chairman Turner responded to her previous and presently noted concerns stating that the Board of Assessor's Office was responsible for determining fair market value of properties and establishing conservation easements, White County had not entered into an agreements or treaties with the United Nations, Mr. Bill House County Attorney stated that the Board of Commissioners are not bound to issue replies to the remonstrance(s) which Ms. Stansel and others have submitted. Chairman Turner emphasized that Ms. Stansel had been allowed to speak during numerous citizen participation occasions.

Ms. Stansel asked if the Board would be willing to provide her a public forum in which to discuss the issues of her concern. There was no indication that such a forum would be allowed by the Board.

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With no further public comment, and upon a motion made by Commissioner Holcomb, seconded by Commissioner Bryant there was a unanimous vote to enter into Executive Session in order to discuss personnel and potential litigation.

-See the Following Closed Meeting Affidavit-

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

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

The minutes of the October 5, 2015 Regular Meeting are hereby approved as stated this 2nd day of November, 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