

WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION HELD

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2015 AT 4:30 P.M.

The purpose of the work session is to discuss agenda items for the Regular Meeting to be held Monday, October 5, 2015 at 4:30 p.m.

The White County Board of Commissioners held a Work Session on Monday, September 28, 2015 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, and County Clerk Shanda Murphy.

Chairman Turner announced that White County had been awarded an Employment Incentive Program (EIP) Grant through the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for improvements to Carolina Springs Road – where employer Black Bear Lodge (Substance Abuse Treatment Center) is located. The amount of the grant was \$358,501.00 and was connected to the 200+ jobs which Black Bear Lodge had brought to White County since they opened approximately two (2) years ago. Georgia Senator Steve Gooch was on hand to congratulate White County on the grant award. Chairman Turner expressed White County's appreciation to White County's state legislators for their assistance and support in applying for the grant.

MR. CHIP PEARSON WITH THE PENDLETON GROUP TO MAKE A PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD REGARDING SERVICES PROVIDED BY THEIR ORGANIZATION.

Mr. Pearson gave an overview The Pendleton Group and projects they have worked on in rural areas in Georgia. He stated that their focus was to get key people in the community together to focus on and prioritize projects related to economic development in a fast paced method- with the main focus being on projects in the short-term as opposed to a ten or twenty year extended plan.

Chairman Turner stated that he wanted Mr. Tom O'Bryant, Director of Community & Economic Development, to provide feedback to the Board on his thoughts in the coming weeks about the opportunity of engaging The Pendleton Group.

DISCUSS ADDENDUM #1 FOR THE FY 2016 CONTRACT WITH LEGACY LINK (SENIOR SERVICES).

The addendum was presented and Ms. Bonnie York, Director of Senior Services, explained that the increased cost to the County was due to an increase in administration for Legacy Link and an increase in the cost of home delivered and congregate meals. She stated that she had review the addendum, it was acceptable to her, and that any additional funds needed could be covered by contributions. Chairman Turner emphasized that if additional funds were needed – the Board was

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fully supportive of funding the Senior Services at the level needed. He asked that staff confirm the total dollar amount different with the addendum.

There was a consensus that this item would be placed on the October 5, 2015 Regular Meeting Consent Agenda.

DISCUSS OPTIONS FOR CONTRACTING THE PREPARATION WORK FOR THE 2016 (SPRING) PAVING PROJECTS.

Mr. Terry Palmer, Public Works Director, requested that the Board of Commissioners consider contracting the preparation work for the upcoming road paving projects. He stated that the department did not have the resources to prep the roads to be paved while also maintaining other county roads.

There was a consensus that the Board wanted Mr. Palmer to obtain an estimate for prep work to be done on Barrett Mill Road, Shuler Road, and Yonah Valley Road in order for them to have an idea on the potential cost of contracting this portion of the work out.

DISCUSS AN AMENDMENT 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).

Mr. David Murphy, Director of Public Safety, stated that the Fire Department had been informed that the fee schedule which was adopted in 2006 was outdated according to insurance industry standards and the contracted collections company (Covenant Solutions) had requested that the county update their ordinance in order to reflect a more quantifiable rate structure as opposed to the current flat fee schedule. Mr. Murphy stressed that response fees are only billed to the insurance company (never the individual) for motor vehicle accidents (billed to auto insurer) and fire response (bill to property owners insurance).

There was a consensus that this item would be placed on the October 5, 2015 Regular Meeting Consent Agenda.

DISCUSS YONAH PRESERVE BRIDGE PROJECT & THE MILITARY MEMORIAL MONUMENT PROJECT.

Mr. Melton presented a preliminary plan from Carter & Sloope Engineering for the Yonah Preserve Bridge design. He stated that surveys showed that the Adams property was 200' closer than the GSI maps indicated, therefore the placement of the bridge would need to be adjusted included reducing the buffer with the adjacent property from 75' to 25'. Mr. Melton stated that the bid documents would be ready in about four (4) weeks with the finals plans to be ready in a week or so. Commissioner Nix stated that the grade was greater than 16% allowed by the County. Mr. Melton stated that he would discuss with the engineer. Mr. Melton explained that the plans for the Freedom Park Military Monument would be available in about a week or so. Commissioner Goodger said the monument project would be ready to begin by the first of 2016 and would take about thirty (30) days to complete.

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REVIEW THE AGENDA FOR THE OCTOBER 5, 2015 REGULAR MEETING.

The agenda for the October 5, 2015 Regular Meeting was reviewed and approved.

Chairman Turner spoke of the successful community event held the past weekend including the Agri-Fest, the Pottery Comes to Town Show, and the Indian Artifact Show.

Ms. Teresa Stansel asked for public comment – Chairman Turner reviewed the policy with her that non-agenda items were allowed for public participation at the Regular Meetings, not at Work Sessions. He stated this had been the policy for a number of years.

The Work Session was adjourned.

The minutes of the September 28, 2015 Work Session were approved by the White County Board of Commissioners.

October 5, 2015

s/Shanda Murphy

Shanda Murphy, County Clerk