

WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION & REGULAR MEETING HELD

MONDAY, MARCH 28, 2016 AT 4:30 P.M.

The White County Board of Commissioners held a combined Work Session and Regular Meeting on Monday, March 28, 2016 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, Finance Director Vicki Mays, and County Clerk Shanda Murphy.

Chairman Turner called the meeting to order.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Dean Dyer 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 March 7, 2016.

Upon presentation of proclamation to LifeLink of Georgia, April 2016 was declared “Donate Life Month” in White County.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Holcomb, seconded by Commissioner Nix there was a unanimous vote to table the consideration of the fee structure for both the 2016 recreational football season and for gym use at the Asbestos Road Community Center.

Mr. Tread Syfan of Stewart, Melvin, & Frost presented the Board of Commissioners with information regarding the upcoming bond issuance for the White County Board of Education’s future construction projects. He explained that the bonds would be repaid with ESPLOST proceeds; however if ESPLOST collections did not meet the amount needed to repay the bonds – which was very unlikely – the Board of Commissioners would be required to coordinate the levying of tax to cover the repayment of the bonds. Mr. Syfan stated that the bonds would finance several construction projects for the Board of Education including a new Ninth Grade Academy and Auxiliary Gym. BOE Chair Kendyl Hunter, Superintendent Dr. Jeff Wilson, and Finance Director Trish Fussel represented the Board of Education.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Goodger, seconded by Commissioner Bryant there was a unanimous vote to adopt the following Tax Levy Resolution (County Resolution No 2016-04) for the White County Board of Education’s Series 2016 Bonds:

WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2016-04
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TAX LEVY RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, pursuant to a bond resolution adopted on June 23, 2015 and a Supplemental Bond Resolution adopted on March 22, 2016 (collectively, the "Bond Resolution"), the Board of Education of White County (the "Board of Education"), as managing and controlling body of the White County School District (the "District"), a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, authorized the issuance of two series of general obligation bonds of the District, one denoted as Series 2016 to be issued in the aggregate principal amount of \$12,085,000 (the "Series 2016 Bonds"), and the other as a series designated the calendar year of issuance to be issued in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$2,915,000 (the "Additional Series Bonds" and, together with the Series 2016 Bonds, the "Bonds"); and

WHEREAS, the Series 2016 Bonds are being issued for the purpose of providing funds to the District to pay or to be applied toward the cost of (i) acquiring, constructing and equipping one new ninth grade academy and an auxiliary gym at White County High School, (ii) adding to, constructing, renovating, repairing, improving and equipping existing school buildings and school system facilities, including athletic facilities, (iii) acquiring computers and computer technology equipment and software, including tablets and laptops, (iv) acquiring heating, air conditioning and energy efficiency equipment, and (v) paying the expenses incident to accomplish the foregoing, and for the purpose of payment of a portion of the interest on such debt; and

WHEREAS, the Additional Series Bonds will be issued to provide funds to the District to pay or to be applied toward a portion of the cost of substantially the same capital projects as those being financed by the Series 2016 Bonds; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education, being charged with the duty of managing the affairs of the District, has determined that in order to pay the principal of and the interest on the Bonds as the same become due and payable, whether by maturity, redemption or otherwise, to the extent such principal and interest is not satisfied from the proceeds of the 1% sales and use tax for educational purposes on all sales and uses in White County, Georgia ("Sales and Use Tax"), approved in the election held on March 17, 2015, and to the extent such interest on the Series 2016 Bonds is not satisfied from the construction fund for the Series 2016 Bonds, it is necessary that there be levied an annual tax upon all the taxable property in said District sufficient to raise the amounts set forth below in each of the calendar years preceding the calendar years set forth below; and

WHEREAS, proper certificates and recommendations have been made that a direct annual tax for such purposes be made in the amounts and for the years hereinafter stated; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that a tax be levied for the purpose of paying the principal of and interest on the Bonds due in each year, whether by maturity, redemption or otherwise, to the

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extent such principal and interest is not satisfied from the proceeds of the Sales and Use Tax and to the extent such interest on the Series 2016 Bonds is not satisfied from the construction fund to be created with the proceeds of the Series 2016 Bonds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of White County (the “Board of Commissioners”), and it is hereby resolved by authority of same, that there shall be and is hereby levied upon all the taxable property in the District, which comprises all of White County, a direct annual tax sufficient to raise in each of the years set forth below the sums set forth below in order to pay the principal of and interest on the Series 2016 Bonds and the Additional Series Bonds (when and if issued) as follows:

Series 2016 Bonds

Date	Principal	Interest	Total P&I
10/01/2016	\$ --	\$ 252,032	\$ 252,032
04/01/2017	--	281,775	281,775
10/01/2017	--	281,775	281,775
04/01/2018	--	281,775	281,775
10/01/2018	--	281,775	281,775
04/01/2019	2,035,000	281,775	2,316,775
10/01/2019	--	251,250	251,250
04/01/2020	2,325,000	251,250	2,576,250
10/01/2020	--	193,125	193,125
04/01/2021	2,450,000	193,125	2,643,125
10/01/2021	--	131,875	131,875
04/01/2022	2,575,000	131,875	2,706,875
10/01/2022	--	67,500	67,500
04/01/2023	<u>2,700,000</u>	<u>67,500</u>	<u>2,767,500</u>
Total	\$12,085,000.00	\$2,948,407	\$15,033,407

Additional Series Bonds

Date	Principal	Maximum Interest ⁽¹⁾	Maximum Total P&I ⁽¹⁾
10/01/2018	\$ --	\$ 80,162.50	\$ 80,162.50
04/01/2019	810,000	80,162.50	890,162.50
10/01/2019	--	57,887.50	57,887.50
04/01/2020	590,000	57,887.50	647,887.50
10/01/2020	--	41,662.50	41,662.50
04/01/2021	540,000	41,662.50	581,662.50
10/01/2021	--	26,812.50	26,812.50
04/01/2022	500,000	26,812.50	526,812.50
10/01/2022	--	13,062.50	13,062.50
04/01/2023	<u>475,000</u>	<u>13,062.50</u>	<u>488,062.50</u>
Total	\$2,915,000.00	\$439,175.00	\$3,354,175.00

⁽¹⁾ Based on the maximum interest rate approved for the Additional Series Bonds of 5.5% per annum; the actual interest rate on the Additional Series Bonds will probably be lower than the 5.5% annum. Also assumes issuance after April 1, 2018.

Said several sums are hereby irrevocably pledged and appropriated to the payment of the principal and interest on the Bonds as the same become due and payable, whether by maturity, redemption or otherwise, all to the extent such principal and interest is not satisfied from the proceeds of the Sales and Use Tax and to the extent such interest on the Series 2016 Bonds is not satisfied from the construction fund created with the proceeds of the Series 2016 Bonds. Said sums shown above for interest on the Additional Series Bonds reflect interest at the maximum interest rate of 5.5% per annum, and said sums shown above for principal on the Additional Series Bonds reflect the maximum principal of such Bonds to be issued. The amount of the tax levy for principal and interest on the Additional Series Bonds shall be adjusted to the sums required for principal in the actual amounts and for interest at the actual rate on the Additional Series Bonds to be established by the Board and which interest probably will be lower than the

maximum rate of 5.5% per annum. The tax levy for the Additional Series Bonds shall be effective only when and if such Bonds are issued by the District.

The said several sums shall be collected by the Tax Commissioner of White County in each of said years, and shall be annually paid into a fund to be maintained for and applied to the payment of principal and interest on the Bonds when due and provisions to meet the requirements of this paragraph shall be made annually thereafter, upon receipt of an annual certificate from the Board of Education certifying the rate of tax levy (if any) necessary to pay such debt service on the Bonds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by authority aforesaid that when the Additional Series Bonds are issued, the Board of Commissioners, upon certification by the Board of Education, shall adopt a resolution supplemental to this resolution specifying the principal of and interest on the Additional Series Bonds which is payable in each calendar year for which taxes must be levied in the event the proceeds from the Sales and Use Tax is not sufficient to pay the same.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the authority aforesaid that all orders and resolutions in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed.

Adopted by the Board of Commissioners of White County, Georgia, this 28th day of March, 2016.

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By: s/Travis C. Turner
Chairman, Board of Commissioners of White County

Attest: s/Shanda L. Murphy
Clerk of the Board of Commissioners of White County
(SEAL)

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Holcomb there was a unanimous vote to approve the expenditure of \$22,170.28 (State Contract Price) to Mobile Communications of Hall for emergency communication improvements to the Daybreak Tower Site as included in the FY 2016 Budget of restricted 911 Wireless Funds.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Nix there was a unanimous vote to award the bid of an outdoor warning siren to be installed at Fire Station # 3, (Sautee) to Federal Signal / EDN Systems in the amount of \$21,773.00 as included in the FY 2016 Budget.

Mr. David Murphy, Director of Public Safety, informed the Commissioners about the preliminary results of the County's ISO evaluation – stating that the County's rating had gone from a 6/6X to a 4/4Y – which represented the improvements the Board had made to Fire

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Services within the County and this would lower homeowner insurance premiums for many White County residents.

The Board asked Mr. Murphy to research the options of establishing an automatic aid agreement with Hall County, and report back to them the results.

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

Chairman Turner opened the floor for citizen participation.

Mr. Josh Littrell of Rabun County who is running for the District 8 State House Seat introduced himself to the Board and expressed his interest in working with White County.

Ms. Judy Lovell expressed The White County Historical Society's appreciation for the Board of Commissioner's support.

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 litigation and personnel.

-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.

Commissioner Bryant noted that The Sautee Nacoochee Community Association (SNCA) had requested to re-designate the funds remaining (\$4,800.00) from those funds originally provided by the County from Hotel / Motel Tax for the blacksmith exhibit to be used for the masterplan for the SNCA campus. Mr. Melton stated that he would research the re-designation on these funds.

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

The minutes of the March 28, 2016 Work Session and Regular Meeting are hereby approved as stated this 2nd day of May, 2016.

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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

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s/Edwin Nix

Edwin Nix, District 3

s/Craig Bryant

Craig Bryant, District 4

s/Shanda Murphy

Shanda Murphy, County Clerk