

WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES FROM CALLED MEETING HELD DECEMBER 10, 2007

AT 9:00 A.M.

The White County Board of Commissioners met in a called session at 9:00 A.M. in the Commissioners' Office of the White County Courthouse, Cleveland, Georgia. Present were: Chairman Chris R. Nonnemaker, Post 1 Commissioner Joe R. Campbell, Post 2 Commissioner Craig Bryant, County Manager Alton E. Brown, Chief Financial Officer Vickie Neikirk, and County Clerk Jean Welborn.

Chairman Nonnemaker called the meeting to order.

The Board of Commissioners discussed the purchase of a 3,000 gallon tanker for the Fire Department. Commissioner Bryant recused himself from discussion and voting because he felt that he had a conflict of interest because of ties with both first and second lowest bidders. Upon motion made by Commissioner Campbell, seconded by Chairman Nonnemaker, it was voted to accept the lowest bid from Freedom Fire Equipment for the amount not to exceed \$143,850.00, which would include the five additional options listed on the bid, with delivery to be within 150 days. It was also agreed that should delivery not be accomplished within the 150 days, Freedom Fire Equipment would be subject to a penalty clause of \$100.00 per day for each day past the 150 days when delivery was made. The vote was Chairman Nonnemaker and Commissioner Campbell voting in the affirmative and with Commissioner Bryant abstaining from the vote.

The Board of Commissioners discussed the carpet that needed to be replaced at the Allen Mauney Community Building (Health Dept., DFACS, and the hallway). Beverly Bollefer stated that they were planning on going out for bid on the carpet and installation and have the results and recommendations by the next month's work session (January 7, 2008); that she had samples of carpeting; that she had to take some extra time to determine what type of carpet was needed, square footage, etc. Commissioner Campbell asked Ms. Bollefer if she had any bids yet. Ms. Bollefer stated that she had one from Cantrell Floor so that she could figure out where they were; that the Health Department was looking like it would be around \$2,000 or more. Chairman Nonnemaker asked for clarification that these were rough estimates and not bids. Ms. Bollefer stated that this was correct; that she needed some information on the carpet; that she could go to Carpet Barn and get the carpet for \$5.00 per square yard or get the sample carpet that she had for \$10.00 per square yard. Commissioner Campbell stated that for an area that had this much traffic, they needed to get a good carpet; that he wanted to make sure that the local vendors got an opportunity to participate. Ms. Bollefer assured Commissioner Campbell that they would. The Board of Commissioners stated that they needed to request bids on a minimum of 28 ounces face weight commercial grade carpet with an action back. Commissioner Campbell stated that she needed to get the square footage, add 20% for waste, and divide by 9 to get the square yardage needed. It was discussed that they did not need to get a carpet with a pattern due to the waste factor.

Ms. Bollefer stated that the Health Department had not planned on supplying the paint. Ms. Bollefer stated that this painting project would not require a sealed bid, just three bids. Chairman Nonnemaker asked if someone was going to be hired to paint or use prison labor. Ms. Bollefer stated that they would be hiring someone to paint. Mr. Brown stated that due to the sensitivity of the files, etc. in the Health Department, they did not want to have prison labor paint this project. Ms. Bollefer stated that the contract would include painting the Health Department and DFACS office.

It was stated that they needed to have someone look at the possible roof leak at the Mauney Building. Chairman Nonnemaker stated that Ron Cantrell roughly estimated that it would take \$80,000 to fix the roof. Mr. Brown stated that the only leak that he knew about was from an air conditioner leak. Commissioner Campbell stated that he would have one of his commercial roofing contractors to look at the roof to see if it was actually a leak in the roof or if the water is coming from an air conditioner. Mr. Brown stated that his instructions to Stanley Nix were to make sure to do whatever it took to correct the leak (whether it would include replacing the air conditioner or repairing it). Mr. Brown stated that bids on replacing the air conditioner would be on the next agenda also.

At 9:13 A.M., upon motion made by Commissioner Campbell, seconded by Commissioner Bryant, it was unanimously voted to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel issues.

Upon motion made by Commissioner Campbell, seconded by Commissioner Bryant, it was unanimously voted to exit the Executive Session. (See Affidavit Attached.)

No decisions were made in Executive Session.

Commissioner Campbell discussed with the Board of Commissioners a way to save on boarding prisoners. Commissioner Campbell stated that with electronic monitoring, some of the qualified inmates (with the Sheriff's and Judges' permission) who were sentenced or pending trial for minor offenses could be released and electronically monitored for \$10.00 per day; that the County would only be responsible for the cost for a maximum of 14 days; that the maximum that it would cost the County would be \$140.00. Chairman Nonnemaker asked what happened after 14 days. Commissioner Campbell stated that the inmate had to pay after that; that it also took the liability off the county if the inmate became sick or was injured. Commissioner Campbell stated that the Sheriff felt that he could take 30% of the inmates out of the jail; that he had talked with the Judge and that if this was in place, they could include this electronic monitoring in the sentencing. Commissioner Campbell stated that at 4:00 P.M. today the Judges and the Sheriff were meeting with a vendor to discuss electronic monitoring.

Fire Chief Dickie Howard discussed with the Board of Commissioners the Fire Engine that had been ordered from American LaFrance and previously approved. Chief Howard stated that this engine was supposed to have been delivered by December 6, 2007 and that the company wanted an extension on delivery to June 21, 2008; that the County had not paid for this engine; that if the county went with another vendor, they could not get this product at the price quoted to the county and could not get another engine before the June 21, 2008 proposed delivery date. Chief Howard stated that the vendor underpriced the engine but will still stand good under the contract;

that their company went through a re-organization and had moved from Pennsylvania to South Carolina. Chief Howard asked if this extension of delivery time had to be brought back to the Board of Commissioners for a vote. Chairman Nonnemaker stated that he did not want to extend the contract; that they wanted the truck. Chief Howard stated that the truck was not available. Chairman Nonnemaker asked if the truck had not been built. Chief Howard stated that it had not been. Chairman Nonnemaker stated that he thought the vendor was going to use the truck as a demo, thus the delay in delivery. Chief Howard stated that the salesman who sold the truck to the county was no longer with the company; that some other representatives of the company reviewed the contract with them; that Chief Howard had asked them if they were trying to find a way to get out of the contract; that the representatives stated that by no means were they trying to get out of the contract; that the company would stand good for the contract; that the chassis that the salesman sold the county was not even off the engineering block at the time; that it was now off the block and the truck that the county had contracted for would be the first truck; that it had taken some reengineering as they had gone along. Chief Howard stated that he had checked with other vendors; and, by no means, would the county get this truck with all the "bells and whistles" as ordered and contracted for at the price quoted from American LaFrance; that if the county cancelled the contract, the county could not get the truck and equipment agreed upon at a price as low as the contracted price. Chief Howard stated that the representative from the company stated that the county would get a quality truck.

Commissioner Campbell stated that Chief Howard should tell the manufacturer that the county still wanted the fire truck with a delivery date of June 21, 2008. Chief Howard suggested a penalty clause of \$200.00 deduction per day if delivery goes past June 21, 2008. Chairman Nonnemaker stated that they needed to do a letter from the Board of Commissioners stating that the county had waited too long; that they wanted the penalty clause added and that they would enforce the penalty clause.

Upon motion made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Campbell, the meeting was adjourned.

Chris R. Nonnemaker, Chairman

Joe R. Campbell, Post 1

Craig Bryant, Post 2

Jean Welborn, County Clerk