

WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF THE CALLED MEETING HELD

THURSDAY, MAY 26, 2016 AT 8:00 A.M.

The White County Board of Commissioners held a Called Meeting on Thursday, May 26, 2016 at 8:00 a.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, and County Clerk Shanda Murphy. The purpose of the Called Meeting was to consider bids received for the preparation of county roads for upcoming paving projects, to consider options for repair / replacement of Tanker 5, and to consider the Fiscal Year 2017 Budget for the Enotah Judicial Circuit.

Chairman Turner called the meeting to order.

Chairman Turner announced that the order of the meeting agenda items would be changed and an Executive Session would not be held on this date.

Mr. David Murphy, Director of Public Safety, reviewed the current condition of Tanker 5 with the Board. He stated that the tanker pump had recently failed while providing aid to Lumpkin County responding to a chicken house fire. He stated that repairs could not be made because that type pump was no longer available and parts were obsolete, the quotes for pump replacement ranged from \$25,000 to \$30,000.00, and the cost of a new tanker would be between \$180,000.00 and \$225,000.00. Mr. Murphy did state that staff had located a surplus vehicle in South Carolina (a 2006 Kenworth T300 Pierce Contender Tanker – Hale 500GPM Pump / 2100 gallon tank) which was posted for online auction. He further stated that pending no major issues with repairs there was approximately \$50,000.00 available within the fire department's budget to direct toward the purchase of a tanker.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Nix, seconded by Commissioner Bryant there was a unanimous vote to approve the Fire Department to bid up to \$75,000.00 for the surplus vehicle in South Carolina – with \$50,000.00 to be funded from the Fire Department Budget and \$25,000.00 to be funded from contingency.

Chairman Turner presented the proposed Fiscal Year 2017 for the Enotah Judicial Circuit, which was preliminarily approved to be brought back to each circuit county following the May 17, 2016 budget meeting of county circuit representatives.

Ms. Murphy, County Clerk, explained that based on the May 17th presentations – the overall Enotah Circuit County Budget would be increasing by \$72,657.40, which would be a \$22,347.81 increase for White County. It was explained that this increase was due to proposed salary increases for State Paid / County Funded Public Defender Personnel, an increase for the Juvenile Court Judge, and a decrease in fund balance available for the Public Defender's Budget.

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Chairman Turner noted that the inconsistency in the way the administrative fees are divided between the counties needed to be addressed in the near future – as White County (who administers the budgets for Superior Court, Juvenile Court, and the District Attorney) calculates the flat administrative charge (\$16,000.00) pro-rata based on population for all four circuit counties; whereas Lumpkin County (who administers the Public Defender Budget) calculates a percentage based administrative charge (\$18,682.00) pro-rata based on population for all circuit counties – except Lumpkin is not included in the calculation.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Holcomb, seconded by Commissioner Nix there was a unanimous vote to approve the Fiscal Year 2017 Budget for the Enotah Judicial Circuit as presented –with this decision to be conveyed to the other Circuit Counties for a final decision.

Commissioner Craig Bryant excused himself from the meeting due to a work related matter and that he would be abstaining from the vote on the road preparation contracts due a family relation with one of the bidders.

Mr. Melton presented the bids received for the preparation of seven (7) county roads for paving – unpaved portion of Mt. Pleasant Church Road, unpaved portion of Gene Nix Road, Yonah Valley Road, Hefner Road, Barrett Mill Road, Grover Miles Road, and Shuler Road. Commissioner Nix stated the he had met with two (2) local contractors because the bids received from Colwell and Allied were much higher than they should be. There was a consensus that the costs for preparation of these roads far exceeded what the Board had expected. Commissioner Nix presented comparison bids (Colwell / Allied Bidders & Nelson / Crumley Commissioner Nix's estimates) for three (3) of the seven roads as follows: Gene Nix Road (Colwell - \$99,853.30, Allied - \$97,352.50, Nelson - \$32,000.00, Crumley - \$30,000.00), Yonah Valley Road (Colwell - \$69,015.80, Allied - \$63,172.00, Nelson - \$27,500.00, Crumley - \$25,000.00), Barrett Mill Road (Colwell - \$182,899.70, Allied - \$370,915.00, Nelson - \$62,000.00, Crumley - \$67,500.00).

Commissioner Goodger stated that he was concerned about the legality of handling the bid award in this manner.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Holcomb, seconded by Commissioner Nix there was a unanimous vote to award the road preparation contract for Yonah Valley Road (\$25,000.00) and Gene Nix Road (\$30,000.00) to Crumley and Barrett Mill (\$62,000.00) to Nelson – pending approval of this contract award by the County Attorney. Staff was also directed to contact Nelson and Crumley in order to obtain estimates on the other four (4) remaining roads – Mt. Pleasant Church Road, Hefner Road, Grover Miles Road, and Shuler Road.

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

Minutes of the May 26, 2016 Called Meeting are hereby approved as stated this 6th day of June, 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

s/Edwin Nix
Edwin Nix, District 3

s/Craig Bryant
Craig Bryant, District 4

s/Shanda Murphy
Shanda Murphy, County Clerk