

**WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2016 AT 4:30 P.M.**

The White County Board of Commissioners held a Regular Meeting on Monday, October 3, 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, Finance Director Vicki Mays, and County Clerk Shanda Murphy.

Chairman Turner called the meeting to order.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Pastor Patrick Ballington of The Bridge Church & representing the White County Ministerial Alliance, provided the invocation.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Holcomb there was a unanimous vote to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting held September 12, 2016 (including Executive Session Minutes) and the minutes of the Work Session / Called Meeting held September 26, 2016 (including Executive Session Minutes).

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

- Approval of \$71,113.92 in SPLOST Funding for White County Sheriff's Office for two (2) vehicles and associated equipment; and
- Approval of \$8,000.00 in SPLOST Funding for the White County Public Library E-Book Project.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Nix, seconded by Commissioner Holcomb there was a unanimous vote to approve the application submitted by Mr. Larry Freeman to redistrict property located on Duncan Bridge Road Cleveland, GA, being 3.0 acres, Tax Map #090-047, from R-1 (Single Family Residential) to C-2 (Highway Business District).

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Goodger there was a unanimous vote to approve the application submitted by Bryan and Theresa Hamilton for a Conditional Use Permit for a multi-purpose event venue at 6394 Duncan Bridge Road Cleveland, GA, being 1.66 acres, Tax Map #075-076.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Goodger, seconded by Commissioner Holcomb there was a unanimous vote to approve Fiscal Year 2016 Budget Amendments for the White County Assessor's Office as follows:

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-17**

**A RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to make year-end amendments to White County's Budget for Fiscal Year 2016.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Budget of White County is hereby amended to allow the changes as set out on the attached.

**RESOLVED**, this 3rd day of October, 2016.

**WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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: s/Shanda Murphy

Shanda Murphy, County Clerk

100.320.52.2205.000	Professional Services-Audit	\$26,836.00	
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	Cell tower audit was app'd in May 2015 but expenses did not occur		
	until Nov 2015. Originally budgeted for \$18,675.00.		

Mr. David Murphy, Director of Public Safety, presented bids received for replacement of a tanker. He presented three (3) bids received for a 3000 gallon tanker and three (3) bids received for a 4000 gallon tanker. He also presented options for lease purchase. The low bidder for both the 3000 gallon and the 4000 gallon tanker was Deep South at \$248,950.00 (3000 G) / \$251,450.00 (4000 G). Mr. Murphy explained as previously stated that the new tanker would be

housed at the Unicoi Fire Station where there was not municipal water coverage available and the 1500 gallon tanker presently housed at the Unicoi Fire Station would be relocated to the Shoal Creek Fire Station which is presently short a tanker. He did note that the tanker which is out of service and was housed at the Shoal Creek Fire Station was a 1200 gallon tanker and the relocation of the Unicoi tanker would provide an addition 300 gallon tank capacity for the Shoal Creek Fire Station.

Commissioner Bryant stated that he would be abstaining from the discussion and vote on the purchase of a tanker due to a close personal relationship with one of the bidding vendors.

There was discussion about the Board's desire to keep business in the State of Georgia; however they could not justify the higher cost, especially with the low bidder providing some additional warranty coverage on paint on electrical components. Mr. Murphy did note that production time for both the lowest overall bidder (Deep South) and the next lowest bidder (Fouts Brothers) was the same at 180 days.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Goodger, seconded by Commissioner Nix there was a vote to approve the lease purchase through ACCG (3 year term) of a 4000 gallon fire tanker from Deep South (Seminary, MS) in the amount of \$251,450.00 to be paid from the 2014 SPLOST. Chairman Turner and Commissioner Holcomb voted in favor of the motion, Commissioner Bryant abstained. The motion passed by a 4-0 vote.

Ms. Vicki Mays, Finance Director, presented the monthly financial status report (see attached).

Mr. Melton presented a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) for lighting at the intersection of the Cleveland By-Pass (Appalachian Parkway) and Hwy 115.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Goodger, seconded by Commissioner Nix there was a unanimous vote to approve the MOA with GDOT for lighting at the intersection of the Cleveland By-Pass and Hwy 115.

Chairman Turner opened the floor for public participation.

Ms. Cindy Bailey, President of the White County Chamber of Commerce, thanks the Board of Commissioners for their support of the Spirit of Appalachia Food & Wine Festival and the Agri-Fest. She reported that both events were a great success. She also announced that the Chamber has a new county map proof for review at the Chamber office, a tourism resource team will be coming to White County in December 2017, and the Hardman to Helen Heritage Trail Project is a connectively project which seems to be moving forward.

There was a consensus of the Board that the upcoming Work Session will be rescheduled from October 31, 2016 to October 24, 2016.

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

October 3, 2016 – Regular Meeting Minutes (continued)

The minutes of the October 3, 2016 Regular Meeting are hereby approved as stated this 7<sup>th</sup> day of November, 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