

**WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MINUTES OF THE CALLED MEETING HELD**

**TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2020 AT 8:00 A.M.**

The White County Board of Commissioners held a Called Meeting on Tuesday, May 19, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. in the Board Room at the White County Administration Building. This meeting was conducted by teleconference due to the COVID-19 health emergency. The meeting, agenda, and teleconference instructions were advertised to the public and the meeting was conducted within the guidelines provided by emergency order of Governor Brian Kemp. Present for the meeting were: Chairman Travis Turner, Commissioner Terry Goodger, Commissioner Lyn Holcomb, Commissioner Edwin Nix, Commissioner Craig Bryant, County Manager Jason Cobb, Finance Director Jodi Ligon, and County Clerk Shanda Murphy.

Chairman Turner called the meeting to order.

Mr. Matt Bidwell with MSI Benefits Group presented options for the 2020-2021 Employee Benefits Renewal (see attached presentation). He detailed the cost increase due to the group's claims experience during the past year – specifically the incurred claims since July 2019 were at 125.6% of the premiums paid to CIGNA. He also reviewed that with the favorable claims history of the previous years, the county had saved \$308,000.00 at the 2019-2020 renewal. Mr. Bidwell reviewed quotes received as well as several self-insured options – however he explained that with the self-insured options being higher than the fully insured options, this was not the time to consider going to a self-insured plan.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Nix, seconded by Commissioner Holcomb there was a unanimous vote to renew the 2020-2021 employee benefits with CIGNA at \$2,612,612 (county's net annual cost being \$2,268,851) which was a 33.51% net increase (\$569,495 +\$164,000 FY 20 premium credit).

Ms. Jodi Ligon presented bids received for a certificate of deposit (CD) currently held at United Community Bank in the amount of \$175,000. She stated that United Community Bank was the only bank to respond with a quote. Chairman Turner stated that Ms. Ligon would be bringing a presentation to the Board at a later date on the One Georgia Fund, which may offer better interest rates for the Board to consider.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Goodger, seconded by Commissioner Bryant there was a unanimous vote to award the CD to United Community Bank for a 12 month period at .45% APY.

As the Board planned to move forward with the FY 2020-2021 Budget Adoption – the date for the public hearing was set for June 8, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. and the Budget Adoption was set for June 15, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. Chairman Turner noted that there was a consensus of the Board to adopt the same budget for FY 2020-2021 as was adopted for FY 2019-2020 (except for the employee benefits cost increase which would be deducted from contingency) – due to the economic uncertainty surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Mr. Jason Cobb briefed the Board on the status of opening the pool at the recreation department. He explained that the major obstacle in opening was the lack for lifeguard certification classes, as there were not enough certified lifeguards returning and the Red Cross is not currently offering the certification. There was a consensus of the Board to hold off on opening the pool at this time.

Mr. Cobb also updated the Board on road projects – stating the bid package would be released on June 4, 2020 for the paving of Dandy Lane, Bean Creek Road, and Hogan Road and on June 11, 2020 for the deep patching and resurfacing of Post Road, Claude Sims Road, Virgil Hunt Road, Jess Hunt Road, Post White Hill Road, and Sautee Woods Trail – and as the results come in this would be presented to the Board for their consideration. He also stated that the work on the resurfacing project for western section of Westmoreland Road would begin mid to late June 2020.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Nix there was a unanimous vote to enter into Executive Session in order to discuss matters of litigation.

-See the Following Closed Meeting Affidavit-

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

The minutes of the May 19, 2020 Called Meeting are hereby approved as stated this 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2020.

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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