

WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF THE CALLED MEETING HELD

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2020 AT 8:00 A.M.

The White County Board of Commissioners held a Called Meeting on Thursday, October 22, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. in the Board Room at the White County Administration Building. 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.

Recent damages to county roads and bridges caused by record rainfall from Hurricane / Tropical Storm Delta over the October 9th weekend were discussed. It was stated that White County had submitted \$5.5 million in damage repair estimates to the Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) in addition to the damage estimates submitted by Habersham County and Hall County; however GEMA had advised that the damages did not meet the required threshold for state / federal disaster assistance. Mr. Cobb stated that all necessary repairs can be made well below the \$5.5 million, which was based on meeting all regulations which apply when receiving federal aid. He advised that he needed the Board to consider providing authorization for him to make the necessary expenditures under the county’s emergency purchasing guidelines, which would allow the normal, lengthy bid process to be bypassed in order for these repairs to be completed in an expedited manner and get the roadways back open. He did note that efforts would be made to insure competitive pricing was obtained. Mr. Cobb explained that Airport Road Bridge replacement was scheduled as a 2022 Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) project and he had requested this project be moved up on GDOT’s schedule due to this bridge being completely washed away. Mr. Dave Cangemi, Public Works Director, stated that he was scheduled to meet with a GDOT bridge specialist the next day in order to evaluate the damaged bridges and obtain their recommendations for repairs. Mr. Cobb stated that funding for these emergency repairs would be taken from SPLOST and if necessary, contingency.

Upon a motion made by Commission Holcomb, seconded by Commissioner Nix there was a unanimous vote to authorize County Manager Jason Cobb to make the necessary expenditures under the emergency purchasing policy procedures for the repairs to the following roads and bridges caused by record rainfall from Hurricane / Tropical Storm Delta.

Project Name		Description
Black Road		Culvert Replacement
Airport Road		Bridge
Airport Road		Cross Drain Replacements (2)
Roy Powers Road		Bridge
Hulsey Mill Road		Bridge Abutment Repair
Barrett Mill Road		Culvert Replacement
Funny Farm Road		Cross Drain Replacement
Webb West Road		Cross Drain Replacement
Carolina Springs Road		Road Repair
Charlie Thomas Road		Culvert Replacement
Sam Craven Road		Shoulder Repair
Cooley Woods Road		Culvert Replacement
Countywide Debris Removal		Various Locations

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Mr. Jason Cobb presented a safety initiative project proposal from GDOT for flashing chevron signage to be installed in a curve on Duncan Bridge Road (SR 384) just north of the intersection of SR 255. The DOT would install and maintain the signage and White County would be responsible for the monthly power bill. Following discussion of the Board related to the lack of documented accidents in this location and their overall opinion that there were many other areas in the county that would benefit more from a project like this - there was a consensus that the Board did not support this proposal.

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

The minutes of the October 22, 2020 Called Meeting were approved as stated this 2nd day of November, 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