

WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF THE CALLED MEETING HELD

MONDAY, JUNE 17, 2019 AT 4:30 P.M.

The White County Board of Commissioners held a Called Meeting on Monday, June 17, 2019 at 4:30 p.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 Michael Melton, Finance Director Jodi Ligon, and County Clerk Shanda Murphy.

Chairman Turner called the meeting to order.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Garvis Kinsey provided the invocation.

A presentation of proclamation was made to Mr. Garvis and Mr. Judy Kinsey on the occasion of their retirement from ministry and White Creek Christian Academy. The Board expressed their appreciation to the Kinsey's for their service and commitment to the community.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Holcomb there was a unanimous vote to adopt the minutes of the June 4, 2019 Work Session & Regular Meeting and the June 10, 2019 Called Meeting (including Executive Session Minutes).

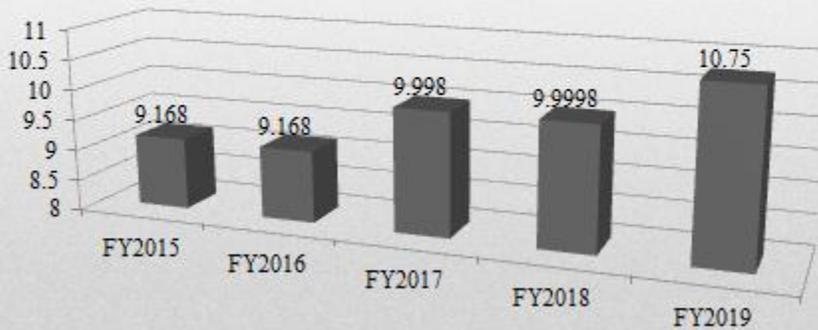
Ms. Jodi Ligon, Finance Director, made the following presentation (2nd of 2) of the proposed budget for the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year.



FY2020 Proposed Budget Includes:

- **COLA Increase for county employees**
- **New Positions & position changes as directed**
- **Funding Capital items & projects from SPLOST**
- **Use of Fund Balance**

White County Millage Rate 5 Fiscal-Year History County Portion Only

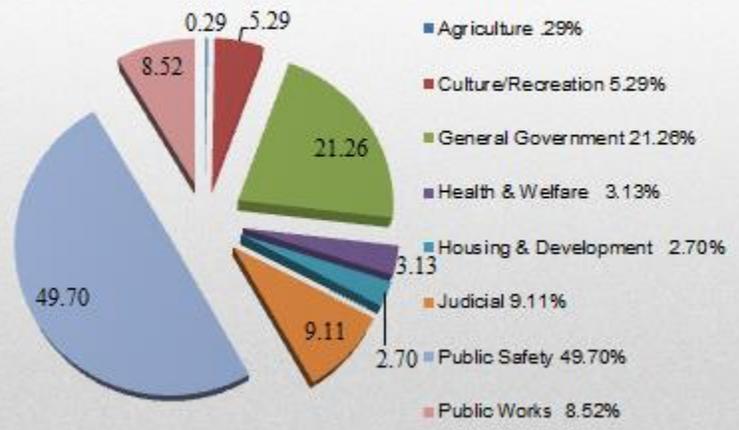


General Fund Approved Budget 5 Year History

Fiscal Year	Approved Budgets	Amended Budgets
FY2019	\$18,925,734	\$18,768,424
FY2018	\$16,938,774	\$16,938,774
FY2017	\$16,299,730	\$16,324,730
FY2016	\$15,867,394	\$15,867,394
FY2015	\$15,963,533	\$15,963,533

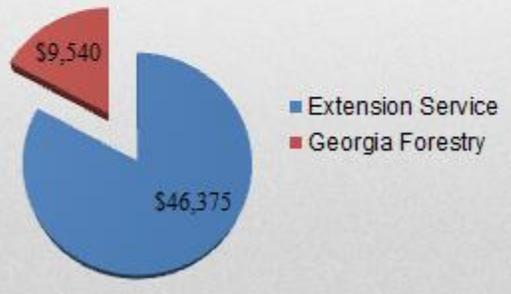
Function	Expenditures	% of Proposed Budget
Agriculture	\$55,915	.29
Judicial	\$1,747,369	9.11
Culture/Recreation	\$1,015,506	5.29
Housing & Development	\$517,681	2.70
General Government	\$4,079,484	21.26
Health & Welfare	\$600,643	3.13
Public Safety	\$9,538,610	49.70
Public Works	\$1,635,619	8.52
Total Expenditures	\$19,190,827	100%

FY2020 General Fund Proposed Budget \$19,190,827



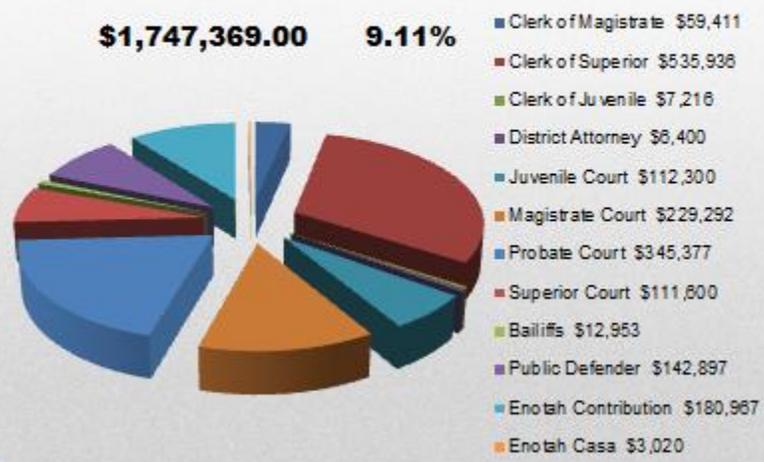
Agriculture

\$55,915 .29%



Judicial

\$1,747,369.00 **9.11%**



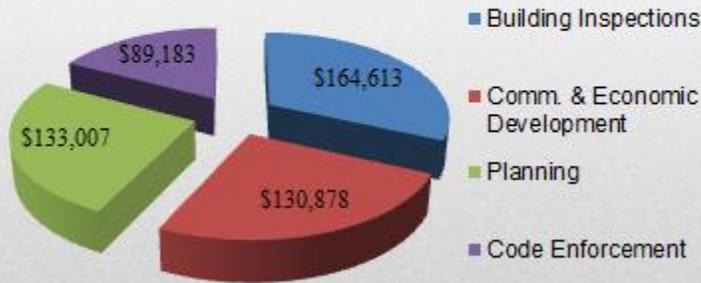
Culture & Recreation

\$1,015,506 **5.29%**



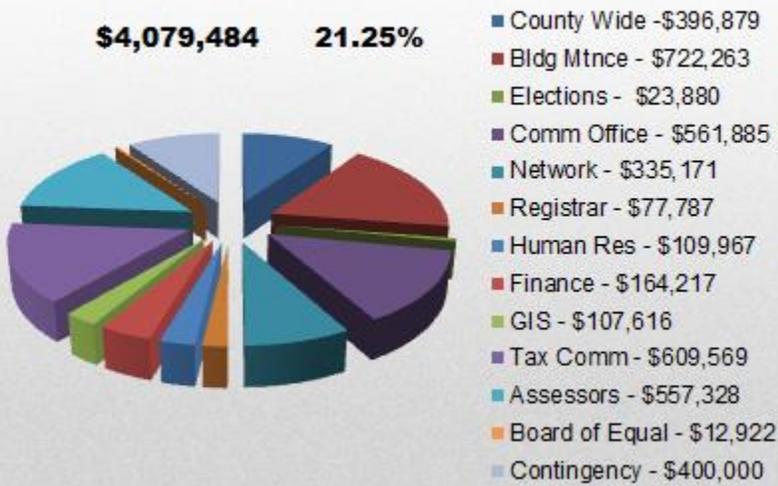
Housing & Development

\$517,681 2.70%



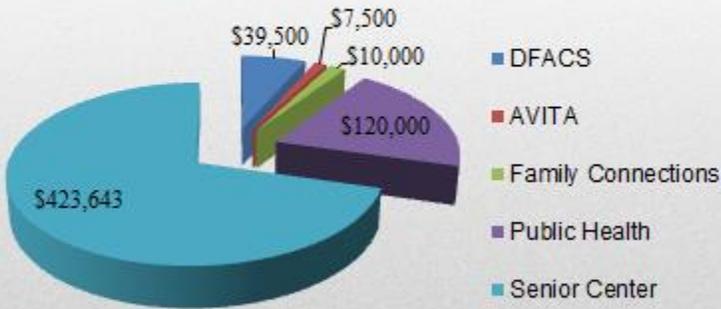
General Government

\$4,079,484 21.25%



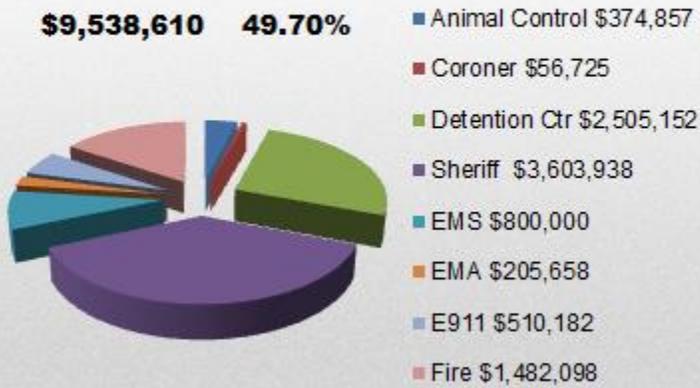
Health & Welfare

\$600,643 3.13%



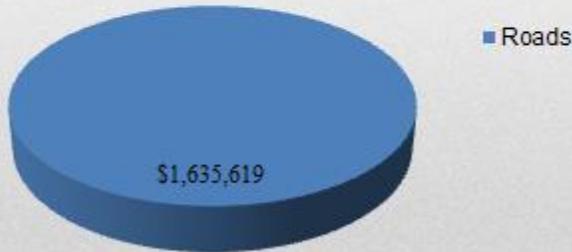
Public Safety

\$9,538,610 49.70%



Public Works

\$1,635,619 8.52%



Separate Funds

Fund #	Fund Name	FY2020 Proposed Request
222	Jail Fund	\$ 29,000
224	Drug Education	\$ 65,000
225	Drug Task Force	\$ 847,682
250	Grants	\$ 20,000
275	Hotel/Motel	\$ 890,900
540	Solid Waste	\$ 104,211
570	E911	\$1,098,800
710	Enotah Judicial Circuit	\$ 790,850
205	Law Library	\$ 20,000
230	Juvenile Supervision	\$ 300
223	Inmate Welfare	\$ 20,555
210	Confiscated Assets	\$ 2,000
430	Debt Service (SPLOST)	\$1,043,227
	TOTALS	\$ 4,932,525

FY2020 Proposed Budget

General Fund - \$19,190,827

Other Funds - \$4,932,525

**Total FY2020 Budget -
\$24,123,352**

Comparison

FY2019 AMENDED BUDGET	FY2020 PROPOSED BUDGET
GEN. FUND - \$18,768,424	GEN. FUND - \$19,190,827
<u>SEP. FUND - \$ 4,742,010</u>	<u>SEP. FUND - \$ 4,932,525</u>
TOTAL \$23,510,434	TOTAL \$24,123,352
	2.61% Increase from FY2019

Summary

FY2020 Proposed Expenditures - \$19,190,827
FY2020 Proposed Revenues - \$18,226,105

Proposed Fund Balance Use - \$964,722

Current Fund Balance Available: \$3,871,941

1.82 Month Reserve as Proposed (Pre-Audit)

Discussion

Ms. Ligon emphasized that the proposed budget presented was based on revenue reflecting the millage rate remaining at 10.75; however the final tax digest would not be available until July. There was discussion regarding the fund balance noted and that this amount was anticipated to increase once the FY 19 audit was completed.

Chairman Turner opened the floor for public comment concerning the proposed budget as presented.

There were no public comments – the floor was closed.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Nix there was a unanimous vote to adopt County Resolution 2019-10 approving the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget for White County as follows:

**WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION NO. 2019- 10**

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Budgets for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020 have been prepared and submitted to the Governing Authority; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of White County has studied and revised the proposed budgets; and it is considered in the best interest of White County to adopt them;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of White County that the budgets attached hereto for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020 are approved.

This 17TH day of June, 2019.

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



FY2020

Budget

Summary

White County General Fund Budget		FY2018-FY2020 Comparison					
Department	Page #	FY2018 Approved Budget	FY2018 Amended Budget	FY2019 Approved Budget	FY2019 Amended Budget	FY2020 Adopted Budget	Expanded & New
General Fund FY19-FY20	1						
Separate Funds FY19-FY20	2						
General Fund Revenue Summar	3						
General Fund Expenditure Summ	4						
Agencies / Hotel/Motel	5						
County Wide-110	6	2,005,908.00	2,005,908.00	2,155,893.00	2,147,397.00	2,161,490.00	
Building Maint-115	7	500,974.00	520,415.00	577,197.00	635,805.00	722,263.00	1 FT Position / 590Exp
Elections-120	8	24,008.00	24,008.00	38,893.00	38,898.00	23,880.00	
Commission Office-125	9	549,237.00	559,675.00	557,857.00	541,446.00	561,885.00	
Network-130	11	289,550.00	293,625.00	334,827.00	331,450.00	335,171.00	
Registrar-140	12	61,934.00	63,463.00	65,972.00	71,377.00	77,787.00	
Human Resources-145	13	85,145.00	87,397.00	102,080.00	106,938.00	109,967.00	
Finance-150	14	164,424.00	168,133.00	151,006.00	162,960.00	164,217.00	
Comm & Econ Dev-160	15	120,484.00	123,338.00	124,172.00	130,601.00	130,878.00	
Animal Control-210	16	325,667.00	332,653.00	348,361.00	374,919.00	374,857.00	
Coroner-220	17	55,090.00	56,707.00	57,989.00	57,855.00	56,725.00	Dep Coroner Salary
Detention Ctr-240	18	2,131,319.00	2,239,002.00	2,450,948.00	2,448,228.00	2,505,152.00	
EMA-260	19	176,569.00	180,103.00	190,019.00	200,257.00	205,658.00	
GIS-270	20	97,234.00	99,616.00	102,588.00	108,490.00	107,616.00	
Fire Dept-280	21	1,095,258.00	1,116,117.00	1,273,285.00	1,368,875.00	1,482,098.00	1 FT / 1PT Positions Change
Sheriff-290	22	3,200,254.00	3,372,636.00	3,602,994.00	3,604,985.00	3,603,938.00	
Tax Comm.-310	24	542,873.00	556,342.00	572,847.00	608,878.00	609,569.00	
Tax Assessors-320	26	504,894.00	518,181.00	530,119.00	571,685.00	557,328.00	
Board of Equalization-325	27	13,023.00	13,023.00	12,713.00	12,713.00	12,922.00	
Road Dept-410	28	1,450,192.00	1,474,875.00	1,503,003.00	1,589,274.00	1,635,619.00	1 FT Position
Senior Center-540	30	389,636.00	395,800.00	423,120.00	449,377.00	423,643.00	PT Respite Position
Extension Svc.-550	31	39,433.00	44,433.00	46,275.00	46,379.00	46,375.00	
Libraries-580	32	206,566.00	213,834.00	207,256.00	232,819.00	230,028.00	
Park & Rec-590	33	553,657.00	561,408.00	717,275.00	727,803.00	701,576.00	Moved Exp to 115
Building Insp.-610	35	159,119.00	163,708.00	173,315.00	179,553.00	164,613.00	
Planning-620	36	93,918.00	95,297.00	95,100.00	99,570.00	133,007.00	1 FT Position
Code Enf.-630	37	56,420.00	57,865.00	54,889.00	55,495.00	89,183.00	
Clerk-Sup. Ct.-710	38	476,618.00	488,259.00	477,088.00	484,172.00	535,936.00	2 Merit Increase/PT Hours
Clerk-Mag. Ct.-720	39	53,846.00	55,896.00	57,336.00	55,235.00	59,411.00	
Clerk Juv Ct.-725	40	6,444.00	6,444.00	7,372.00	7,372.00	7,216.00	
District Att.-740	41	6,400.00	6,400.00	6,400.00	6,400.00	6,400.00	
Juvenile Ct.-750	42	110,935.00	110,935.00	112,300.00	112,191.00	112,300.00	
Magistrate Ct.-760	43	272,031.00	276,943.00	274,146.00	281,682.00	229,292.00	
Probate Ct.-770	44	305,744.00	310,253.00	326,806.00	312,386.00	345,377.00	VITAL
Public Defender-775	45	121,444.00	121,444.00	142,768.00	142,768.00	142,897.00	
Superior Ct.-780	46	86,100.00	86,100.00	84,600.00	84,600.00	111,600.00	Court Reporting/Jury Fee
Baliffs-790	47	13,327.00	13,327.00	13,327.00	13,278.00	12,953.00	
Contingency-900	48	400,000.00	69,553.00	400,000.00	364,313.00	400,000.00	
Insurance Premium Increase		193,099.00					
\$2 Increase for Remaining Employees				553,598.00			
Transfers Out (Contingency Used-Other Funds)			55,658.00				
General Fund Total		16,938,774.00	16,938,774.00	18,925,734.00	18,768,424.00	19,190,827.00	422,403.00

White County Separate Funds FY2018-FY2020	Page #	FY2018 Approved Budget	FY2018 Amended Budget	FY2019 Approved Budget	FY2019 Amended Budget	FY2020 Adopted Budget	Expanded & New
205 Law Library	49	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	
210 Confiscated assets	50	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$2,000	
222 Jail Fund	51	\$28,000	\$28,000	\$29,000	\$29,000	\$29,000	
223 Inmate Commissary	52	\$20,555	\$20,555	\$20,555	\$20,555	\$20,555	
224 Drug Education Fund	53	\$67,500	\$67,500	\$65,000	\$65,000	\$65,000	
225 Drug Task Force	54	\$635,779	\$638,743	\$781,737	\$781,737	\$847,682	
230 Juvenile Supervision	56	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300	
250 Grants (contingent upon a	57	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	
275 Hotel/Motel	58	\$700,675	\$700,675	\$805,675	\$805,675	\$890,900	
430 Debt Service (SPLOST)	59	\$957,523	\$957,523	\$1,048,879	\$1,048,879	\$1,043,227	
540 Solid Waste (Enterprise Fu	60	\$77,817	\$78,323	\$94,467	\$98,812	\$104,211	
570 E-911 Fund (Including Res	65	\$900,291	\$950,452	\$1,051,582	\$1,051,582	\$1,098,800	
710 Enotah	67	\$776,230	\$778,257	\$790,470	\$790,470	\$790,850	
Transfers In (Contingency Used-Other Funds)			-\$55,658				
Total Other Funds		\$4,214,670	\$4,214,670	\$4,737,665	\$4,742,010	\$4,932,525	\$190,515.00
General Fund Total		\$16,938,774	\$16,938,774	\$18,925,734	\$18,768,424	\$19,190,827	
Other Separate Funds Total		\$4,214,670	\$4,214,670	\$4,737,665	\$4,742,010	\$4,932,525	
Grand Total		\$21,153,444	\$21,153,444	\$23,663,399	\$23,510,434	\$24,123,352	\$612,918.00

Chairman Turner explained recent changes to the White County Code, Land Use Regulations – whereby only the Planning Commission would conduct land use public hearings. He stated that he would open the floor for any comments and asked if there was anyone present who would like to comment on any of the three (3) land use redistricting applications being presented – there was no response from anyone in attendance.

Mr. John Sell, Director of Community & Economic Development, presented the land use application filed by Mr. Gary Bowen to redistrict property located at 4680 Hwy 115 East Cleveland, GA 30528 from C1 Community Commercial District to C2 Highway Business District – with the total acreage being 1.66 in tax parcel 076-225A. In summary, Mr. Sell stated that Mr. Bowen had purchased the property and expanded the building for his electrical contracting business; therefore necessitating the need to redistrict the property from a non-conforming use in C1. He indicated that the Planning Commission had held a public hearing on the application (at which there were no comments in support or in objection to the application) and the Planning Commission issued a recommendation to approve the application.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Goodger, seconded by Commissioner Holcomb there was a unanimous vote to approve the land use application filed by Mr. Gary Bowen to redistrict property located at 4680 Hwy 115 East Cleveland, GA 30528 from C1 Community Commercial District to C2 Highway Business District – with the total acreage being 1.66 in tax parcel 076-225A.

Mr. John Sell presented the land use application filed by Mr. James Penner to redistrict property located at 5050 Hwy 129 North Cleveland, GA from C1 Community Commercial to A1 Agriculture / Forestry – with the total acreage being 28.67 in tax parcel 017-094D. He stated that Mr. Penner owns The Cottage Winery which was previously designated as a non-conforming use and with plans to expand the tasting room at this location – redistricting the property became necessary in order to expand. Mr. Sell indicated that the Planning Commission had held a public hearing on the application (at which there were no comments in support or in objection to the application) and the Planning Commission issued a recommendation to approve the application.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Nix, seconded by Commissioner Goodger there was a unanimous vote to approve the land use application filed by Mr. James Penner to redistrict property located at 5050 Hwy 129 North Cleveland, GA from C1 Community Commercial to A1 Agriculture / Forestry – with the total acreage being 28.67 in tax parcel 017-094D.

June 17, 2019 – Called Meeting Minutes (continued)

Mr. Sell presented the land use application filed by Mr. James and Mrs. Sydney Vandiver to redistrict property located on Asbestos Road Cleveland, GA from C1 Community Commercial to R3 Residential-Seasonal – with the total acreage being 2.23 in tax parcel 045C-007. Mr. Sell stated that the Vandivers had developed the property into a 19 site RV park in 1996 and they are planning to market and sell the property as an RV site, therefore redistricting was required. He indicated that the Planning Commission had held a public hearing on the application (at which there were no comments in support or in objection to the application) and the Planning Commission issued a recommendation to approve the application.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Holcomb, seconded by Commissioner Goodger there was a unanimous vote to approve the land use application filed by Mr. James and Mrs. Sydney Vandiver to redistrict property located on Asbestos Road Cleveland, GA from C1 Community Commercial to R3 Residential-Seasonal – with the total acreage being 2.23 in tax parcel 045C-007.

Ms. Barbara Overton, Director of Senior Services, presented the 2019-2020 contract with Legacy Link Inc. for funding (in the amount of \$200,251.00) the operations of the White County Senior Center – including the local share commitment letter (\$11,450.00).

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Holcomb there was a unanimous vote to approve the 2019-2020 contract with Legacy Link Inc. for funding (in the amount of \$200,251.00) the operations of the White County Senior Center – including the local share commitment letter (\$11,450.00). The Board expressed their appreciation to Ms. Overton for her work at the White County Senior Center and for making the transition from the long-time director, who had retired, very smooth.

Mr. Dave Cangemi, Director of Public Works, presented the bids received for road improvement projects on Asa Dorsey Road, Old Blue Creek Road, F-M Road, Shepherd Drive, Fire Station 6 Parking / Driveway, and Yonah Preserve Trailhead Road / Parking. He stated that four (4) bids were submitted; however two (2) bids were disqualified due to the acknowledgment of addenda not being included in the bid response. He indicated that of the qualified bids – the low bidder was Colwell Construction at \$393,900.40. Mr. Cangemi explained that the additional paving on Asa Dorsey Road (estimated to be \$39,000.00), which had been discussed, was not included in these bids and would have to be handled as a change order once the bid was awarded. It was also noted that funds for these projects had been encumbered in the SPLOST account.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Nix there was a unanimous vote to award the road improvement projects for Asa Dorsey Road, Old Blue Creek Road, F-M Road, Shepherd Drive, Fire Station 6 Parking / Driveway, and Yonah Preserve Trailhead Road / Parking to Colwell Construction in the amount of \$392,900.46 – with a change order to be brought before the Board for additional work on Asa Dorsey Road – to be funded through SPLOST.

Mr. Cangemi provided a brief update on other road projects and stated that the road department would be moving forward with the projects as quickly as possible.

Ms. Shanda Murphy presented the 2019-2020 ACCG-IRMA (Association County Commissioners of Georgia Inter-local Risk Management Agency) proposal for liability insurance coverage in the amount of \$221,069.00. She stated this was an \$18,462.00 increase over FY 19 and she had verified with ACCG that the increase was related to the pooled counties claims experience, with White County's increase (9%) being lower than the pool's average increase (11%).

June 17, 2019 – Called Meeting Minutes (continued)

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Nix, seconded by Commissioner Goodger there was a unanimous vote to approve the 2019-2020 ACCG-IRMA (Association County Commissioners of Georgia Inter-local Risk Management Agency) proposal for liability insurance coverage in the amount of \$221,069.00.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Goodger, seconded by Commissioner Nix there was a unanimous vote to renew the contract with The Chattahoochee Group for landscape services at Freedom Park in the annual base amount of \$9,120.00 – with extra services (turf treatment, aeration / top dressing, and pine straw) being priced separately.

Ms. Jodi Ligon presented the bids received for propane for county facilities.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Holcomb, seconded by Commissioner Goodger there was a unanimous vote to award the bid for propane services for county facilities to Blossman Gas at the rate of \$1.059 per gallon.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Holcomb there was a unanimous vote to appoint Mr. Michael Fisher to the White County Department of Family & Children's Service Board for a five (5) year term to expire June 30, 2024.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Goodger, seconded by Commissioner Holcomb there was a unanimous vote to re-appoint Mr. Bill Black as the private sector appointee to the Georgia Mountains Regional Commission Council for a one (1) year term to expire June 30, 2020.

Ms. Jodi Ligon presented the monthly Financial Status Report (see attached).

During County Manager Comments - Mr. Melton advised he had worked with Georgia Forestry and obtained a good table to reference relative to dollar amounts to apply in the case of violations to the county's Mountain and Hillside Protection (MHP) Ordinance. He stated that the county attorney was in the process of reviewing the information. He also stated that a third MHP violation had been identified and he is working with an arborist to determine the extent of the violation; however it is estimated that 27 trees were cut in this violation. He also verified that he had been in communication with Sloane and Clackum (previous MHP violators) regarding the settlement offered to them by the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Melton also updated the Board that the county attorney is in the process of finalizing a temporary construction easement agreement (for Stanley Lawson) related to improvements on Asa Dorsey Road.

Chairman Turner opened the floor for public comment.

Ms. Beth Truelove, President of the White County Chamber of Commerce, spoke about the Chamber's annual member's luncheon which is scheduled for August.

The Board's meeting schedule for June and July was confirmed.

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

The minutes of the June 17, 2019 Called Meeting of the White County Board of Commissioners are hereby approved as stated this 5th day of August, 2019.

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

s/Shanda Murphy
Shanda Murphy, County Clerk