

WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD

MONDAY, MARCH 1, 2021 AT 4:30 P.M.

The White County Board of Commissioners held a Regular Meeting on Monday, March 1, 2021 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 Jason Cobb, Finance Director Jodi Ligon, and County Clerk Shanda Murphy.

Chairman Turner called the meeting to order.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Pastor Tim Morgan of Faith Lutheran Church and the White County Ministerial Alliance, provided the invocation.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Goodger there was a unanimous vote to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting held February 1, 2021 (including Executive Session minutes), the Called Meeting held February 9, 2021 (including Executive Session minutes), the Called Meeting held February 18, 2021 (including Executive Session minutes), and the Work Session & Called Meeting held February 22, 2021 (including Executive Session minutes).

Upon presentation of proclamation, March 1-5, 2021 was proclaimed Exceptional Children's Week in White County. Amos Lee, a Third Grade student at Tesnatee Gap Elementary School, was recognized as the 2021 Student Ambassador for Exceptional Children's Week. The proclamation was presented to Ms. Jane Grillo, White County School System Parent Mentor.

Mr. Jeff Langley, District Attorney for the Enotah Judicial Circuit, provided an explanation of the Grand Jury process. Chairman Turner asked that in light of several recent presentments made by the White County Grand Jury related to county administration, that Mr. Langley make every effort to increase communication to the administration office when the Grand Jury has questions or concerns. Mr. Langley stated that staff are welcome to make presentations to the Grand Jury at any time, as they do routinely in other counties within the circuit. Chairman Turner asked that as the Grand Jury brings up topics that administration could clarify, that staff be contacted to make the Grand Jury process as beneficial as possible.

Bids received for the 2021 LMIG (Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant) Project – for full depth reclamation, leveling, and overlay of 2.52 miles of Post Road from Tom Teague Road to Old Hwy 75 South were presented to the Board. Mr. Dave Cangemi, Director of Public Works, stated the low bidder for the project was Blount Construction at \$750,579.02. He explained that with the LMIG being \$404,605.73 – the county's portion of the expense would be \$345,973.29. He did note that a lower bid had been received from Allied Paving; however, they were disqualified because they did not include the required addenda in their bid package.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Holcomb, seconded by Commissioner Goodger there was a unanimous vote to award the 2021 LMIG Project – for full depth reclamation, leveling, and overlay of 2.52 miles of Post Road from Tom Teague Road to Old Hwy 75 South – to Blount Construction in the amount of \$750,579.02 – with the county's portion of \$345,973.29 to be paid from 2020 SPLOST Funds.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Nix, seconded by Commissioner Holcomb there was a unanimous vote to table the consideration of a proposal for construction observation services for the 2021 LMIG Project, due to not yet having received the estimate for these services.

Chairman Turner presented a renewal contract with Hamby Management, Inc. for SPLOST Program Management Services. He noted that the County had contracted with Mr. Hamby for several years. The previous contract was

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for \$38,400.00 annually and the renewal contract being considered was for \$24,000.00 annually. Chairman Turner stated the contract being considered was specifically for road projects and SPLOST reporting; however if additional services were needed outside the scope of this contract, these would be negotiated at an additional fee. He also indicated that funding for this expense would be taken from SPLOST.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Holcomb, seconded by Commissioner Nix there was a vote to approve the contract with Hamby Management, Inc. in the amount of \$24,000.00 annually. Chairman Turner voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner Goodger and Commissioner Bryant opposed the motion. The motion passed by a 3-2 vote.

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

During County Manager Comments – Mr. Cobb stated that revisions were being made to the draft nuisance ordinance and this version would be distributed to the Board later in the week. He informed that he is working through some property owners’ concerns on the Airport Road bridge replacement project and collaborating with DOT on possible solutions. Mr. Cobb also informed that the Road Department will be working on improvements to the Senior Center parking area – this will be funded through the 2020 SPLOST.

Chairman Turner opened the floor for public participation.

Ms. Nancy Duggan spoke on behalf of Friends of the Library. She expressed appreciation to the Board for their continued support of the libraries. She also introduced the Regional Library Director, Delana Knight.

Ms. Beth Truelove, Chamber of Commerce President, expressed how pleased she is with the State and Local economies – which have shown resilience during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

The minutes of the March 1, 2021 Regular Meeting were approved as stated this 5th day of April, 2021.

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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