

# **WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

## **MINUTES OF THE CALLED MEETING**

**HELD FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2019 AT 11:00 A.M.**

The White County Board of Commissioners held a Called Meeting on Friday, September 13, 2019 at 11:00 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 Michael Melton, Finance Director Jodi Ligon, and County Clerk Shanda Murphy.

Chairman Turner called the meeting to order.

Mr. David Murphy, Director of Public Safety, presented information to the Board regarding a mobile command unit listed on Gov Deals. He stated that for several years, he along with the other members of the Public Safety Board, have been looking for an opportunity to acquire a mobile command unit to utilize for specific high level incidents and to have as a backup location for the 911 center. The unit being presented was a custom built 1996 Thomas Built Mobile Command Unit with 13,570 miles and he was requesting permission from the Board to bid on this unit through the online auction site. He noted it is located in Camden County, North Carolina. Mr. Murphy stated that the unit would need to be repainted / lettered – which could be done in house or through the Phillips State Prison for a minimal dollar amount. He stated the request to the Board was to authorize a bid on the unit up to \$25,000.00 – which would be funded through restricted wireless 911 funds. He indicated that the bidding period would be closing on Tuesday, September 17, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. He stated that the Board of Education had donated a surplus 1992 bus for the county to build into a command unit; however that modification would cost well over \$25,000.00. Chairman Turner explained that if this command unit was purchased, the bus could either go back to the Board of Education or be surplus by the county. Mr. Murphy stated that someone would go make a physical inspection of the unit and that Camden County had all the maintenance records for the unit.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Goodger there was a unanimous vote to approve a bid on the 1996 Thomas Built Mobile Command Unit up to \$25,000.00 (plus the calculated admin fee), with funding from 911 restricted wireless funds, and with the authorization to surplus the 1992 bus either back to the Board of Education or to sell via Gov Deals.

Chairman Turner informed the Board that the Historical Society would be presenting a funding request to the Board at the September 30 Work Session – related to improvements to the Historic Courthouse.

Commissioner Nix stated that he had sat in on a presentation from the Secretary of State regarding the new voting machines and the counties would be receiving more information on this issue.

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Mr. David Murphy advised the Board that he had received a preliminary notice of award from the Firefighters Assistance Grant for four (4) firefighter positions.

Mr. John Sell, Director of Community & Economic Development, advised the Board on the status of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant application. He noted that during the grant application review he was asked to confirm the construction timeline for the proposed playground and he advised it would be less than one (1) year. He stated that he is waiting to hear back on the results.

There was discussion regarding the Yonah Lake Subdivision development off Duncan Bridge Road. There were concerns that the developers had made substantial changes to the development compared to the preliminary plat on file which was presented to the Planning Department. Mr. Sell was directed to review the preliminary plat and the current development to determine if there had been any changes that needed to be address by the county.

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

The minutes of the September 13, 2019 Called Meeting are hereby approved as stated this 7<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2019.

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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