

WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF THE CALLED MEETING HELD

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19, 2010 AT 8:30 A.M.

The White County Board of Commissioners held a Called Meeting on Wednesday, May 19, 2010 at 8:30 A.M. in the Board of Commissioners Office Conference Room at the White County Courthouse Cleveland, Georgia. Present at the meeting were: Chairman Travis Turner, Commissioner Joe Campbell, Commissioner Craig Bryant, County Manager Carol Jackson, Interim Finance Director Vicki Mays, and County Clerk Shanda Smallwood.

Chairman Turner called the meeting to order.

Carol Jackson, County Manager, presented the contract for architectural services for the White County Senior Center Expansion Project on behalf of George Hlavenka. She stated this had been reviewed by the County Attorney and there was an additional stipulation amendment, with protected wording, added to the contract on the County's behalf.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Campbell the contract for architectural services with George Hlavenka for the White County Senior Center Expansion Project was approved in the amount of \$19,600.00 with funds to come from the "new" SPLOST account.

Doug Dockery, Public Works Director, presented option for the paving of the parking area at the White County Senior Center.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Campbell, seconded by Commissioner Bryant there was a unanimous motion to approve the White County Road Department's paving of the Senior Center Parking area with the Econopave product, using White County Road Department employees for the labor, White County Road Department funds remaining in the FY 10 budget, and with the understanding that this parking area would have to be overlaid once construction was complete.

Doug Dockery presented the bids received on the four wheel drive enclosed cab tractor, heavy duty center mount side rotary mower, and the heavy duty rear mount full type rotary mower. Mr. Dockery stated that his recommended selection would be the John Deere Tractor from Nelson Tractor for the amount of \$83,050.00.

Chairman Turner stated the purchase of this equipment would allow the Road Department Employees to mow the county right of ways instead of continuing to contract this service out. Mr. Dockery stated the mowing crew would only work on the right of ways approximately eight (8) weeks per year, during which time their salaries would be paid by general fund – however throughout the remainder of the year their salaries would be paid out of the 2004 SPLOST while they are working on approved road projects.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Campbell, seconded by Commissioner Bryant there was a unanimous vote to approve the purchase of the 105HP John Deere Tractor and associated equipment from Nelson Tractor for the amount of \$83,050.00 and to approve the hiring in the FY 11 Budget of the three (3) additional positions needed for the mowing operation. The expense of the tractor purpose and personnel would be paid through FY 11 the general fund, Road Department Budget.

Carol Jackson asked that Shanda Smallwood review the options available for the FY 11 Employee Benefits Renewal to be effective July 1, 2010. Ms. Smallwood stated the Blue Cross Blue Shield renewal was 9.47% over the current premiums. However, there were two (2) additional options with Blue Cross Blue Shield: adding a \$1,000.00 HMO deductible option with current employee premiums and allowing employees to “buy-up” to the \$500 HMO deductible option or the PPO Option – this would result in a 4.08% cost increase to the County OR passing the entire increase on through employee premiums while adding the \$1,000.00 HMO deductible option – this would result in a 0.00% cost increase to the County. Basically, the three options with a Blue Cross Blue Shield renewal included the County assuming the entire cost increase (11.29% or \$142,600 increase to the County), the County and Employees sharing the cost increase – with some plan modifications (4.08% or \$52,000 increase to the County), or the entire cost increase being passed along in employee premiums (0.00% increase to the County).

Carol Jackson stated that if the Board of Commissioners decided to implement option number 1 – which included an 11.29% increase in the County’s cost (\$142,600.00) additional cuts would be required to balance the FY 11 budget.

Commissioner Bryant stated he did not see any revenues listed for the Building Inspection Department in the FY11 budget draft and the Board of Commissioners had discussed re-implementing the fees for building permits effective July 1, 2010. He further stated this could be a source of revenue to off set the increase in costs for the employee benefits renewal while maintaining a balanced budget.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Campbell there was a unanimous vote to approve option number 2 as presented (4.08% increase to the County) for the Employee Benefits Plan Renewal for the FY 11 budget year – to be effective July 1, 2010.

In discussing the status of the FY 11 Budget, Carol Jackson provided the following summary (please see meeting file for the entire presentation):

White County Proposed Budget FY 2010
 FY 2009-FY 2010- FY 2011 Budget Comparison

Department	FY 2009 Amended	FY 2010 Original	FY 2010 Amended	FY 2011 Total Request	Requested Change % (From Amended Budget)	Change from Co. Mgr Reconn to Amended	Co. Mgr Recommendation
County Wide-110	2 225 727 00	2 111 028 00	2 123 028 00	2 056 691 00	-3.12%	(70,213 00)	2 052 815 00
Building Maint-115	157 261 00	145 522 00	159 686 00	241 829 00	51.44%	82 143 00	241 829 00
Elections-120	78 543 00	23 062 00	23 062 00	89 634 00	288.67%	66 572 00	89 634 00
Commission Office-125	474 619 00	432 676 00	499 396 00	429 734 00	-13.95%	(69 662 00)	429 734 00
Network-130	299 409 00	221 474 00	225 259 00	273 451 00	21.99%	48 192 00	273 451 00
Purchasing-135	73 564 00	68 974 00	49 974 00	-	-100.00%	(48,974 00)	-
Registrar-140	42 409 00	36 542 00	37 177 00	44 516 00	19.74%	6 752 00	43 929 00
Human Resources-145	94 457 00	66 159 00	66 159 00	59 382 00	-10.24%	(7 631 00)	58 528 00
Finance-150	222 265 00	213 704 00	200 564 00	202 423 00	0.93%	(62 438 00)	138 126 00
Animal Control-210	137,137 00	125 355 00	164 360 00	187 804 00	14.26%	8 161 00	172 521 00
Coroner-220	39,468 00	38 618 00	38 618 00	40 175 00	3.34%	1 297 00	40 175 00
Detention Ctr-240	1 825,923 00	1 726 490 00	1 738 490 00	1 799 954 00	3.50%	5 456 00	1 743 946 00
EMA-260	10 980 00	11 968 00	11 966 00	18 155 00	51.72%	6 189 00	18 155 00
GIS-270	114 367 00	111 293 00	112 893 00	-	-100.00%	(112 893 00)	-
Sheriff-290	2 799,117 00	2 528,255 00	2 604 305 00	2 803,102 00	7.63%	24,947 00	2 629 252 00
Tax Comm.-310	411 458 00	365 382 00	401 782 00	423 411 00	5.38%	2 695 00	404 477 00
Tax Assessors-320	476,638 00	442 428 00	450 768 00	617 767 00	37.05%	92 095 00	542 863 00
Road Dept-410	1 234 747 00	1 173 262 00	1 190 082 00	1 349 861 00	13.43%	159 779 00	1 349 861 00
Extension Svc.-550	19 967 00	18 967 00	18 967 00	18 967 00	0.00%	-	18 967 00
Soil Cons.-570	45,805 00	43 605 00	44 855 00	45 604 00	1.67%	749 00	45,604 00
Libraries-580	186 212 00	178 854 00	181 934 00	183 294 00	0.76%	1 360 00	183 294 00
Park & Rec-590	889 078 00	824 569 00	818 825 00	800 000 00	-2.30%	(18 825 00)	800 000 00
Park & Rec-595	77 355 00	77 355 00	77 355 00	-	-100.00%	(77 355 00)	-
Building Insp.-610	266,204 00	263 715 00	229 448 00	220 641 00	-3.84%	(8 807 00)	220 641 00
Planning-620	274 438 00	253 831 00	243 181 00	215 817 00	-11.25%	(27 364 00)	215 817 00
Soil & Erosion-625	19 671 00	19 671 00	19 851 00	10,627 00	-45.46%	(9 024 00)	10 627 00
Code Enf.-630	62 465 00	57 450 00	20 995 00	-	-100.00%	(20 995 00)	-
Clerk-Sup. Ct.-710	379 008 00	369 498 00	370 148 00	379 678 00	2.57%	7 101 00	377 249 00
Clerk-Mag. Ct.-720	44 746 00	41 956 00	43 006 00	48 642 00	13.11%	4,051 00	47 057 00
Clerk Juv Ct.-725	6,487 00	6 072 00	6 222 00	6 244 00	0.35%	(178 00)	6 044 00
District Att-740	8,470 00	7 745 00	7 745 00	6 845 00	-11.62%	(900 00)	6 845 00
Juvenile Ct.-750	78,435 00	67 435 00	67 435 00	73 435 00	8.90%	(2 000 00)	65 435 00
Magistrate Ct.-760	206 265 00	195 985 00	200 335 00	215 605 00	7.72%	14 520 00	214 855 00
Probate Ct.-770	243 324 00	226,012 00	233,462 00	248,531 00	6.45%	14 069 00	247 531 00
Public Defender-775	117 357 00	117 167 00	117 167 00	106 230 00	-7.62%	(6,927 00)	106 230 00
Superior Ct.-780	115 500 00	104 600 00	104 600 00	120 050 00	14.77%	14 450 00	119 050 00
Bailiffs-790	16 102 00	13,153 00	13,153 00	13,153 00	0.00%	-	13 153 00
Contingency-900	480,329 00	500,000 00	472,850 00	500,000 00	5.74%	27,150 00	500,000 00
G F. Total	14,211,434 00	13,255,700 00	13,388,363 00	13,863,072 00	3.47%	41 552 00	13,429,915 00

Other FUNDS:	FY 2009 Amended	FY 2010 Original	FY 2010 Amended	FY 2011 Total Request	% Change (From amended budget)	\$ Change	County Mgr Recommendation
Fire Fund	1 051 895 00	904 450 00	939,217 00	1,106 827 00	17.85%	242 640 00	1 181 857 00
E-911 Fund	835 328 00	606,557 00	618,557 00	625,819 00	0.89%	7 262 00	625 819 00
Solid Waste	65 428 00	65,428 00	65,728 00	73,980 00	12.55%	8,252 00	73,980 00
DTF	576 358 00	571 782 00	572 437 00	579 677 00	1.26%	7 240 00	579 677 00
Sr Svc	311 355 00	317 853 00	321 778 00	337 561 00	4.90%	15,783 00	337 561 00
Hotel/Motel	300,000 00	300,000 00	300 000 00	602 500 00	100.83%	302 500 00	602 500 00
Enotah	735 694 00	731 542 00	731 542 00	714 593 00	-2.32%	(16,949 00)	714 593 00
Jail Fund	75 300 00	75 300 00	75 300 00	95 500 00	26.83%	20,200 00	95 500 00
Inmate Welfare Fund	36 770 00	36,770 00	35,770 00	59 235 00	61.10%	22 465 00	59 235 00
Drug Education Fund	34,000 00	34 000 00	32 091 00	29,570 00	-7.60%	(2 431 00)	29 570 00
Law Library	17 700 00	17 700 00	17 700 00	18,000 00	1.69%	300 00	18,000 00
Clerk Re-Index Fund	18,000 00	18 000 00	18 000 00	13 000 00	-27.78%	(5,000 00)	13,000 00
Juvenile Supervision	1 930 00	1 930 00	1 930 00	1 930 00	0.00%	-	1 930 00
Confiscated assets	20 000 00	20,000 00	20 000 00	20,000 00	0.00%	-	20 000 00
CHAMPS	1 000 00	1 000 00	1 000 00	1 000 00	0.00%	-	1 000 00
Totals	18,292 192 00	17 157,992 00	17 340,323 00	18,332 264 00	3.71%	\$ 643,814 00	\$ 17 984,137 00

Following the presentation of this summary the following direction was provided regarding revisions to be made to the working budget:

- Carol Jackson was directed to meet with Chief Building Official, Ringo McCollum, regarding re-implementing the building permit fees;
- Remove the costs associated with building proposed County Fire Station #1 from the Fire Fund;
- Confirm with the YMCA the contract costs for the operating of the White County Recreation Department; and
- Reduce subscriptions and publications costs where possible by consolidating legal publications in Law Library for use by all courts.

Following a decision to have an additional Called Meeting regarding the status of FY 2011 Budget on Wednesday, May 26, 2010 at 8:30 A.M. and upon a motion made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Campbell there was a unanimous vote to exit the Called Meeting and go into an Executive Session in order to discuss personnel issues.

-See the Following Closed Meeting Affidavit-

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Campbell, seconded by Commissioner Bryant there was a unanimous vote to exit Executive Session and re-enter the Called Meeting in order to discuss possible issues with the White County Detention Center Construction Project.

Chairman Turner stated it had been brought to the Board of Commissioners attention that there may be an issue with the right of way for the future DOT by-pass on the Detention Center Construction Project.

An Engineer with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) stated he had spoken with the designers of the proposed detention center and it had come to the DOT's attention that there is a discrepancy of ten (10) feet in the existing road height on the DOT's plans and the plans for the White County Detention Center.

Commissioner Campbell demonstrated the option of transposing (flipping) the design, in order to deal with the issue of excess slope.

The DOT Engineer stated the designed would also need to be in contact with the DOT Driveway Permits Department as Hulsey Road is a County Road, however it has been designated as a temporary state route due to the right of way acquisition for the future by-pass.

Tom Wiley, Project Manager with Charles Black Construction and Larry Goldberg, Architect joined the meeting.

Mr. Wiley stated the issues being discussed came to light the day before when a power utility issue, which interfered with the construction area, was brought to his attention. He stated at that time he contacted GDOT during which the issue with the road height discrepancy was discovered. Mr. Goldberg stated that by rotating the design a quarter of a degree the utility issue would no longer be a concern.

May 19, 2010 – Called Meeting Minutes

The DOT Engineer stated second submissions on utility relocation had not been received from Georgia Power for confirmation as to where the existing power poles would need to be relocated for the by-pass project – which could create a future concern for the construction location relative to the utility easement.

Larry Goldberg stated he would have to evaluate the option of revising the design for a mirror image of the present design in order to determine if this would solve the present issues.

Chairman Turner stated that the Board of Commissioners were very displeased in being informed that these issues existed with the DOT and Georgia Power this late into the project. He further stated the issues needed to be resolved as soon as possible with improved communication with all entities involved.

Mr. Wiley stated the Board of Commissioners would have to make decisions regarding the current design of the future facility while considering that DOT may not construct the by-pass for several years (i.e. construct a fifteen foot wall in accordance with the by-pass design and wait fifteen years for the bypass to be constructed or go ahead and construct a three foot wall, knowing this area will have to be modified in the future).

Mr. Goldberg stated the issue was how much should be done at the present time anticipating the changes to be made several years down the line.

Carol Jackson stated everyone should be coordinating issues with the DOT through Vivica Cooper, who had not been contacted on the project until Ms. Jackson called her the day prior.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Campbell there was a unanimous vote to adjourn the Called Meeting on May 19, 2010.

These minutes of the May 19, 2010 Called Meeting are hereby approved as stated this the 14th day of June, 2010.

WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

s/Travis C. Turner
Travis C. Turner, Chairman

s/Joe R. Campbell
Joe R. Campbell, Post 1 Commissioner

s/Craig Bryant
Craig Bryant, Post 2 Commissioner

s/Shanda Smallwood
Shanda Smallwood, County Clerk