

WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF THE CALLED MEETING HELD

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2010 AT 9:00 A.M.

The White County Board of Commissioners held a Called Meeting on Thursday, November 18, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. in the Board of Commissioners Office Conference Room. Present at the meeting were: Chairman Travis Turner, Post 1 Commissioner Joe Campbell, County Manager Carol Jackson, and County Clerk Shanda Smallwood. Post 2 Commissioner Craig Bryant was not in attendance.

Chairman Turner called the meeting to order.

Ms. Jackson stated that she had not included an item for the agenda and she requested that the Chairman add this to the agenda. She stated this item was regarding funds being awarded to White County through the Local Maintenance & Improvement Grant (LMIG) and the Commission needed to address the acceptance of these funds and approve the projects which would be complete with the funds. Chairman Turner stated this would be added to the agenda as item number five (5) under new business.

Ms. Jackson asked Tommy Wiley of Charles Black Construction to present the bids received for the construction of the White County Public Work Facility. Mr. Wiley presented that three (3) bids were received for the project – with the low bidder being Ricky Gailey Construction at \$173,882.00. Mr. Wiley further explained this project included construction of the metal building, inside liner panels, sheds on each side of the building, and a wash bay in the back. He stated his recommendation was to award this to the low bidder.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Campbell, seconded by Chairman Turner the bid for the White County Public Works Facility at 675 Truelove Road was awarded to Rick Gailey Construction in the amount of \$173,882.00 with the project to be funded through the 2008 SPLOST.

Carol Jackson presented the bids received for the renovations to the future office of the White County Tax Commissioners Office. She stated five (5) bid responses were received on the project with an Athens, GA firm, Bona Fide Construction being the low bidder and a local firm, Precision Metal Buildings, being the second lowest bidder on the project. Ms. Jackson recommended the project be awarded to Precision Metal Buildings in the amount of \$109,990.00.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Campbell, seconded by Chairman Turner there was a unanimous vote to award the bid on the renovations to the future office of the White County Tax Commissioners Office, located at 144 North Bell Street, to Precision Metal Buildings in the amount of \$109,990.00.

Ms. Jackson stated that minimal asbestos was detected in the building and this had been removed and disposed of - at the cost of \$1,500.00.

Both Chairman Turner and Commissioner Campbell agreed that a contracted time of 120 days for completion was acceptable on this project.

Carol Jackson stated the completion of a fire agreement for automatic aid with the City of Helen had been a smooth process and asked David Murphy, Director of EMA/E911 who has worked as a liaison in forming the agreement, to present the agreement to be considered by the Board of Commissioners. Chairman Turner asked for clarification on the current benefit to the County of the ladder truck which is owned jointly by White County and the City of Helen and being considered as part of the referenced automatic aid agreement.

Mr. Murphy stated that the ladder truck, which was purchased jointly by the two government entities in 2002, could respond to any location within the County as requested – however the truck only benefits those within a 2.5 mile radius of the City of Helen for ISO ratings.

Mr. Murphy presented the agreement being considered stating it was a standard automatic aid agreement with a monetary element of \$4,000.00 per year to be paid to the City of Helen from the White County Fire Fund - to cover the expenses associated with their response into the unincorporated area of White County, which in turn benefits the citizens of White County in their ISO ratings. He stated that the City of Helen felt the monetary contribution was equitable and the agreement would be reviewed annually in order to address any necessary changes. Mr. Murphy stated this agreement was required by state law in order for the County to expend a portion of the fire insurance tax premium received by the County to a municipal fire department, however even if there was no agreement in place response would be provided in the event of any emergency.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Campbell, seconded by Chairman Turner there was a unanimous vote to approve the new agreement between White County and the City of Helen for automatic aid fire aid within the incorporated area of Helen and the unincorporated area of White County, as well as approval of the transfer of title for the 2000 Ferrara Ladder Truck (VIN#0063) purchased jointly between the two governmental entities in 2002.

Keith Canup with the White County Road Department presented information on the 2011 LMIG (Local Maintenance & Improvement Grant) Funds to be awarded to White County from the Georgia Department of Transportation. He stated the funds to be received would be approximately \$230,000.00 – which would be put toward the resurfacing of the number one (Black Road) and number 2 (Cooley Woods Road) priorities on the LMIG list. He further stated that the State had advised the County could include the number three priority (Asbestos Road from SR 75 to Boca Hills Road – with the County reimbursing the State for the estimated \$100,000.00 for the work on this portion of Asbestos Road. The State will be letting the contracts, inspecting the work, and providing all the administrative work for the project; however the County will be responsible for getting all three roads ready for resurfacing by patching and leveling.

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Upon a motion made by Commissioner Campbell, seconded by Chairman Turner there was a unanimous vote to accept the LMIG funds from the state, thereby agreeing for the County to let the contracts for leveling and resurfacing of Black Road, Cooley Woods Road, and a portion of Asbestos Road (SR 75 to Boca Hills Road), as well as reimbursing up to \$100,000.00 to the State for the resurfacing of the portion of Asbestos Road – with funds applicable to this project being taken from the 2008 SPLOST.

Commissioner Campbell stated he wanted to emphasize that construction on the two projects (Public Works Facility and Renovations to the Tax Commissioners Office) awarded needed to begin immediately.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Campbell, seconded by Chairman Turner there was a unanimous vote to adjourn the Called Meeting.

The minutes of the November 18, 2010 Called Meeting are hereby approved as stated this the 6th day of December 2010.

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s/Travis C. Turner

Travis C. Turner, Chairman

s/Joe R. Campbell

Joe R. Campbell, Post 1

s/Craig Bryant

Craig Bryant, Post 2

s/Shanda Smallwood

Shanda Smallwood, County Clerk