

WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING OF MARCH 6, 2009, AT 12:00 NOON,
ON A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT,
WHITE COUNTY CDBG BEAN CREEK PHASE II PROJECT

A public hearing was conducted on the White County CDBG Bean Creek Phase II project on March 6, 2009, at 12:00 noon in the White County Commissioners' Office, White County Courthouse, Cleveland, Georgia. David Sargent of Georgia Mountains RDC conducted the hearing. See the attached sign-in sheet for a list of all attendees.

Mr. Sargent stated that Georgia Mountains RDC was administering a Community Development Block Grant for the White County Commission; that the purpose of the public hearing was to share information with the public regarding a request for an amendment to the CDBG application from White County Water Authority for a Phase II project in the Bean Creek community.

Mr. Sargent recognized Gary Howe representing the White County Water Authority and Chad Sipe representing Carter & Sloope, the engineering firm representing the Water Authority.

Mr. Sargent stated that the original application was funded through the Department of Community Affairs with a \$500,000 grant, which was matched locally by White County; that the first phase of the project was completed in 2008, which provided clean and safe water to 32 low to moderate income residents who qualified for CDBG funding; that White County Water Authority had put together Phases II, III and IV; that there was \$112,567.01 left available from the original grant for the completion of Phase I that could possibly be applied to Phase II of this project; that the White County Water Authority had already contacted the Department of Community Affairs and received approval to submit an amendment to the original application; that the amendment would allow the White County Water Authority to use the amount of \$112,567.01 to help complete the project through Phase II.

Gary Howe gave an overview on Phase II. Mr. Howe stated that one section of Phase II started at Bean Creek Church and ran for approximately 1800 feet to its terminus, which would furnish water to more residents; that another section of Phase II ran from the end of Phase I and ran to Highway 255; that another section of Phase II runs from the intersection of Bean Creek Road with Highway 255 to Garland Bristol Road; that Phase II had about 3600 feet of 8" pipe and about ½ mile of 10" double-line pipe.

Mr. Sargent stated that in order to complete the amendment process, they had to prepare a map, hold the public hearing, complete a survey of the proposed customers, complete a narrative update, which the engineers provided, and a budget break down, which shows the additional cost for material and labor for Phase II would be well over the \$112,000 amount; that they felt like DCA would release the balance of the funds to help White County Water Authority offset some of the costs incurred in the project. Mr. Sargent stated that the original application called for a well; that the well was contaminated; that a second well was contaminated and had a lack of water pressure; that the White County Water Authority made a decision to run a line from their existing line, which increased their costs tremendously; that the water provided by extending the line allowed them to complete the Bean Creek project; that they were now trying to make an extension of that project to incur the \$112,000.00+.

Gary Howe of the White County Water Authority stated that Floyd Jones and his mother, Priscilla Jones, who were present at the meeting, had approached him about getting water from this new line; that he did conduct a survey on their household income and that they met the criteria; that they had three mobile homes in the Bean Creek area and currently used a spring, which sometimes was dry; that the water from the spring could not be used for drinking water. Mr. Howe asked Mr. Sargent if the CDBG grant would cover the cost of connections as it did in the original grant. Mr. Sargent stated that he did not think that there would be a problem; however, he would need to contact the DCA before giving a final answer.

There being no further questions or comments, the meeting was adjourned at 12:10 P.M.

s/Travis Turner
Travis Turner, Chairman

s/Joe Campbell
Joe R. Campbell, Post 1

s/Craig Bryant
Craig Bryant, Post 2

s/Shanda Smallwood
Shanda Smallwood, County Clerk