The White County Board of Commissioners held a Regular Meeting on Monday, February 6, 2017 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 Edwin Nix, Commissioner Craig Bryant, County Manager Michael Melton, Finance Director Vicki Mays, and County Clerk Shanda Murphy. Commissioner Lyn Holcomb was not in attendance.

Chairman Turner called the meeting to order.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Pastor Dustin Biggers of Restoration Point Church 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 January 9, 2017 Work Session & Regular Meeting and the January 30, 2017 Work Session & Called Meeting – including Executive Session Minutes.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Nix, seconded by Commissioner Goodger there was a unanimous vote to approve the following consent agenda:

- Approval of the application for the 2016 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) in the amount of $359,412.00 for the operation of the Appalachian Regional Drug Enforcement Office – with White County continuing to serve as the fiscal agent for these grant funds;
- Adoption of resolution (County Resolution No. 2017-05) for amendment to the White County Code of Ordinances associated with the excise tax levy for wholesalers of distilled spirits in the unincorporated area of White County;
- Appointment of Ms. Judi Lawson to the White County Department of Family & Children’s Services Board for a term to expire June 30, 2021.

Mr. Frank Riley, Executive Director of the Chestatee Chattahoochee Resource Conservation & Development Council (RC&D), presented information to the Board about current programs in White County including the Fire Adapted Citizens Coalition, Best Management Practices Projects in the Town Creek – Tesnatee Creek Watershed, and the Seasonal High Tunnel donation to the White County High School Agriculture Program. Mr. Riley expressed his appreciation to the Board for their continued support of the RC&D.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Nix, seconded by Commissioner Bryant there was a unanimous vote to adopt County Resolution No. 2017-06 for the approval of an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2017 Budget for personnel expenses:
RESOLUTION NO. 2017-06

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WHEREAS, there is a need to make year-end amendments to White County's Budget for Fiscal Year 2017.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Budget of White County is hereby amended to allow the changes as set out on the attached.

RESOLVED, this 6th day of February, 2017.

Expense Associated with 1 Part Time Employee being Reclassified as a Full Time Employee for the Remainder of the Budget Year

Salaries & Wages: $3,750.00
Health Insurance: $1,350.00
Dental: $21.00
Social Security & Medicare: $391.76

--------Total FY 17 Budget Adjustment: $5,512.76 (To Be Divided By Dept. 125 & 150 – 50/50)
Chairman Turner noted that Mr. Kevin Hamby, SPLOST Manager with Hamby Management Services, was not able to be in attendance therefore a SPLOST Report would not be presented.

Ms. Vicki Mays, Finance Director, presented the monthly financial status report (see attached).

During the County Manager Comments portion of the agenda – Mr. Melton advised the Board that the culvert replacement on Adair Mill Road had been completed. He noted that the cut out section of payment would remain gravel for a period of time in order for this area to be compacted prior to paving. Chairman Turner recognized the good work done by the White County Road Department on this project.

Mr. Melton advised the Board that Allied World Assurance Company, who is the surety for E&P General Contractors on the Freedom Park Veteran’s Memorial Project, had committed to paying the subcontractors for any outstanding invoices if the County would pay the surety the outstanding contract balance of $10,934.92. The total amount due to sub-contractors on the project is $19,679.50.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Goodger, seconded by Commissioner Nix there was a unanimous vote to pay $10,934.92 to Allied World Assurance Company – the amount currently owed by the county for the Freedom Park Veteran’s Memorial Project, with the surety company being responsible for paying the outstanding amount due to sub-contractors of $19,679.50.

Mr. Melton advised that conceptual draft documents of the Yonah Preserve Recreational Project were available in his office to review – however Mr. John Stover with Carter & Sloope would have conceptual drawings and cost estimates completed this week for the project.

Chairman Turner opened the floor of public participation. No one requested to speak.

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

The minutes of the February 6, 2017 Regular Meeting are hereby approved as stated this 6th day of March, 2017.

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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
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s/Edwin Nix
Edwin Nix, District 3

s/Craig Bryant
Craig Bryant, District 4

s/Shanda Murphy
Shanda Murphy, County Clerk