

WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD

MONDAY, MARCH 6, 2017 AT 4:30 P.M.

The White County Board of Commissioners held a Regular Meeting on Monday, March 6, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. in the Board Room at the White County Administration Building. Present at the meeting were: Chairman Travis Turner, Commissioner Terry Goodger, Commissioner Lyn Holcomb, Commissioner Edwin Nix, Commissioner Craig Bryant, County Manager Michael Melton, Finance Director Vicki Mays, and County Clerk Shanda Murphy.

Chairman Turner called the meeting to order.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Dean Dyer provided the invocation.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Holcomb there was a unanimous vote to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting held February 6, 2017 and the Work Session held February 27, 2017.

Upon presentation of proclamation, March 29, 2017 was declared “Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans’ Day in White County”.

Upon presentation of proclamation, March 6-10, 2017 was declared “Exceptional Children’s Week in White County”.

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

- Approval of surplus (County Resolution No. 2017-07) of the following vehicles currently assigned to the White County Sheriff’s Office – with sales proceeds to be designated to the Sheriff’s Office for purchase of vehicle(s):
 - 2008 Ford Escape;
 - 2008 Ford Crown Victoria;
 - 2008 Ford Crown Victoria;
 - 2000 Ford Crown Victoria;
 - 2007 Ford Crown Victoria;
 - 2008 Ford Crown Victoria;
 - 2003 Ford Crown Victoria;
 - 2009 Ford Crown Victoria;
 - 2008 Ford Crown Victoria;
 - 2006 Ford Crown Victoria; and
 - 1985 Chevrolet Blazer.

- Approval for the continuation of the authorization for the White County Tax Commissioner’s Office to receive various forms of payment on behalf of White County and the revised

authority to disburse funds on a monthly basis to the White County Board of Commissioners Office.

- Rejection of the bids received (Thunder Contracting @ \$871,984.60 & CW Matthews @ \$1,059,961.11) for the improvements to Carolina Springs Road (associated with the \$358,501.00 received in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Employment Incentive Program (EIP) Funding) – with the project being re-bid following a thorough review of the bid documents. The reason stated for rejection of bids was that bids far exceeded the funds allotted for the project.
- Authorization of withdrawal of the paving of a portion of Bean Creek Road, associated with the contract previously awarded to Crumley Creek Construction @ \$17,735.00 & Stratton Paving @ \$27,816.00 – total SPLOST Funds encumbered of \$61,636.85.
- Reappointment of Mr. Tom Carter to the White County Department of Family & Children’s Services Board for a five (5) year term to expire June 30, 2021 and correction to the appointment of Ms. Judi Lawson to the White County Department of Family & Children’s Services Board to fulfill the remainder of five (5) year term to expire June 30, 2019 (previously held by Ms. Lynette Griffin).

-End of Consent Agenda-

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Nix there was a unanimous vote to approve the application submitted by Mr. Kenneth Grimes (discussed during the 02/27/2017 Public Hearing) to redistrict 1.39 acres of property located on FM Road Cleveland, GA Tax Parcel # 003-045A from R-3 (Residential Seasonal District) to R-1 (Residential Single Family District).

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Nix, seconded by Commissioner Goodger there was a unanimous vote to award the prepping (for future paving) of Stanley Nix Road to Nelson Grading in the amount of \$95,899.35 (total SPLOST Encumbrance of \$230,161.23 including materials).

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

Mr. Melton did not have any comments during the County Manager Comments portion of the meeting.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Goodger, seconded by Commissioner Bryant there was a unanimous vote to begin advertising a request for qualifications (RFQ) for a Construction Manager at Risk for the Yonah Preserve Project.

Commissioner Goodger urged the Board to consider improvements to Albert Reid Road, which will provide access to the multi-use trails at Yonah Preserve, as well as needed renovations to a building located in proximity to the trailhead in the very near future.

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There was a brief discussion regarding the wait time for autopsy results that Coroner Ricky Barrett was experiencing through the GBI State Crime Lab and options which would reduce the wait time; however would be an expense to the County in the FY 2018 Budget. The Board asked Mr. Melton to research if other counties are also experiencing the issues with wait times and any measures they were taking to alleviate this. Sheriff Walden stated that the GBI Crime Lab is understaffed and the issues with wait times are across the state.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Goodger, seconded by Commissioner Holcomb there was a unanimous vote to approve \$5,000.00 from General Fund Contingency for ADA compatible doors to be installed at the White County Library – Cleveland Branch, with the remaining \$2,000.00 + to be provided by the Friends of the Library organization.

Chairman Turner opened the floor for public participation.

Mr. Russell Mobley, Bean Creek Road, asked if the County could bill the State of Georgia for expenses such as the coroner having to use an alternative contractor of autopsies. Chairman Turner stated that unfortunately more and more issues are being passed from the State to the Local Level; however it would not be possible to bill the State.

Ms. Judy Lovell, WC Historical Society, expressed her appreciation for the Board's support of the historical society and stated that approximately one-half of the funding had been raised for the future potter's statue on the historic courthouse grounds.

Ms. Linda Mobley, Bean Creek Road, asked for an explanation as to why Bean Creek Road was withdrawn from the paving contract. Commissioner Bryant stated that some of the residents did not want to see this road paved. Ms. Mobley stated that she preferred that the road not be paved as well.

Mr. Neal Walden, Sheriff Walden expressed appreciation for the county's work on Stanley Nix Road. He also stated that he would need to bring purchase of a new vehicle before the Board at the next Work Session due to one of the Sheriff's Office vehicles being totaled in a recent accident.

There was a consensus that the April 3, 2017 Regular Meeting would be cancelled due to spring break scheduling and would be held in combination with the Monday, March 27, 2017 Work Session.

Following announcements, and upon a motion made by Commissioner Holcomb, seconded by Commissioner Goodger there was a unanimous vote to enter Executive Session in order to discuss potential litigation and personnel.

-See the following Closed Meeting Affidavit-

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Nix, seconded by Commissioner Holcomb there was a unanimous vote to exit Executive Session.

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

The minutes of the March 6, 2017 Regular Meeting are hereby approved as stated this 27th day of March, 2017.

WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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