

**WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MINUTES OF THE CALLED MEETING HELD**

**MONDAY, JUNE 12, 2017 AT 4:30 P.M.**

The White County Board of Commissioners held a Called Meeting on Monday, June 12, 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 Lyn Holcomb, Commissioner Edwin Nix, Commissioner Craig Bryant, County Manager Michael Melton, Finance Director Vicki Mays, and County Clerk Shanda Murphy. The purpose of the Called Meeting was to consider adoption of the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Budget and to discuss the status of the Carolina Springs Road Paving Project.

Chairman Turner called the meeting to order.

Mr. Melton made a final presentation of the proposed Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Budget (see attached presentation). The General Fund Budget presented was \$16,938,774.00, Separate Funds Budget totaled \$4,214,670.00, the total budget presented was \$21,153,444.00, and the proposed budget included \$1,065,728.00 in General Fund / Fund Balance needed in order to balance expenditures and revenues. Mr. Melton emphasized that the millage rate would not be set until a final tax digest was presented in July. He noted that at the time the tax digest is presented – the Board may have to consider an increase in the millage rate in order to fund the budget ultimately adopted, consider a reduction in the budgeted expenses, or approve use of additional fund balance.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Goodger there was a unanimous vote to adopt County Resolution No. 2017- 08 approving the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Budget.

**WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017- 08**

**A RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, Budgets for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018 have been prepared and submitted to the Governing Authority; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of White County has studied and revised the proposed budgets; and it is considered in the best interest of White County to adopt them;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of White County that the budgets attached hereto for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018 are approved.

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This 12<sup>th</sup> day of June, 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

ATTEST:

s/Shanda Murphy  
Shanda Murphy, County Clerk

White County General Fund Budget	
Department	FY2018 Approved Budget
County Wide-110	2,005,908.00
Building Maint-115	500,974.00
Elections-120	24,008.00
Commission Office-125	549,237.00
Network-130	289,550.00
Registrar-140	61,934.00
Human Resources-145	85,145.00
Finance-150	164,424.00
Comm & Econ Dev-160	120,484.00
Animal Control-210	325,667.00
Coroner-220	55,090.00
Detention Ctr-240	2,131,319.00
EMA-260	176,569.00
GIS-270	97,234.00
Fire Dept-280	1,095,258.00
Sheriff-290	3,200,254.00

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Tax Comm.-310	542,873.00
Tax Assessors-320	504,894.00
Board of Equalization-325	13,023.00
Road Dept-410	1,450,192.00
Senior Center-540	389,636.00
Extension Svc.-550	39,433.00
Libraries-580	206,566.00
Park & Rec-590	553,657.00
Building Insp.-610	159,119.00
Planning-620	93,918.00
Code Enf.-630	56,420.00
Clerk-Sup. Ct.-710	476,618.00
Clerk-Mag. Ct.-720	53,846.00
Clerk Juv Ct.-725	6,444.00
District Att.-740	6,400.00
Juvenile Ct.-750	110,935.00
Magistrate Ct.-760	272,031.00
Probate Ct.-770	305,744.00
Public Defender-775	121,444.00
Superior Ct.-780	86,100.00
Baliffs-790	13,327.00
Contingency-900	400,000.00
INSURANCE PREMIUM INCREASE	193,099.00
<b>G.F. Total</b>	<b>16,938,774.00</b>
<b>White County Separate Funds</b>	<b>FY2018 Approved Budget</b>
205 Law Library	\$20,000
210 Confiscated assets	\$10,000
222 Jail Fund	\$28,000
223 Inmate Commissary	\$20,555
224 Drug Education Fund	\$67,500
225 Drug Task Force	\$635,779
230 Juvenile Supervision	\$300
250 Grants (contingent upon approval)	\$20,000
275 Hotel/Motel	\$700,675
430 Debt Service (SPLOST)	\$957,523
540 Solid Waste (Enterprise Fund)	\$77,817
570 E-911 Fund (Including Restricted)	\$900,291
710 Enotah	\$776,230
<b>Total Other Funds</b>	<b>\$4,214,670</b>
<b>General Fund Total</b>	<b>\$16,938,774</b>
<b>Other Separate Funds Total</b>	<b>\$4,214,670</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$21,153,444</b>

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DEPT#	GENERAL FUND - REVENUE	FY2018 Approved Budget
110	COUNTYWIDE	\$1,065,728.00
115	BUILDING MAINTENANCE	\$0.00
120	ELECTIONS	\$250.00
125	COMMISSIONERS OFFICE	\$4,042,672.00
130	NETWORK	\$0.00
140	REGISTRAR	\$0.00
145	HUMAN RESOURCES	\$0.00
150	FINANCE	\$100.00
160	COMM & ECON DEVELOPMENT	\$0.00
210	ANIMAL CONTROL	\$24,800.00
220	CORONER	\$0.00
240	DETENTION CENTER	\$4,500.00
260	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	\$8,643.00
270	GIS/MAPPING	\$1,500.00
280	FIRE	\$2,000.00
290	SHERIFF	\$272,605.00
310	TAX COMMISSIONER	\$10,333,337.00
320	TAX ASSESSOR	\$4,400.00
325	BOARD OF EQUALIZATION	\$0.00
410	ROAD DEPT	\$40,200.00
540	SENIOR CENTER	\$157,114.00
550	EXTENTION SERVICE	\$0.00
570	SOIL CONSERVATION	\$0.00
580	LIBRARY	\$0.00
590	PARK & REC	\$142,100.00
610	BUILDING INSPECTION	\$159,800.00
620	PLANNING	\$8,000.00
625	SOIL EROSION	
710	CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT	\$238,025.00
720	CLERK OF MAGISTRATE COURT	\$0.00
725	CLERK OF JUVENILE COURT	\$0.00
730	CIRCUIT COURT	\$0.00
740	DISTRICT ATTORNEY	\$0.00
750	JUVENILE COURT	\$1,000.00
760	MAGISTRATE COURT	\$30,000.00
770	PROBATE COURT	\$225,000.00
775	PUBLIC DEFENDER OFFICE	\$0.00
780	SUPERIOR COURT	\$177,000.00
790	BALIFFS	\$0.00
900	CONTINGENCY	
	<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUE</b>	<b>\$16,938,774.00</b>

-End of Budget Adoption Resolution-

Mr. Melton reviewed that a contract had been awarded on May 1, 2017 to Square Deal Enterprises in the amount of \$478,891.00 for the paving of a portion of Carolina Springs Road beginning at Duncan Bridge Road for a length of .686 miles. He stated that the contractor is prepared to mobilize on or about June 19, 2017. Mr. Melton stated that not all easements needed for the scheduled improvements to this portion of Carolina Springs Road had been obtained and some of the effected residents were in attendance.

Chairman Turner stated that some residents of Carolina Springs Road had expressed concerns regarding the safety of the (first) entrance (going toward Helen) to Carolina Springs Road off Hwy 75 – which was not previously scheduled to be improved due to the objections of an adjacent business owner. Mr. Melton verified for the Board that the business no longer occupied the location and the property is now vacant and currently for sale. Chairman Turner asked Mr. Tom Wright and Ms. Tammy Southwell – as property owners along Carolina Springs Road – if they would be opposed to improvement at this entrance in addition to improvements at the second entrance (adjacent to Wendell’s Restaurant) and the “third” entrance from Duncan Bridge Road. Both Mr. Wright and Ms. Southwell stated they would not object to those improvements.

Mr. Melton stated that improvements to the “first” entrance off Hwy 75 to Carolina Springs Road would require extensive engineering as the road is in the right of way of a state highway and it could be difficult to have this amount of work done in the same timeframe as the previously approved improvements.

Chairman Turner explained that the previously approved improvements to Carolina Springs Road were being funded through a federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) in the amount of \$358,000.00 and Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) Funds in the amount of \$150,000.00 – and additional improvements to the first entrance of Hwy 75 would have to be funded through County SPLOST Funds. Chairman Turner stated that although all the same restrictions associated with the grant funds would not apply to the portion of the project funded through SPLOST - the work would require engineering and proper bidding.

Chairman Turner asked Mr. Wright and Ms. Southwell if they would be willing to agree at this time to the outstanding easements needed on the section from Duncan Bridge Road if the Board approved the improvements to the section from Hwy 75. Ms. Southwell stated that she could not answer the Chairman’s question right now, that she would need to discuss with the other property owners. She emphasized that the property owners wanted all sections to be done in the same timeframe. Chairman Turner responded that would not be possible. Mr. Melton confirmed that the second entrance off Hwy 75 (adjacent to Wendell’s Restaurant) would be paved in conjunction with the initial phase of the project, although a cost for that section had not been determined as of yet. He noted that this section would require considerably less work (than the first entrance would) and the grading would be done by the County Road Department. There was discussion regarding the need to insure that the first Hwy 75 entrance was designed in a way to accommodate commercial traffic coming in and out of Carolina Springs Road from Hwy 75. Mr. Tom Wright emphasized that the property owners wanted to see the whole road (Carolina Springs Road) improved as opposed to only a portion of the road being improved. Chairman Turner stated that once the first entrance is improved – the traffic to Black Bear would most likely utilize that entrance as opposed to the other two entrances in order to access that campus.

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Mr. Wright agreed, stating that approximately 80% of the traffic to and from the Black Bear Campus utilized the Hwy 75 entrance.

Chairman Turner asked the property owners what the timeframe would be for them to consider granting the easements in order to pave Carolina Springs Road (Duncan Bridge Road entrance) – considering that the Board would be acting on the issue of also improving the first entrance from Hwy 75 to Carolina Springs Road. He noted that the project timeline was to move forward as soon as possible. Mr. Tom O’Bryant, Director of Community & Economic Development, stated that the deadline for the CDBG Funded portion of the project (Duncan Bridge entrance) was the end of August 2017 – as an extension had already been given. Chairman Turner stated that being able to engineer and bid the project while the current contractor is still onsite would be a perfect scenario, although that may not be possible with the amount of time needed to design and bid the project. Mr. Melton stated that the goal would be to have the Hwy 75 entrance paved, which included about 600’ for paving, during this current paving season – with the necessary engineering, permitting, and bidding. Chairman Turner stated that upon approval from the Board – the staff would have pressure to move forward with the project as quickly as possible. Mr. Melton committed to keeping the property owners informed on the progress of the project. Commissioner Bryant expressed his frustration that the issues being discussed had not already been ironed out early in the project.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Goodger there was a unanimous vote to approve the paving of the section of Carolina Springs Road (first entrance from Hwy 75 – approximately 600’) which was not addressed in the CDBG funded paving project from Duncan Bridge Road – with funding for the project to come from SPLOST.

Chairman Turner asked that both Ms. Southwell and Mr. Wright follow up with staff over the next few days regarding the needed easements along the portion that would be paved first (Carolina Springs Road from Duncan Bridge Road)

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

The minutes of the June 12, 2017 Called Meeting are hereby approved as stated this 26<sup>th</sup> day of June, 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

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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