The White County Board of Commissioners met for a Regular Meeting on Monday, March 1, 2010 at 4:30 P.M. in the Grand Jury Room of the White County Courthouse Cleveland, GA. Present at the meeting were: Chairman Travis Turner, Post 1 Commissioner Joe Campbell, Post 2 Commissioner Craig Bryant, County Manager Carol Jackson, and County Clerk Shanda Smallwood.

Chairman Turner called the meeting to order.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Pastor Marc Turner of the Cleveland Worship Center brought the invocation.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Campbell there was a unanimous vote to adopt the February 8, 2010 Regular Meeting Minutes, the February 22, 2010 Called Meeting Minutes, and the February 22, 2010 Executive Session Minutes (Sealed).

Upon presentation of proclamation, March 10, 2010 was designated as “Cleveland Better Home Town Day in White County” in honor of Georgia Downtown Day.

Upon presentation of proclamation, April 2010 was designated as “Confederate History and Heritage Month in White County”.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Campbell there was a unanimous vote to approve the following items included in the consent agenda:

- Approval of plans for the White County Senior Center Expansion Project – being the plan dated 01/12/2010 as presented by Architect George Havlenka; and
- Adoption of a resolution, being County Resolution Number 2010-07 providing for amendments to the fiscal year 2010 budget.

Commissioner Bryant asked for clarification regarding whether the costs for the construction of the Animal Control Facility would come from the 2004 SPLOST “Old SPLOST Account” or the 2009 SPLOST “New SPLOST Account”. He further stated he thought the balance remaining in the 2004 SPLOST was designated to go entirely to the Road Department. Carol Jackson explained that Jean Welborn, during her time as Interim County Manager, had done a calculation based on the 2004 SPLOST revenue received and the percentages dedicated to the four different areas – Roads, Public Safety, Recreation, and Courthouse Renovation. In this calculation Ms. Welborn had determined a balance of approximately $200,000.00 was remaining for Public Safety – with the remaining balance due to Roads.
Commissioner Campbell stated he had asked Pat Cooper, Chief Animal Control Officer, to draft a rough drawing for the office space needed in the Animal Control Facility. He stated that after this was drawn to scale there were a few changes which had to be made. Commissioner Campbell stated Ms. Cooper had included a space for two restroom facilities, as opposed to the one unisex facility on the original floor plan and due to the cost of constructing two handicap accessible restroom facilities in a building which would only require one restroom facility, based on the occupant load, it would be most feasible to include only one restroom facility in the construction. Commissioner Campbell stated the other dimensions, as reviewed with Ms. Cooper, were sufficient.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Campbell, seconded by Commissioner Bryant, there was a unanimous vote to award the bid for the Phase One Construction of the White County Animal Control Facility to, the low bidder, Precision Metal Buildings in the amount of $64,324.00 – with the project to be paid from the “Old SPLOST Account” – being the 2004 SPLOST.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Campbell, seconded by Commissioner Bryant there was a unanimous vote to table the consideration of awarding the bid for the General Operating Account.

Chairman Turner opened the floor for citizen comments.

Phillip Thomas of 768 Tolhurst Road asked the Board of Commissioners if he could be placed on next month’s meeting agenda regarding his request for the County to maintain the portion of Tolhurst Road which adjoins his property.

Mr. Thomas stated his property was just past the .63 miles of county maintained roadway on Tolhurst Road and he question why this portion was not being county maintained as he understood this was a County Road when he purchased the property in 1991.

Doug Dockery, Public Works Director, stated that only a portion of Tolhurst Road (.63 miles) has been county maintained for as long as he is aware of – dating back to 1980.

After Mr. Thomas presented several pieces of information included his plat, deed, and a 1983 County Road Map – Chairman Turner stated this matter would have to be researched and would be discussed at the March 29, 2010 Work Session.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Campbell there was a unanimous vote to adjourn the meeting.
March 1, 2010 – Regular Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the March 1, 2010 Regular Meeting of the White County Board of Commissioners is hereby approved as stated this the 5th day of April, 2010.

WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

s/Travis C. Turner
Travis C. Turner, Chairman

s/Joe R. Campbell
Joe R. Campbell, Post 1 Commissioner

s/Craig Bryant
Craig Bryant, Post 2 Commissioner