The White County Board of Commissioners held a Called Meeting on Tuesday, June 10, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. at White County Freedom Park, 66 East Kytle Street. The purpose of the Called Meeting was to inspect the progress of the park construction project and consider options for the stage covering. Present at the meeting were: Chairman Travis Turner, Commissioner Terry Goodger, Commissioner Lyn Holcomb, Commissioner Edwin Nix, Commissioner Craig Bryant, County Manager Michael Melton, and County Clerk Shanda Murphy.

Chairman Turner called the meeting to order.

Three (3) design options, prepared by Mr. Kevin Hill of Owens Welding, were presented for the stage covering, with an approximate cost range from $28,000.00 to $34,000.00. The necessity for an engineer to develop drawings and stamp was discussed.

There was a consensus that the covering would be grounded on the outside of the stage area as opposed to the stage area itself in order to provide for the needed structural support and additional covered area without having to cut the concrete stage area.

There was a consensus that the preferred design was the #2 option with the tapered fan style covering, with the design to be modified to not include the medallions but to instead read “Freedom Park”, since the military branch medallions would be included on the military monument just beside the stage area.

There was a consensus that the construction on the stage covering would need to wait until after the July 4 park dedication ceremony in order to allow for adequate time to obtain the necessary engineered drawings and to avoid having a construction zone at the event.

Mr. Clark McDonald and Mr. Billy Minish, of Charles Black Construction, Inc. stated that their firm would take care of the structural engineer and the footings at no cost to the County – this would be considered their donation to the Freedom Park Project.

There was discussion regarding adding rockwork to the base of the columns in order to blend the design with the park surroundings.

Commissioner Goodger presented a cost proposal for the park furnishings – including ten (10) benches, six (6) tables, and four (4) trash receptacles at a cost of $26,000.00. He stated that eight (8) of the benches were being sponsored by various organizations and individuals – which would reduce the county’s cost.
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Upon a motion made by Commissioner Goodger, seconded by Commissioner Bryant there was a unanimous vote to approve the purchase of the park furnishings in an amount not to exceed $27,000.00 – to be paid from the project owner’s contingency.

Commissioner Goodger presented a proposed maintenance contract with The Chattahoochee Group for Freedom Park in the amount of $9,120.00 annually.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Holcomb, seconded by Commissioner Bryant there was a unanimous vote to approved the maintenance contract with The Chattahoochee Group for Freedom Park in the amount of $9,120.00 annually.

Commissioner Goodger presented a list of rules for use of Freedom Park – which would be posted in the park.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Nix, seconded by Commissioner Bryant there was a unanimous vote to approve the rules for the use of Freedom Park as presented.

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

The minutes of the June 10, 2014 Called Meeting are hereby approved as stated this 23rd day of June, 2014.

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