

**WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MINUTES OF THE CALLED MEETING HELD**

**MONDAY, MAY 18, 2015 AT 4:30 P.M.**

The White County Board of Commissioners held a Called Meeting on Monday, May 18, 2015 at 4:30 p.m. in the Board Room at the White County Administration Building. The purpose of the Called Meeting was to address several items listed on the meeting agenda as distributed. 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.

Upon presentation of proclamation to Mr. Robert Paul Forrester Sr. – June 7, 2015 was declared “Robert Paul Forrester Sr. Day in White County” in honor of Mr. Forrester’s 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Goodger there was a unanimous vote to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting held May 4, 2015 including Executive Session Minutes and the minutes of the Called Meeting held May 6, 2015.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Holcomb, seconded by Commissioner Goodger there was a unanimous vote to award the contract for Professional Audit Services for Valuations of Cell Towers and Cell Equipment to Traylor Business Services, Inc. in the amount of \$18,675.00 as budgeted for Fiscal Year 2015.

Ms. Shanda Murphy presented the responses received to the Request for Proposal (RFP) for 2015-2016 Property & Liability Insurance Coverage – EPIC @ \$265,487.00, ACCG @ \$174,042.00, and Blocker @ \$168,883.00. She stated that all respondents were asked to bid the existing limits of coverage for a base bid – then were allowed to submit an alternate bid. The Board of Commissioners had indicated they were not interested in lowering current limits on Auto Liability, therefore only base bids would be considered. Ms. Murphy stated that although Blocker Insurance was the low bidder the limits quoted did not reflect the current limits of coverage and the value added services (training, resources, etc.) provided by ACCG were customized to counties’ needs.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Nix, seconded by Commissioner Holcomb there was a unanimous vote to award the contract for 2015-2016 Property & Liability Insurance Coverage to ACCG-IRMA (Association County Commissioners of Georgia – Inter-government Risk Management Agency) in the amount of \$174,042.00.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Nix, seconded by Commissioner Holcomb there was a unanimous vote to re-appoint Mr. Brian Alexander to the AVITA Community Partners Board of Directors for a three (3) year term to expire June 30, 2018.

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Upon a motion made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Nix there was a unanimous vote to table the appointment to the White County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Goodger, seconded by Commissioner Holcomb there was a unanimous vote to re-appoint Mr. John Erbele to the Helen / White County Convention & Visitors Bureau Board of Directors for a two year term to expire June 30, 2017 - as the lodging operator / state park management representative.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Holcomb there was a unanimous vote to re-appoint Mr. Michael Foor and to appoint Mr. Don Allison to the White County Development Authority for a six year term to expire June 30, 2010.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Goodger, seconded by Commissioner Nix there was a unanimous vote to reappoint Ms. Pam Walden to the White County Department of Family & Children's Services (DFACS) Board for a five year term to expire June 30, 2016.

There was a consensus that the second appointment to the DFACS Board to fulfill the remainder of a five year term expiring June 30, 2016 would be postponed until such time that the Board could interview some of the candidates.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Holcomb, seconded by Commissioner Nix there was a unanimous vote to reappoint Mr. Octavius Mulligan to the White County YMCA Board for a one year term expiring June 30, 2016.

There was a consensus that the second appointment to the YMCA Board for a one year term expiring June 30, 2016 would be postponed until such time that the Board could interview some of the candidates.

Mr. Terry Palmer, Director of Public Works, provided an update on the current road improvement projects. He stated that resurfacing on Paradise Valley Road (Allied Paving) and Asbestos Road (CW Matthews) had been completed – although the Road Department would have to wait 60 days to complete the shoulder work on Asbestos in order to allow time for the asphalt to cure. Mr. Palmer reviewed that the paving of three (3) gravel roads had been awarded to Caldwell Construction – Gus Abernathy, Rabun Road, and Gene Nix Road. He stated that Gus Abernathy Road was ready for paving and Rabun Road would be ready for paving within a couple of weeks. He indicated that extensive work was still needed on Gene Nix Road in order to straighten curves and filling in so guardrails could be installed, which would take at least a couple of months to complete.

Chairman Turner stated that each District Commissioner had been asked to present their list of gravel roads to be considered for the next round of paving in the fall of 2015. He stated that the roads would be bid out (for asphalt & triple surface) with the bids to be brought back before the Board of Commissioners for award. The roads presented were as follows: District 1: Mauldin Road (with right of way to Albert Reid Road in order to straighten and to have 18' of pavement), Claud Sims Road, and Yonah Valley Road; District 2: Barrett Mill Road, Vernon London Road,

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and Steve Lewis Road; District 3: Gene Nix Road (Remaining), FM Road, Wooten Road, Mt. Pleasant Church Road (Remaining), and Stanley Nix Road; District 4: Shuler Road, Hefner Road, Grover Miles Road, Amy's Ford, and a portion of Bean Creek Road (from Hwy 356 just past the creek). Commissioner Nix asked that the Board consider utilizing LMIG (Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant) Funds for the resurfacing of Mill Lane. Chairman Turner asked Mr. Melton to research upcoming LMIG Funding and include the resurfacing of Mill Lane in bids to be obtained. Chairman Turner reiterated that once bids were received for the proposed improvements – the Board of Commissioners would consider the bids and award these based on priority and funding available.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Holcomb there was a unanimous vote to name Carter & Sloope as the engineer of record for White County, based upon the “as needed” fee schedule provided.

Ms. Vicki Mays, Finance Director, asked for the Board's consideration in approving the amended Fiscal Year 2015 Budget for the Enotah Judicial Circuit – as the other circuit counties had adopted a budget of \$709,156.00 which included an increase to salary and salary related line items compared to the budget White County had adopted of \$698,415.00.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Nix, seconded by Commissioner Goodger there was a unanimous vote to adopt an amended budget of \$709,156.00 for Fiscal Year 2015 for the Enotah Judicial Circuit.

Ms. Vicki Mays reviewed the proposed Fiscal Year 2016 Budget for the Enotah Judicial Circuit – stating the budget was increasing from \$709,156.00 to \$727,044.00 due to state mandated increases in the retirement and benefits costs for positions reimbursed by the County through a contractual agreement with the Prosecuting Attorney's Office (District Attorney) and the Public Defender's Office. The Board of Commissioners expressed their frustration in the expense of the state paid employees increasing each year when it was difficult to balance the county budget with any type of increase for county employees. Ms. Mays clarified that the Enotah Circuit county contributions would remain the same for Fiscal Year 2016 through the use of existing fund balance (\$28,788.54).

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Holcomb, seconded by Commissioner Goodger there was a unanimous vote to adopt the Fiscal Year 2016 Enotah Judicial Circuit Budget in the amount of \$727,044.00, with White County's contribution being \$181,702.00 (Superior Court, District Attorney, and Juvenile Court).

Mr. Melton reviewed the current draft Fiscal Year 2016 General Fund Budget – stating that all capital items were removed from the budget and put on a list for potential SPLOST Funding. He indicated that the proposed budget was approximately \$165,000.00 less than Fiscal Year 2015; however approximately \$1,600,000.00 would need to be used from fund balance in order to balance the projected revenues and expenditures – which would reduce the fund balance to approximately \$3,000,000.00. Chairman Turner stated that based on his calculations he felt rather sure that an additional 3% would be added to the fund balance after the Fiscal Year 2015 Audit was completed, with the Board wishing to maintain a three to four months fund balance.

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The direction given to staff was to revise the budget by maintaining a three month fund balance, a \$300,000.00 contingency (\$500,000.00 if possible), revisiting revenue projections– reporting the effect on the fund balance.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Holcomb, seconded by Commissioner Bryant there was a unanimous vote to enter into Executive Session in order to discuss personnel and potential litigation.

-See the Following Closed Meeting Affidavit-

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

The Board directed staff to begin work on revising the current alcohol ordinance to include allowing growlers, increasing the limit on the number of special events which can be held on an annual basis per organization, including per meeting compensation for board members, reviewing penalties for the licensees who are late filing sales ratio reports, and changing the reapplication process (for previously denied license) from 12 months to 6 months and for those previously denied to come before the Board of Commissioners instead of returning to the Alcohol Beverage Commission.

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

The minutes of the May 18, 2015 Called Meeting are hereby approved as stated this 18<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2015.

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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

s/Edwin Nix  
Edwin Nix, District 3

s/Craig Bryant  
Craig Bryant, District 4

s/Shanda Murphy  
Shanda Murphy, County Clerk