

WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION & CALLED MEETING HELD

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2015 AT 4:30 PM

The purpose of the work session is to discuss agenda items for the Regular Meeting to be held Monday, November 2, 2015 at 4:30 p.m.

The White County Board of Commissioners held a Work Session and Called Meeting on Monday, October 26, 2015 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, County Attorney Bill House, Finance Director Vicki Mays, and County Clerk Shanda Murphy.

DISCUSS APPROVAL OF THE 2016 GRANT APPLICATION AND SUBMISSION FOR THE APPALACHIAN REGIONAL DRUG ENFORCEMENT OFFICE (ARDEO).

Assistant Special Agent Ken Howard with the Georgia Bureau of Investigations (GBI) / Appalachian Regional Drug Enforcement Office (ARDEO) stated that the Task Force would be applying for \$359,412.00 in funding through the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for operation of the ARDEO, with White County continuing to be the host county.

There was a consensus that this item would be placed on the consent agenda at the November 2, 2015 Regular Meeting.

DISCUSS BEING THE CONDUIT FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2016 FORD TRANSIT VAN FOR THE WHITE COUNTY HONOR GUARD.

Mr. Charlie Thomas explained of the White County Honor Guard stated that he was requesting that White County serve as the agent for the purchase of a 2016 Ford Transit Van which would be used to transport the Honor Guard to funerals of veterans throughout the state as well as to schools for educational sessions, and would eventually be used to transport White County Veteran's to the VA Clinic for medical appointments. He stated that through White County the state contract pricing could be utilized, thereby saving the Honor Guard a substantial amount of money. Mr. Thomas explained that the cost of the van was being funded through grants and donations. Chairman Turner asked for a simple agreement to be drafted stating the this vehicle would also serve as a back-up for transportation needs at the White County Senior Center, etc. when not being used by the Honor Guard, that White County would title / register / insure the vehicle with the County's fleet. Chairman Turner stated that if at any time the Honor Guard wanted to transfer the vehicle to their name, the transfer would be done at their expense.

There was a consensus that this item would be placed on the consent agenda at the November 2, 2015 Regular Meeting.

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DISCUSS PURCHASE OF A 2015 DODGE CARAVAN FOR THE WHITE COUNTY SENIOR CENTER FOR HOME DELIVERED MEAL TRANSPORT.

Ms. Bonnie York, Director of Senior Services, presented for consideration the purchase of a 2015 Dodge Caravan for the White County Senior Center from Jacky Jones Ford – with the purchase price being under state contract pricing at \$20,500.00. She stated that this would replace the 2003 Dodge Caravan used for home delivered meals and local transports.

There was a consensus that this item would be placed on the consent agenda at the November 2, 2015 Regular Meeting – with funding (\$20,500) to be taken from 2014 SPLOST.

DISCUSS THE DESIGNATION OF ADDITIONAL SPLOST FUNDING FOR THE EQUIPPING OF THE CORONER’S VEHICLE - IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,753.00.

Coroner Ricky Barrett explained that the Ford Expedition purchased recently was a very basic police style vehicle and for him to be able to use the vehicle for coroner transports as planned – he would need the proposed equipment installed.

There was a consensus that this item would be placed on the consent agenda at the November 2, 2015 Regular Meeting – with the funding (\$5,753.00) to be taken from 2014 SPLOST. Mr. Melton stated that this was a sole source item which would not need to be bid out.

DISCUSS PRELIMINARY BIDS RECEIVED FOR GRAVEL ROAD PREPARATION FOR 2016 PAVING PROJECTS.

Mr. Terry Palmer, Public Works Director, presented recent estimates received. Based upon the pricing there was a consensus of the Board that this would be discussed in December 2015 / January 2016 in order to provide the Road Department with authorization to precede with bidding the preparation of the gravel roads approved for 2016 paving projects.

Mr. Palmer shared that the prep work was complete on phase #1 of Gene Nix Road (Town Creek Road to the bridge). He said they are ready for the contractor to begin their paving work when weather permits. The contractor’s portion will take an estimated six (6) days.

COUNTY MANAGER TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON MULTIPLE PROJECT TIMELINES

Mr. Melton provided the following project updates:

- Bridge @ Yonah Preserve – the location of the bridge has been staked out by the surveyor, the preliminary design will be 90% complete within 1 week and ready for bidding mid to late November.
- Veteran’s monument @ Freedom Park – final preliminary plans will be ready next week.
- Local Maintenance Improvement Grant (LMIG) – proposed project details due to GDOT by 01/01/2016. Mr. Palmer advised that the project being recommended to the Board was Webster Lake Road (Duncan Bridge Road to New Bridge Road – including needed bridge work and approaches – which would be approximately \$44,000.00). Mr. Melton stated that the LMIG funding was \$290,000.00 with the county’s required 30% match

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being approximately \$90,000.00 for a total of \$380,000.00 – with the project in addition to the bridge work being the resurfacing of the designated portion of Webster Lake Road. It was noted that the road had been deep patched & resurfaced in 2005 and strip-patched in 2012. Mr. Melton stated that a final draft package for LMIG would be available for the Board’s consideration in a week or so.

- Daybreak Road – Mr. Melton stated that Mr. McClean had requested the county pay – in light of their use of Daybreak Road to a communications tower where the County leases space from Windstream for emergency communications equipment - \$7,000.00 (for damages which occurred almost 2 years ago from a contractor) and a \$1,200.00 annual maintenance fee. Mr. McClean verified that current homeowners pay \$120.00 per year and vacant land owners pay \$100.00 per year for road maintenance. Mr. Melton stated that the contractor confirmed they had not taken any equipment to the tower site via Daybreak Road which would damage the road to the current extent. Mr. Melton stated that Daybreak Road is in poor condition; however he attributed the condition to the construction of the road (15 to 20 years ago) age of the road, and lack of overall maintenance to the road. There was a consensus that considerations for Daybreak Road would be placed on the voting agenda at the November 2, 2015 meeting.
- Courthouse Security Renovations – Mr. Melton had spoken with Mr. Craig McDonald of Charles Black Construction about an estimate for the proposed renovations to the courthouse entrance. Mr. McDonald is working on a sketch of the project; however he is going to get with an architect this week. Mr. McDonald did say that the proposed project would cost a substantial amount and may require additional meeting with staff and the Sheriff.

REVIEW OF THE AGENDA FOR THE MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2015 REGULAR MEETING.

The November 2, 2015 Regular Meeting agenda was reviewed and approved.

The Work Session was adjourned at 5:12 p.m. in order for the Board to enter into a Called Meeting.

CALL TO ORDER.

Chairman Turner called the meeting to order.

CONSIDER ENTERING INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION IN ORDER TO DISCUSS POTENTIAL LITIGATION, PERSONNEL, AND REAL ESTATE.

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 potential litigation, personnel, and real estate.

-See the Following Closed Meeting Affidavit-

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

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

The minutes of the October 26, 2015 Work Session and Called Meeting are hereby approved as stated this 2nd day of November, 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