

WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES THE WORK SESSION

HELD MONDAY, APRIL 25, 2016 AT 4:30 P.M.

The White County Board of Commissioners held a Work Session on Monday, April 25, 2016 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, Finance Director Vicki Mays, and County Clerk Shanda Murphy.

MR. SCOTT MASTERS AND MR. BILL SCANDRETT WITH NORTHEAST GEORGIA HEALTH SYSTEMS TO DISCUSS THE FISCAL YEAR 2017 CONTRACT FOR WHITE COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS).

Mr. Scott Masters made a presentation to the Board regarding the current status of EMS Services in White County. Mr. Masters detailed an increased volume in status 1 (all ambulances in use), status 13 (all ambulances in use and a 911 call is received), requests for mutual aid, and overall total responses. For the Fiscal Year 2017-2019 contract – Mr. Masters proposed no increase in county contract subsidy – this would remain at \$800,000.00 per year – the addition of one (1) advanced life support (ALS) 12 hours per day / 365 days per year, replacement of two (2) ambulances by Northeast Georgia Health Systems, replacement of the 1997 Expedition used as the quick response vehicle, and a 1% increase in transport fees each year of the three (3) year agreement.

There was a consensus that this item would be placed on the voting portion of the May 2, 2016 Regular Meeting Agenda.

DISCUSS RENEWING THE LEASE OF THE HISTORIC JAIL BUILDING LOCATED AT 122 NORTH MAIN STREET (WHITE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OFFICE) TO THE WHITE COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY.

There was a consensus that this item would be placed on the voting portion of the May 2, 2016 Regular Meeting Agenda with County Attorney Bill House reviewing the lease document prior to that meeting.

DISCUSS EMPLOYEE BENEFIT RENEWAL OPTIONS FOR THE 2016-2017 PLAN YEAR.

In addition to renewal options presented to the Board by Mr. Matt Bidwell of MSI Benefits Group at the April 20, 2016 Budget Work Session, Ms. Shanda Murphy presented a revised offer from Alliant Healthcare (current insurance carrier) with a reduction of cost by 9.51% (net) for the County. She explained this reduction would be approximately \$156,076.00. She also noted this would be with the County offering one (1) plan – being the \$2000 deductible with the HRA Benefit.

There was a consensus that this item would be placed on the voting portion of the May 2, 2016 Regular Meeting.

DISCUSS THE LEGACY LINK LOCAL SHARE COMMITMENT AGREEMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017 FOR WHITE COUNTY SENIOR SERVICES.

There was a consensus that this item would be placed on the consent portion of the May 2, 2016 Regular Meeting Agenda – for approval of the \$9,450.00 Local Share Match for Fiscal Year 2017 for Legacy Link.

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DISCUSS AWARD PROCESS FOR THE GDOT – LMIG (GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – LOCAL MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT GRANT) PROJECT ON WEBSTER LAKE ROAD.

Mr. Melton advised that the bids for this project would be opened on April 28, 2016 –and would include the resurfacing of Webster Lake Road and repairs to Webster Lake Bridge.

There was a consensus that this item would be placed on the voting portion of the May 2, 2016 Regular Meeting Agenda.

DISCUSS REVISIONS TO THE WHITE COUNTY ALCOHOL BEVERAGE ORDINANCE.

Mr. Tom O’Bryant, Director of Community & Economic Development, presented proposed revision to the White County Alcohol Ordinance related to Retail Package Dealers who sell growlers being able to provide sampling.

There was a consensus that this item would be placed on the voting portion of the May 2, 2016 Regular Meeting Agenda.

Mr. Melton advised the Board that distilled spirits by the drink, Sunday sales of distilled spirits or alcoholic beverages by the drink, and Sunday package sales of malt beverages and wine – would all be revisions which would require a voter referendum.

Chairman Turner stated that sale of beer and wine had already been approved, however he did not support the sale of distilled spirits.

There was a consensus that the three items requiring a referendum would be presented as separate items on the voting portion of the May 2, Regular Meeting.

DISCUSS SURPLUS OF 1999 JOHN DEERE GATOR ASSIGNED TO THE WHITE COUNTY YMCA.

There was a consensus that this item would be placed on the consent portion of the May 2, 2016 Regular Meeting Agenda – with the surplus item being placed on GovDeals.

DISCUSS THE PURCHASE OF MAINTENANCE TOOLS FROM THE FISCAL YEAR 2016 CONTINGENCY FUND.

Mr. Ken Payne, Maintenance Supervisor, presented a listing of the tools need for the Maintenance Department which would cost approximately \$7,755.00. He stated that employees had been utilizing their own tools. Chairman Turner said the Board was unaware of this until recently and wanted to correct this issue.

There was a consensus that this item would be placed on the consent portion of the May 2, 2016 Regular Meeting Agenda – with the funds to be taken from budgeted contingency.

DISCUSS THE PURCHASE OF VEHICLES FOR THE WHITE COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE FROM THE FISCAL YEAR 2016 BUDGET.

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Sheriff Neal Walden presented quotes to the Board for one (1) new Ford Explorer (\$\$35,556.76) and one (1) new Dodge Charger (\$31,194.72) - both fully equipped to be purchased at state contract price from Jackie Jones Ford Cleveland. Sheriff Walden stated that he would have funds remaining in the Sheriff's Department (290) budget for the 2016 Fiscal Year.

There was a consensus that this item would be placed on the consent portion of the May 2, 2016 Regular Meeting Agenda.

DISCUSS UPCOMING BOARD APPOINTMENTS.

- CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BOARD OF DIRECTORS (1) - 2 YEAR TERM
- PLANNING COMMISSION (3) - 3 YEAR TERM
- WHITE COUNTY YMCA BOARD (2) - 1 YEAR TERM
- WHITE COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY (2) - 2 YEAR TERM

There was a consensus that the upcoming mid-year board appointments should be advertised with applications being brought back before the Board of Commissioners in order to make appointments.

DISCUSS WHITE COUNTY EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLAN DOCUMENT REVISIONS RELATED TO RESTATEMENT REQUIRED BY THE IRS (INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE) UNDER THE PPA (PENSION PROTECTION ACT).

Ms. Shanda Murphy stated that the restatement was related to providing additional access to retirement funds to military personnel during active duty.

There was a consensus that this item would be placed on the consent portion of the May 2, 2016 Regular Meeting Agenda.

REVIEW THE AGENDA FOR THE MONDAY, MAY 2, 2016 REGULAR MEETING.

The May 2, 2016 Regular Meeting Agenda was reviewed and approved.

The minutes of the Work Session held Monday, April 25, 2016 were approved as stated this 2nd day of May, 2016.

s/ Shanda Murphy
Shanda Murphy, County Clerk