

WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD

MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2016 AT 4:30 P.M.

The White County Board of Commissioners held a Regular Meeting on Monday, January 4, 2016 at 4:30 p.m. in the Board Room of 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.

Chairman Turner called the meeting to order.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Reverend Dennis Turner with Cleveland First Baptist Church provided the invocation.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Goodger there was a unanimous vote to adopt the minutes of the November 30, 2015 Work Session and the December 7, 2015 Regular Meeting (including Executive Session Minutes).

A proclamation was issued in recognition of Crawford and Ann Skelton's contributions to White County.

Mr. Frank Riley, Executive Director of the Chestatee / Chattahoochee Resource Conservation & Development Council presented information regarding various activities and programs available in White County.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Holcomb, seconded by Commissioner Nix there was a unanimous vote to proceed with process required in order to abandon .412 acres of county right of way associated with the Allison / McDonald property being a portion of county right of way which was not abandoned at the time the roadway was abandoned and closed when Lake Laceola was developed. Staff was instructed to move forward with public notice and advertising as required by state law.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Holcomb, seconded by Commissioner Bryant there was a unanimous vote to approve acceptance of a hazard mitigation grant in the amount of \$67,080.00 (\$57,018.00 State / Federal & \$10,062.00 County Match) for the purchase of a mobile generator and installation of transfer switches at various county facilities. The motion included the funding source for the \$10,062.00 County Match being allocated from the FEMA 2014 Winter Storm reimbursements now included in the County Fund Balance.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Nix, seconded by Commissioner Goodger there was a unanimous vote to approve the purchase of two (2) 911 base stations at state contract price in the amount of \$13,300.00 as budgeted from 911 restricted wireless funds.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Goodger, seconded by Commissioner Holcomb there was a unanimous vote to authorize the bidding, selection, and purchase of winter storm response & debris removal equipment in the amount of approximately \$68,000.00 with the approved funding source being FEMA 2015 Winter Storm reimbursements. Equipment would be bid out with bids to be brought back before the Board of Commissioners for final purchase approval.

Mr. David Murphy, Director of Public Safety, presented a request to the Board for the purchase of a 4000 gallon supertanker to replace the tanker at Station 7 (Unicoi) from sole source provided Fout's Brothers, Inc. in the amount of \$261,786.00.

Following discussion, there was a consensus that the purchase would have to wait until a later date. The Board asked to review an updated priority list for the Fire Department.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Holcomb there was a unanimous vote to revise the White County Animal Control Fees as follows:

“WHITE COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL FEES

Pet Adoption Fee—\$90.00* Dogs and Cats

Includes Spay/Neuter, Microchip, and rabies shots (if necessary)

*Note: Some animals have been sponsored to assist in cost of adoption.

Director of Public Safety authorized to allow half-price reductions, once quarterly (four times per year)

Owner Reclaiming (Redemption) Fees-

Altered Animal- \$10.00 Impound fee plus daily care fee of \$10.00

- Plus one-time charge of \$35.00 (without proof of rabies) for rabies shots. **

Unaltered Animal- \$25.00 impound fee plus daily care fee of \$16.00 per day plus

- One-time charge of \$35.00 (without proof of rabies) for rabies shots. **

Horses/Cattle- \$150.00 impound fee plus \$15.00 per day

Chickens/Ducks- \$25.00 impound fee plus \$5.00 per day

Exotic Animals/Birds- Impound fees based on type of animal and specialized handling-

Minimum of

\$100.00

Any special care/feeding - \$20.00 per hour.

**Note if Proof of rabies can be supplied within 72 hours a \$20.00 refund for the cost of the rabies shot will be given.

Impound Fees including Owner Surrender:

- Animals brought to the shelter-
 - Cats/Dogs -\$10.00
 - Litters of cats/dogs less than 8 weeks old- ~~\$15.00~~ \$ 20.00 per litter
 - Litters older than 8 weeks- \$10.00 per animal
 - Evictions- \$10.00 per animal

- Animal Control Pet Pickups (from original owner or landlord) **
 - ~~75.00 transport fee. (individuals)~~
 - **50.00 transport fee (landlords)**

**Exception to the above fees may be made for elderly and disabled without the ability to transport. Waivers will be given on a case-by-case basis.

Trap Rental

Traps may be rented for a fee of ~~\$5.00 per day.~~ **\$25.00 per week, refundable when returned.** Animals brought in a trap to Animal Control will be charged an impound fee as shown above”.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Holcomb, seconded by Commissioner Goodger there was a unanimous vote to adopt the following resolution, thereby setting the qualifying fees for the county offices to be filled in the upcoming 2016 Primary or Election;

“WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION NO. 2016- 01

WHEREAS, the White County Board of Commissioners, as the governing authority of White County, is required by the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Section 21-2-131, to fix and publish a qualifying fee for each county office to be filled in the upcoming primary or election;

AND WHEREAS, the White County Board of Commissioners is required, no later than February 1 of 2016 to fix and publish such fees;

NOW, THEREFORE, the qualifying fees for the following county offices to be filled in the upcoming 2016 primary or election are hereby set as follows:

- 1) Clerk of Superior Court –\$1,491.65;
- 2) Sheriff – \$1,779.86;
- 3) Probate Judge – \$1,491.65;
- 4) Tax Commissioner – \$1,491.65;
- 5) Chief Magistrate Judge - \$1,491.65;
- 6) Board of Commissioners, Chair \$126.00;
- 7) Board of Commissioners, District 1 - \$90.00;
- 8) Board of Commissioners, District 4- \$90.00;
- 9) Board of Education, Chair - \$108.00;
- 10) Board of Education, District 1 - \$108.00;
- 11) Board of Education, District 3 - \$108.00
- 12) Coroner – \$269.68; and
- 13) County Surveyor - \$25.00

The Clerk of the Board of Commissioners is hereby directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Superintendent of Elections of White County.

ADOPTED, this 4th day of January, 2016.

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

Attest:
s/Shanda Murphy
Shanda Murphy, County Clerk^{??}

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Nix there was a unanimous vote to approve additional SPLOST funding for the Historic Courthouse Window Replacement Project in the amount of \$1,178.25.

Ms. Vicki Mays, Finance Director, presented the monthly financial status report.

Chairman Turner noted that in February, the County would be reducing the \$150,000.00 set aside from the 2014 SPLOST to \$100,000.00 – in order allow for additional funds for projects.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Holcomb, seconded by Commissioner Nix there was a unanimous vote to accept the 2016 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance (JAG) Grant through the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for the funding of the multi-jurisdictional drug task force in the amount of \$359,412.00.

Chairman Turner opened the floor for citizen participation.

Ms. Cindy Bailey, President of the White County Chamber of Commerce briefed the Board on upcoming activities for 2016.

Ms. Judy Lovell, of the White County Historical Society, briefed the Board on upcoming activities for 2016.

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Sheriff Neal Walden advised the Board of Commissioners of a potential funding impact to the drug task force related to possible Congressional action which would eliminate or limit the funds returning to local agencies in the case of criminal seizures / judicial forfeitures.

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

The minutes of the Regular Meeting held Monday, January 4, 2016 are hereby approved as stated this 1st day of February, 2016.

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s/Travis C. Turner

Travis C. Turner, Chairman

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