The White County Board of Commissioners held a Called Meeting on Thursday, October 13, 2016 at 8:00 a.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, County Manager Michael Melton, and County Clerk Shanda Murphy. Commissioner Edwin Nix, Commissioner Craig Bryant, and Finance Director Vicki Mays were not in attendance.

Chairman Turner called the meeting to order.

Mr. Melton and Mr. Dave Cangemi, Director of Public Works, presented the Board with the 2017 Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG) Application for their approval. Mr. Melton stated that the Board of Commissioners had directed staff to prepare the grant application for bridge repairs needed on three (3) county bridges – Town Creek Road Bridge over Tesnatee Creek, New Bridge Road Bridge over White Creek, and New Bridge Road over Dean Creek. The application detailed that 2017 LMIG Funding was projected to be $382,326.74 which would require a county match of $114,698.02 for a total of $497,024.76 – with the estimated project cost to be $514,462.20 which would reflect a county match of $132,135.46 to be paid from SPLOST.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Goodger, seconded by Commissioner Holcomb there was a unanimous vote to approve the 2017 Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG) application for the bridge repairs needed for three (3) county bridges Town Creek Road Bridge over Tesnatee Creek, New Bridge Road Bridge over White Creek, and New Bridge Road over Dean Creek – including the county’s estimated match of $132,135.46 to be paid from SPLOST.

Mr. Melton presented a proposed professional services agreement with Sastry and Associates, Inc. for the engineering work needed for the LMIG bridge repair project. The proposed contract was for $75,000.00.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Goodger, seconded by Commissioner Holcomb there was a unanimous vote to approve a professional services agreement with Sastry and Associates, Inc. for engineering services for the LMIG bridge repair project – in the amount of $75,000.00 to be paid from SPLOST.

Mr. Melton and Mr. Cangemi presented a change order (#3) for the paving contract with Allied Paving. The change order increased the paving width on Barrett Mill Road from 18 feet to 20 feet from Hwy 254 to house #865 (to be paid based on contract unit pricing), added paving of Bean Creek Road ($34,060.00), added paving of Willett Dive ($34,270.00), and added paving of Yonah Valley Road Dead End ($20,257.50) – with the revised total contract price to be $909,703.00.
Upon a motion made by Commissioner Holcomb, seconded by Commissioner Goodger there was a unanimous vote to approve change order #3 to the Allied Paving Contract – for a total revised, estimated contract price to be $909,703.00 to be paid from SPLOST as previously designated.

Mr. Tom O’Bryant, Director of Community & Economic Development, presented a proposed amendment to the White County Land Use Regulations related to Child Caring Institutions within Agricultural and Residential Single Family Land Use Districts. He stated that the proposed amendment addressed only the “basic” type of child caring institution licensed by the State of Georgia and that institutions other than the basic could be considered on a conditional use basis. He explained that within the current Land Use Regulations, the basic type of child caring institution was only allowed in the Commercial Highway (C2) District. There was a consensus that the Board favored a limit of no more than twelve (12) children in this land use category, which Mr. O’Bryant stated he thought mirrored state regulations for the basic type of child caring institution. Mr. O’Bryant was directed to research the state requirements to confirm the limitations placed by the state and the Board would hold a public hearing on this proposed amendment on November 7, 2016. There was consensus that the Board wanted to consider allowing the basic type child caring institutions to exist within non-commercial areas; however they wanted to ensure that reasonable limitations were in place.

Chairman Turner stated that there are other land use regulation amendments – minimum lot size and minimum square footage - which had been discussed by the Board and he wanted to be careful that the Board did not get in a routine of opening the regulations for amendment too often. He suggested that any amendments be considered on a routine basis at one time. He also stated that there was a consensus that the Board of Commissioners wanted the Planning Commission to continue to hold the initial public hearings on land use issues prior to the matter being forwarded (with the Planning Commissions recommendation) to the Board of Commissioners for a seconded public hearing and decision.

Commissioner Goodger brought up the resurfacing of Hawthorne Drive. Mr. Cangemi stated that he was in the process of preparing an estimate and would bring back to the Board at a later date.

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 13, 2016 Called Meeting are hereby approved as stated this 7th day of November, 2016.

WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

s/Travis C. Turner
Travis C. Turner, Chairman

s/Terry D. Goodger
Terry D. Goodger, District 1
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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