**WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD**

**MONDAY, MAY 6, 2024 AT 4:30 P.M.**

The White County Board of Commissioners held a Regular Meeting on Monday, May 6, 2024 at 4:30 p.m. in the Board Room at the Administration Building. Present for the meeting were: Chairman Travis Turner, Commissioner Terry Goodger, Commissioner Lyn Holcomb, Commissioner Edwin Nix, Commissioner Craig Bryant, County Manager Billy Pittard, Interim Finance Director Rose Kisaalita, and County Clerk Shanda Murphy.

Chairman Turner called the meeting to order.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Pastor Tim Morgan of Faith Lutheran Church, and the White County Ministerial Alliance, presented the invocation.

Upon presentation of proclamation, May 28, 2024 was declared Sgt. Andrew “Andy” Negra Day in White County in honor and celebration of his 100th birthday.

Ms. Barbara Overton, Director of Senior Services, presented the FY 2024 Addendum #1 for the Legacy Link contract for services provided by the Senior Center. She explained that this addendum is related to official acceptance of American Rescue Program Act (ARPA) funds which were not spent in FY 2023 – this includes funding for material aid to clients totaling $35,587.00, congregate meals totaling $16,901.00, and health promotion and activities totaling $14,320.00. The total funding was $66,808.00.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Holcomb there was a unanimous vote to approve the FY 2024 Addendum #1 for the Legacy Link contract for services provided by the Senior Center.

Ms. Shanda Murphy, County Clerk & Director of Human Resources, presented the proposal received from TimeClock Plus (TCP) Software for an automated employee timekeeping solution. She stated this was the only timekeeping solution which is fully compatible with the finance / payroll / human resources software currently utilized. She had spoken with several counties which utilized both and they were all extremely pleased with the dramatic improvement in the efficiency of payroll processing. Ms. Murphy stated that the first-year cost would be $21,697.50 (not including hardware) and subsequent years would be $11,220.00. Mr. Pittard encouraged the Board to accept the proposal to improve the efficiency and accuracy of the payroll processing, which would be a great benefit in improving the Finance Department’s operations as currently timekeeping and entry are both done manually and in many different formats.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Holcomb, seconded by Commissioner Goodger there was a unanimous vote to approve the purchase and implementation of TimeClock Plus (TCP) Software at the cost of $21,697.50 (year 1 plus hardware) and $11,220.00 (subsequent years) – to be funded as a general fund expenditure.

Mr. Slater Goff, IT Systems Administrator, presented a request for the purchase of three (3) network switches for the Sheriff’s Office. He advised that two (2) of the switches were the oldest set of switches in operation (approximately 15 years old) and the third switch would be a new one to add capacity. He stated that they had hoped to replace these later, however due to some recent issues it was apparent they needed to go ahead and replace them before complete failure of the equipment. Mr. Goff said the vendor would be Appalachian Tech Services, Inc. and the cost would be $8,148.00. Mr. Pittard recommended SPLOST as the funding source.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Nix, seconded by Commissioner Goodger there was a unanimous vote to approve the purchase of three (3) network switches for the Sheriff’s Office from Appalachian Tech Services, Inc. at the cost of $8,148.00 – to be funded through SPLOST.

Chairman Turner introduced Ms. Rose Kisaalita, Interim Finance Director, summarizing her extensive experience in local government finance, her educational credentials, and certification as a Certified Public Accountant (CPA). Ms. Kisaalita presented the monthly financial status report (see attached).

During County Manager Comments, Mr. Pittard advised the Board that the net difference in the number residences that are no longer operated as a short-term rental and the number of new host licenses issued since the changes to the regulations earlier in the year was very minimal. Also. Mr. Pittard expressed what a pleasure it had been to meet Mr. Negra, as he is an outstanding individual.

There were no comments from the Commissioners.

Chairman Turner opened the floor for public comment.

Ms. Bobbie Easterday, 171 Stansel Road Cleveland, Ga – expressed her concern regarding an Exxon convenience store being allowed to build at Hwy 129 N & Alternate 75. She said that will be a dangerous location. Chairman Turner stated the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) would have to approve the access because both roads are state highways. Mr. John Sell, Director of Community & Economic Development advised that the developer had not yet provided a site plan or started the commercial plan review process.

With no additional public comments, Chairman Turner closed the floor.

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 matters of personnel.

-See The Following Closed Meeting Affidavit-

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

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

The minutes of the May 6, 2024 Regular Meeting were approved as stated this 3rd day of June, 2024.

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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