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Notice of Public Meeting

Regular Call Meeting of the White County Board of Commissioners

Pursuant to T.C.A. § 8-44-103: a public meeting of the White County Board of Commissioners will be held, and will transact such business as may lawfully come before them on Monday, August 16th, 2021 at 6:00 pm at White County Courthouse (3rd Floor Courtroom) 1 E. Bockman Way, Sparta, TN.

White County Board of Commissioners

District 1	Cain Rogers	and	Andy Haston	District 2	Terry Alley	and	T.K. Austin
District 3	Lonnie Crouch	and	Robert McCormick		,		Dakota White
District 5	Dillard Quick	and	Dale Bennett	District 6	Roger Mason	and	Lee Broyles
District 7	Stanley Neal	and	Kyle Goff				

2020 / 2021 Full Court Commission Appointments

Stanley Neal, Chairman

Terry Alley, Vice Chairman Lanny Selby, Parliamentarian

Agenda

- 1. Call to order by Chairman, Stanley Neal
- 2. Prayer led by White County Assessor of Property, Junior Jones
- 3. Pledge
- 4. Roll Call
- 5. Approve and Spread on Minutes Consent Calendar
 - A. Approval of Minutes from Full Court meeting July 19th, 2021
 - B. Report of August 2nd, 2021 Steering Committee A Meeting (P&R Report Included)
 - C. Report of August 2nd, 2021 Steering Committee B Meeting
 - D. Report of August 2nd, 2021 Budget Committee Meeting
 - E. Report of July 21st, 2021 Financial Management Committee Meeting
 - F. Report of July 15th, 2021 Industrial Development Board Meeting
 - G. E-911 Monthly Call Report

- 6. Resolution from Financial Management Committee
 - A. Resolution 47-08-2021 Capital Outlay Note
- 7. Notaries
- 8. Recognition from Audience Members
- 9. Old Business
- 10. New Business
- 11. Adjournment



RESOLUTION NO. 47-08-2021

RESOLUTION OF WHITE COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF INTEREST BEARING GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL OUTLAY NOTES, SERIES 2021, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$800,000 AND PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF SAID NOTES

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners (the "Board"), of White County, Tennessee (the "County"), has determined that it is necessary and desirable to authorize, issue, sell, and provide for the payment of its interest bearing capital outlay notes to finance certain public works projects, consisting of financing County road improvements, including paving and resurfacing, the acquisition of all other property real and personal appurtenant thereto and connected with such work, and to pay all legal, fiscal, administrative, and engineering costs incident thereto (collectively, the "Project");

WHEREAS, the County estimates that the economic life of such Project exceeds 12 years;

WHEREAS, the County finds and determines that the Project will promote or provide a traditional governmental activity or otherwise fulfill a public purpose;

WHEREAS, in order to proceed as expeditiously as possible with such an essential Project, it is necessary that interest bearing capital outlay notes be issued for the purpose of providing funds to finance the Project; and,

WHEREAS, the County is authorized by the provisions of Title 9, Chapter 21, <u>Tennessee Code Annotated</u>, as amended, to issue such notes for said purposes upon the approval of the Director of Local Government Finance (the "Director of Local Government Finance").

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF WHITE COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AS FOLLOWS:

- Section 1. Authority. The Notes herein authorized shall be issued pursuant to Title 9, Chapter 21, <u>Tennessee Code Annotated</u>, as amended, and other applicable provisions of law.
- Section 2. Authorization. For the purpose of providing funds to finance the costs of the Project, there shall be issued pursuant to, and in accordance with, the provisions of Title 9, Chapter 21, Tennessee Code Annotated, as amended, and other applicable provisions of law, the interest bearing capital outlay notes of the County, in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$800,000, or such lesser amount as may be determined by the County Executive of the County (the "County Executive"), at the time of sale (collectively, the "Notes", individually, the "Note").
- Section 3. Terms of the Notes. The Notes shall be designated "General Obligation Capital Outlay Notes, Series 2021". The Notes shall be issued in registered form, without coupons. The Notes shall be numbered from 1 upwards, shall be dated the date of issuance and delivery, or such other date as the County Executive shall determine, shall be sold at not less than the par amount thereof, and shall bear interest at a rate not to exceed 1.19% per annum, such interest being payable at such times as agreed upon with the purchaser of such Notes, but in no event less than semiannually each year commencing six months from the dated date or such date as shall be designated by the County Executive (the "Interest Payment Date"). The Notes shall mature not later than the end of the second fiscal year following the fiscal year in which the Notes are issued. Each year the Notes are outstanding the County shall retire principal on the Notes in an amount that is estimated to be at least equal to an amortization which reflects level debt service on the Notes. If the Notes are issued through the Tennessee Municipal Bond Fund ("TMBF"), alternative loan program, the rate of interest will include an annual fee equal to 15 basis points (0.15%), payable to TMBF by the bank, to be paid from each periodic payment of interest on the Notes, based on the outstanding principal amount of the Note. The Notes shall contain such terms, conditions, and provisions other than as expressly provided

or limited herein as may be agreed upon by the County Executive of the County and the purchaser of the Notes. The weighted average maturity of the Note shall note exceed the reasonably expected weighted average life of the Project which is hereby estimated to be 12 years.

Interest on the Notes shall be payable by wire transfer or by check or other form of draft of the "Note Registrar," as such term is hereinafter defined, deposited by the Note Registrar in the United States mail, first class postage prepaid, in sealed envelopes, addressed to the owner of such Notes, as of the applicable Interest Payment Date, at their respective addresses as shown on the Registration Books of the County maintained by the Note Registrar as of the close of business fifteen (15) calendar days preceding the next Interest Payment Date. All payments of the principal of and interest on the Notes shall be made in any coin or currency of the United States of America which, on the date of payment thereof, shall be legal tender for the payment of public and private debts.

- Section 4. Redemption. The Notes shall not be subject to redemption, in whole or in part, prior to maturity; provided however, at the option of the County, upon thirty (30) calendar days written notice to the registered owner, the County may prepay the Notes in full at the price of par plus a 1% premium, and accrued interest to the date of redemption. Notwithstanding the above, the County may make additional principal payments on the Notes upon fifteen (15) calendar days' written notice to the registered owner.
- Section 5. Execution. The Notes shall be executed in the name of the County; shall bear the manual signature of the County Executive and shall be countersigned by the County Clerk of the County (the "County Clerk") with his or her manual signature. In the event any officer whose signature appears on the Notes shall cease to be such officer, such signature shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes. The Notes shall be issued in typed, printed, or photocopied form, or any combination thereof, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit "A", with such minor changes therein or such variations thereof as the County Executive may deem necessary or desirable, the blanks to be appropriately completed by the County Executive prior to the issuance of the Notes.
- Registration, Negotiability, and Payment. (a) The County Clerk of the County is hereby appointed the note registrar and paying agent (the "Note Registrar"), and as such shall establish and maintain suitable books (the "Registration Books"), for recording the registration, conversion, and payment of the Notes, and shall also perform such other duties as may be required in connection with any of the foregoing. The Note Registrar is hereby authorized to authenticate and deliver the Notes to the original purchaser thereof, or as it may designate, upon receipt by the County of the proceeds of the sale thereof and to authenticate and deliver Notes in exchange for Notes of the same principal amount delivered for transfer upon receipt of the Notes to be transferred in proper form with proper documentation as herein described. The Notes shall not be valid for any purpose unless authenticated by the Note Registrar by the manual signature of the Note Registrar on the certificate set forth in Exhibit "A" hereto. The Notes shall be fully registered as to both principal and interest and shall be fully negotiable upon proper endorsement by the registered owner thereof. No transfer of any Notes shall be valid unless such transfer is noted upon the Registration Books and until such Note is surrendered, cancelled, and exchanged for a new Note which shall be issued to the transferee, subject to all the conditions contained herein. Principal on the Notes shall be paid at maturity upon presentation or surrender of the Notes at the principal office of the Note Registrar, and payment in such manner shall forever discharge and release the obligation of the County to the extent of the principal and interest so paid.
- (b) In the event that any amount payable on any Note as interest shall at any time exceed the rate of interest lawfully chargeable thereon under applicable law, then any such excess shall, to the extent of such excess, be applied against the principal of such Note as a prepayment thereof without penalty, and such excess shall not be considered to be interest. All rates of interest specified herein shall be computed on the basis of a three hundred sixty (360) day year composed of twelve (12) months of thirty (30) days each.
- Section 7. Transfer of Notes. Each Note shall be transferable only on the Registration Books maintained by the Note Registrar at the principal office of the Note Registrar, upon the surrender for cancellation thereof at the principal office of the Note Registrar, together with an assignment of such Note duly executed by the owner thereof or his, her or its attorney or legal representative, and upon payment of the charges hereinafter provided, and subject to such other limitations and conditions as may be provided therein or herein. Upon the cancellation of any such Note, the Note Registrar shall, in exchange for the surrendered Note or Notes, deliver in the name of the transferee or transferees a new Note or Notes of authorized denominations, of the same aggregate principal amount, maturity, and rate of interest as such surrendered Note or Notes, and the transferee or transferees shall take such new Note or Notes subject to all of the conditions herein contained.

Section 8. Regulations with Respect to Transfers. In all cases in which the privilege of transferring Notes is exercised, the County shall execute, and the Note Registrar shall deliver, Notes in accordance with the provisions of this Resolution. For every transfer of Notes, whether temporary or definitive, the County and the Note Registrar may make a charge, unless otherwise herein to the contrary expressly provided, sufficient to pay for any tax, fee, or other governmental charge required to be paid with respect to such transfer, all of which taxes, fees, and other governmental charges shall be paid to the County by the person or entity requesting such transfer as a condition precedent to the exercise of the privilege of making such transfer. Neither the County nor the Note Registrar shall be obligated to transfer any Note during the fifteen (15) calendar days next preceding the maturity date of the Notes or any call for redemption.

<u>Section 9</u>. <u>Mutilated, Lost, Stolen, or Destroyed Notes</u>. In the event any Note issued hereunder shall become mutilated, or be lost, stolen, or destroyed, such Note shall, at the written request of the registered owner, be cancelled on the Registration Books and a new Note shall be authenticated and delivered, corresponding in all aspects but number to the mutilated, lost, stolen, or destroyed Note. Thereafter, should such mutilated, lost, stolen, or destroyed Note or Notes come into possession of the registered owner, such Notes shall be returned to the Note Registrar for destruction by the Note Registrar. If the principal on said mutilated, lost, stolen, or destroyed Note shall be due within fifteen (15) calendar days of receipt of the written request of the registered owner for authentication and delivery of a new Note, payment therefor shall be made as scheduled in lieu of issuing a new Note. In every case the registered owner shall certify in writing as to the destruction, theft, or loss of such Note, and shall provide indemnification satisfactory to the County and to the Note Registrar, if required by the County and the Note Registrar.

Any notice to the contrary notwithstanding, the County and all of the officials, employees, and agents thereof, including the Note Registrar, may deem and treat the registered owner of the Notes as the absolute owner thereof for all purposes, including, but not limited to, payment of the principal thereof, and the interest thereon, regardless of whether such payment shall then be overdue.

- <u>Section 10.</u> <u>Authentication.</u> Only such of the Notes as shall have endorsed thereon a certificate of authentication, substantially in the form set forth in Exhibit "A" hereto duly executed by the Note Registrar shall be entitled to the rights, benefits, and security of this Resolution. No Note shall be valid or obligatory for any purpose unless, and until, such certificate of authentication shall have been duly executed by the Note Registrar. Such executed certificate of authentication by the Note Registrar upon any such Note shall be conclusive evidence that such Note has been duly authenticated and delivered under this Resolution as of the date of authentication.
- Section 11. Source of Payment and Security. The Notes, as to both principal and interest, shall be payable from funds of the County legally available therefor and to the extent necessary from ad valorem taxes to be levied on all taxable property within the corporate limits of the County without limitation as to time, rate, or amount. Said Notes shall be a direct general obligation of the County, for which the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the Notes, the full faith and credit of the County is irrevocably pledged.
- Section 12. Levy of Taxes. For the purpose of providing for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Notes, to the extent necessary, there shall be levied in each year in which such Notes shall be outstanding a direct tax on all taxable property in the County, fully sufficient to pay all such principal and interest falling due prior to the time of collection of the next succeeding tax levy. Said tax shall be assessed, collected, and paid at the time, and in the same manner, as the other taxes of said County, shall be in addition to all other taxes, and shall be without limitation as to time, rate, or amount, and for that purpose there is hereby levied a direct annual tax in such amount as may be found necessary each year to pay said principal of and interest on the Notes maturing in said year. Principal or interest falling due at any time when there shall be insufficient funds on hand from such tax levy for the payment thereof shall be paid from the general fund or other available funds of the County, but reimbursement therefor may be made from the taxes herein provided when the same shall have been collected. Such taxes levied and collected therefor shall be deposited in the County's debt service fund and used solely for the payment of principal of and interest on the Notes as the same shall become due.
- Section 13. Approval of Director of Local Government Finance. Anything herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding, no Notes authorized under this Resolution shall be issued, sold, or delivered, unless and until such Notes shall first have been duly approved by the Director of Local Government Finance, as provided by Section 9-21-601 et. seq. Tennessee Code Annotated, as amended. The County Executive, County Clerk, the Director of Finance, and Attorney for the County, are hereby authorized to take or cause to be taken such steps as are necessary to obtain such approval. After the

issuance and sale of the Notes, and for each year that any of the Notes are outstanding, the County shall submit its annual budget to the Director of Local Government Finance for approval immediately upon the County's adoption of the budget.

- Section 14. Sale of Notes. The Notes herein authorized are authorized to be sold by the County Executive by private negotiated sale at a price of not less than par and accrued interest.
- Section 15. Disposition of Note Proceeds. The proceeds from the sale of the Notes shall be paid to the official of the County designated by law as the custodian of the funds thereof to be deposited in a special fund known as the "General Obligation Capital Outlay Notes Project Fund" (the "Project Fund"), which is hereby authorized to be created, to be kept separate and apart from all other funds of the County. The monies in the Project Fund shall be disbursed solely to finance the Project. Monies in the Project Fund may be invested and shall be secured in the manner prescribed by applicable statutes relative to the investment and securing of public or trust funds. Any monies remaining in the Project Fund after completion of the Project shall be transferred to the County's debt service fund and used to pay debt service on the Notes.
- Section 16. Designation of Notes as Qualified Tax-Exempt Obligations. The County hereby designates the Notes as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" within the meaning and for the purpose of Section 265(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. The County reasonably anticipates that the amount of tax-exempt obligations (other than obligations described in Section 265(b)(3)(C)(ii)) which will be issued during the calendar year by the County (i) any issuer with respect to which the County is deemed to be an "on behalf of" issuer, and (ii) all subordinate entities which are treated as one issuer under Section 265(b)(3)(E) of the Code, will not exceed \$10,000,000, and not more than \$10,000,000 of obligations issued by the County (together with those issued by any other issuers that are treated as on issuer under such Section 265(b)(3)) during the 2021 calendar year will be designated as "qualified tax-exempt obligations".
- Section 17. Non-Arbitrage Certification. The County certifies and covenants with the owner of the Notes that so long as the principal of any Note remains unpaid, monies on deposit in any fund or account in connection with the Notes, whether or not such monies were derived from the proceeds of the sale of the Notes or from any other source, will not be used in a manner which will cause the Notes to be "arbitrage bonds" within the meaning of Section 148 of the Code, and any lawful regulations promulgated thereunder, as the same presently exist, or may from time to time hereafter be amended, supplemented or revised. The County reserves the right, however, to make any investment of such monies permitted by Tennessee law and this Resolution if, when and to the extent that said Section 148 or regulations promulgated thereunder shall be repealed or relaxed or shall be held void by final decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, but only if any investment made by virtue of such repeal, relaxation, or decision would not, in the opinion of counsel of recognized competence in such matters, result in making the interest on the Notes subject to inclusion in gross income of the owner thereof for federal income tax purposes.

The County covenants that it shall comply with Section 148(f) of the Code, unless legally exempted therefrom and it represents that in the event it shall be required by Section 148(f) of the Code to pay "Rebatable Arbitrage," as defined in the regulations promulgated under the Code, to the United States Government, it will make such payments as and when required by said Section 148(f) and will take such other actions as shall be necessary or permitted to prevent the interest on the Notes from becoming subject to inclusion in federal gross income of the owner of the Notes for purposes of federal income taxation.

- Section 18. Reimbursement Provisions. The County is in the process of causing certain capital expenditures to be made with respect to the Project, including, but not necessarily limited to, planning, design, and architectural expenses, and the County desires to establish its official intent that certain of the expenditures related to the Project and certain other related expenditures be reimbursed from the proceeds of the Notes. Therefore, the Board of the County finds and determines, as follows:
 - (a) that it is in the best interest of the County to proceed immediately with the Project, thereby incurring certain capital expenditures;
 - (b) that the County has certain funds available which may be used temporarily for this purpose, pending the issuance of the Notes;
 - (c) that pursuant to the provisions of this Resolution, the Board anticipates that the County will issue the Notes for the purpose of financing the Project;

- (d) that the Board reasonably expects to reimburse such amounts to such fund or source from which such expenditures may be made on a temporary basis as soon as proceeds from the issuance of such Notes are available; and,
- (e) that this declaration of official intent is consistent with the budgetary and financial circumstances of the County.

The Board of the County by this Resolution hereby establishes its official intent to issue the Notes to finance the costs of the Project and other related expenditures in an amount not to exceed \$800,000. Pending the issuance of such Notes, funds necessary to finance such costs shall be advanced from such source of funds on hand and available for such purpose, and any amounts so advanced shall be reimbursed from the proceeds of the Notes.

- Section 19. Resolution a Contract. The provisions of this Resolution shall constitute a contract between the County and the owner of the Notes, and after the issuance of the Notes, no change, variation, or alteration of any kind in the provisions of this Resolution shall be made in any manner, until such time as all installments of the principal of and interest on the Notes shall have been paid in full or the consent of the registered owner of the Notes has been obtained; provided, however, that the County is hereby authorized to make such amendments to this Resolution as will not impair the rights or security of the owner of the Notes.
- Section 20. No Action to be Taken Affecting Validity of the Notes. The County hereby covenants and agrees that it will not take any action, that would in any manner affect the validity of the Notes or limit the rights and remedies of the owner from time to time of such Notes. The County further covenants that it will not take any action that will cause the interest on the Notes to be subject to inclusion in gross income of the owner thereof for purposes of federal income taxation.
- Section 21. Miscellaneous Acts. The County Executive, the County Clerk, the County Trustee, the Director of Finance, and all other appropriate officials of the County are hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to do any and all such acts and things, and to execute, acknowledge, and deliver all such documents, instruments, and certifications, in addition to those acts, things, documents, instruments, and certifications hereinbefore authorized and approved, as may in their discretion, be necessary or desirable to implement or comply with the intent of this Resolution; or any of the documents herein authorized and approved; or for the authorization, issuance, and delivery of the Notes.
- Section 22. Failure to Present Notes. Subject to the provisions of Section 3 hereof, in the event any Note shall not be presented for payment when the principal becomes due at maturity and in the event monies sufficient to pay such Note shall be held by the Note Registrar for the benefit of the owner thereof, all liability of the County to such owner for the payment of such Note shall forthwith cease, terminate, and be completely discharged. Thereupon, the Note Registrar shall hold such monies, without liability for interest thereon, for the benefit of the owner of such Note who shall thereafter be restricted exclusively to such monies for any claim under this Resolution or on, or with respect to, said Note, subject to escheat or other similar law, and any applicable statute of limitation.
- Section 23. Payments Due on Saturdays, Sundays, and Holidays. Whenever the interest on or principal of any Note is due on a Saturday or Sunday or, at the place designated for payment, a legal holiday or a day on which banking institutions are authorized by law to close, then the payment of the interest on, or the principal of, such Note need not be made on such date but must be made on the next succeeding day not a Saturday, Sunday, or a legal holiday or a day upon which banking institutions are authorized by law to close, with the same force and effect as if made on the date of maturity; and no interest shall accrue for the period after such date.
- Section 24. No Recourse Under Resolution or on Notes. All stipulations, promises, agreements, and obligations of the County contained in this Resolution shall be deemed to be the stipulations, promises, agreements, and obligations of the County and not of any officer, director, or employee of the County in his or her individual capacity, and no recourse shall be had for the payment of the principal of or interest on the Notes or for any claim based thereon or under this Resolution against any officer, director, or employee of the County or against any official or individual executing the Notes.
- <u>Section 25</u>. <u>Severability</u>. If any section, paragraph, or provision of this Resolution shall be held to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph, or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions hereof.

	Repeal of Conflicting Resorisions of this Resolution, are, to e of its adoption the welfare of	to the extent of such confl	e. All resolutions and orders, or parts thereof, ict, hereby repealed, and this Resolution shall
Motion made byadopted.	and sec	conded by	that the above resolution be
On roll call, the	e vote was recorded as follows:	:	
AYES	:		
NAYE	ES:		
The above Resolution w	as passed on the 16th day of Au	ngust, 2021.	
Attest:		Stanley Neal Chairman of the O	County Legislative Body
Sasha Wilson, County C	lerk		
	Approved the 16 th o	day of August, 2021.	
	Denny Wayne Rob White County Exec		