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GIFT TO THE TOWN OF WHITE BLUFF LAUNCHES NEW STATE-OF-THE-ART BIBB-WHITE BLUFF CIVIC CENTER

White Bluff, TN (February 5, 2013) – Today, the White Bluff Town Council unanimously accepted a significant pledge from Mr. Richard C. Bibb, longtime White Bluff resident, for the purpose of constructing the Zollie H. Bibb, Jr. and Hazel C. Bibb - White Bluff Civic Center, a state-of-the-art community and education facility.

With this gift, Mr. Bibb has put the Town of White Bluff well on its way to realizing the dream of a new community-based civic and educational facility. “Our community has a long tradition of stepping up, responding to the needs of and providing opportunities for its people. This is another wonderful example of an individual coming forward to provide a gift so that others may benefit,” says Town of White Bluff Mayor Linda Hayes. “It is a gift that exemplifies White Bluff’s place at the forefront of volunteerism and service and we thank Richard wholeheartedly for his selfless generosity.”

“My family has called White Bluff home for many generations,” explains Richard Bibb. “White Bluff has been good to the Bibb family and we have tried to serve our community as best we could.” In addition to this gift, Richard, a Certified Public Accountant and graduate of William James High School and Austin Peay State University, has donated land to the town for a new Fire Hall, provided funds to help establish the Jennie Woodworth Library of White Bluff, provided funds to renovate the town’s current community center, served as President of Farmers and Merchants Bank in White Bluff, was a founding member of the Dickson County Chapter of the Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee, currently serves on both the Dickson County Chamber of Commerce and the Dickson County Industrial Board and maintains his family’s historic homeplace and cattle farm. Richard’s father, Zollie H. Bibb, Jr., served in the U.S. Army, was a business owner, magistrate and water commissioner. He also organized the White Bluff Volunteer Fire Department where he served as its first Fire Chief and was instrumental in organizing the White Bluff Utility District which provided reliable water service to the area. Richard’s mother, Hazel Clark Bibb, was a founding member of the White Bluff Garden Club and a longtime member of the Home Demonstration Club. A member of the White Bluff Church of Christ, Mrs. Bibb furnished and arranged the floral arrangements for each week’s service for many years. Richard’s grandfather, Zollie H. Bibb, Sr., a mechanic by trade, was also a community leader and established the White Bluff Motor Company. Richard’s great-grandfather, Richard Baxter Bibb, established the family homeplace and farm complete with a large orchard, garden, milk barn, grist mill and cider mill. Garden produce, both fresh and canned, milk, eggs, milled grain, apple cider and cider vinegar were all produced on the family farm and sold to the public.

“In reviewing recent strategic planning efforts by town and community leaders, it became apparent that a community-based facility designed to encourage lifelong learning, promote historic preservation, support the arts and draw visitors to the area was a next logical step.” Richard adds.

“The town has been soliciting funds for the construction of this facility for about a year now and Richard’s gift, coupled with the funds already committed, will allow us to realize this community goal.” states Town of White Bluff Projects Administrator Jeff Martin. “Fundraising will continue in order to complete the facility and facility grounds in a way which maximizes their use and functionality.”

The Zollie H. Bibb, Jr. and Hazel C. Bibb - White Bluff Civic Center, as envisioned, will act as a multi-generational community gathering place and economic generator, as well as quality of life enhancer for our local citizens and visitors by providing a home for the accommodation and promotion of lifetime learning, economic development, cultural/historical assets and the arts. The Civic Center will host meetings, classes, conferences, receptions, banquets, exhibits, entertainment and other events of both a local and non-local nature. An important goal of the facility will be to attract non-local events and activities to White Bluff that presently cannot be accommodated by existing local facilities, encouraging new visitation and the related economic impact in the local area. Another beneficial aspect of the facility will be the attraction and retention of our community’s most important asset, our people.

Construction of the facility is expected to begin in the summer. Future development plans for the 5 acre project site to include a walking trail, gardens, lighted and covered pavilions and an outdoor amphitheater.

For additional information, or to donate to this community project, contact Jeff Martin, Projects Administrator for the Town of White Bluff, (615) 797-3131, jeff.martin@townofwhitebluff.com, www.townofwhitebluff.com.

The Town of White Bluff is located in Middle Tennessee in eastern Dickson County. According to the 2010 U.S. Census, the population of White Bluff is 3,206 with 1,254 households. White Bluff’s population grew by nearly 50% from 2000 to 2010, making it the twelfth (12th) fastest growing community by percentage of growth in Middle Tennessee and the twenty-fifth (25th) fastest growing community by percentage of growth in the State of Tennessee.

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