

WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION HELD

MONDAY, APRIL 24, 2017 AT 4:30 P.M.

The White County Board of Commissioners held a Work Session on Monday, April 24, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. in the Board Room at the White County Administration Building. Present for the meeting were: Chairman Travis Turner, Commissioner Terry Goodger, Commissioner Lyn Holcomb, Commissioner Edwin Nix, County Manager Michael Melton, Finance Director Vicki Mays, and County Clerk Shanda Murphy. Commissioner Craig Bryant was not in attendance.

A Public Hearing was conducted for the Land Use Application of Mr. Larry Freeman to redistrict property located at 9669 Duncan Bridge Road, Cleveland, GA 30528 from R1 Residential Single Family District to C2 Highway Business District. Total acreage affected being 1.44 Acres on Tax Parcel 090-047.

Mr. Tom O'Bryant presented the application stating that the Planning Commission had unanimously recommended approval of the redistricting and no one had expressed any opposition to the reclassification during the Planning Commission's Public Hearing. Mr. O'Bryant stated this parcel would be adjoined to another parcel previously reclassified as C2 Highway Business District.

Mr. Freeman confirmed the information which had been presented.

Chairman Turner opened the floor for public comment in support of the proposed reclassification – providing three (3) opportunities for comments. No comments were submitted.

Chairman Turner opened the floor for public comment in opposition of the proposed reclassification – providing three (3) opportunities for comments. No comments were submitted.

Chairman Turner closed the floor and announced that this item would be voted on during the Called Meeting to follow.

A Public Hearing was conducted for the Land Use Application of Ms. Sue Russell to redistrict property located at 1204 and 1206 Ridge Road, Helen, GA 30545 from C1 Community Commercial District, to C2 Highway Business District. Total acreage affected being 1.34 Acres on Tax Parcel 042C-021.

Mr. Tom O'Bryant present the application stating that the Planning Commission had unanimously recommended approval of the redistricting and no one had expressed any opposition to the reclassification during the Planning Commission's Public Hearing. Mr. O'Bryant stated that this commercial location had been vacant for some time and that the applicant planned to have a few different type businesses at the location specifically including a jeep rental business – which would necessitate the reclassification of the property to a C2 District for vehicle rentals.

Ms. Ashton, the applicant's sister-in-law, attended in representation of the applicant. She confirmed the information presented by Mr. O'Bryant.

Chairman Turner opened the floor for public comment in support of the proposed reclassification – providing three (3) opportunities for comments. No comments were submitted.

Chairman Turner opened the floor for public comment in opposition of the proposed reclassification – providing three (3) opportunities for comments. No comments were submitted.

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A Public Hearing was conducted for the Land Use Application of Ms. Elaine F. Reynolds to redistrict property located at 1679 Helen Hwy, Cleveland, GA 30528 from R1 Residential Single Family District, to C2 Highway Business District. Total Acreage to be affected being 13.00 Acres on Tax Parcel 046-008.

Mr. Tom O'Bryant presented the application stating that the Planning Commission had unanimously recommended approval of the redistricting and no one had expressed any opposition to the reclassification during the Planning Commission's Public Hearing. Mr. O'Bryant explained that when the land use classification map was initially created, the system for some reason had picked up this property as a residential property although it was surrounded by other C2 Highway Business District properties and met the requirements of a C2 classification.

Ms. Elaine Reynolds confirmed the information presented by Mr. O'Bryant and stated that although she had no immediate plans for the property she felt the requested classification would be correct for the property and she was planning for the future.

Chairman Turner opened the floor for public comment in support of the proposed reclassification – providing three (3) opportunities for comments. No comments were submitted.

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Chairman Turner closed the floor and announced that this item would be voted on during the Called Meeting to follow.

A Public Hearing was conducted for the Land Use Application of Kelly and Gary Mills to redistrict property located at 457 Highway 255 South, Cleveland, GA 30528 from R1 Residential Single Family District, to A1 Agriculture Forestry District. Total Acreage to be affected being 5.0 Acres on Tax Parcel 061-089.

Mr. Tom O'Bryant presented the application stating that again this was an issue with the initial classification process when land use was first implemented – noting that the subject 5.0 acres was surrounded by an 11 acre tract that was classified as A1 and the 5.0 acre tract contained a home constructed in 1856 and a barn. He stated that the Planning Commission had unanimously

recommended approval of the redistricting and no one had expressed any opposition to the reclassification during the Planning Commission's Public Hearing.

Mr. and Mrs. Mills were in attendance in order to represent their application and confirmed the information provided by Mr. O'Bryant.

Chairman Turner opened the floor for public comment in support of the proposed reclassification – providing three (3) opportunities for comments. No comments were submitted.

Chairman Turner opened the floor for public comment in opposition of the proposed reclassification – providing three (3) opportunities for comments. No comments were submitted.

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Mr. Kevin Hamby, SPLOST Manager, presented the monthly SPLOST Status Report (see attached). He noted that currently revenue collections were exceeding projections and several projects were on track.

Judge Garrison Baker presented the Assignment of Services Agreement with Sentinel Offender Services LLC and CSRA Probation Services, Inc. related to probation services in White County Probate Court & White County Magistrate Court. Judge Baker noted that Sentinel Offender Services LLC had ceased operation in the State of Georgia due to well published legal issues and all of their Georgia accounts had been sold off and assigned to CSRA Probation Services, Inc. Judge Baker stated they had reviewed the practices of CSRA and were looking forward to working with them.

There was a consensus that this item would be placed on the May 1, 2017 Regular Meeting Consent Agenda.

Mr. Ken Howard, GBI Assistant Special Agent in Charge with the Appalachian Regional Drug Enforcement Office (ARDEO) presented information concerning requested grant acceptance of the 2016 JAG Byrne Grant in the amount of \$86,709.00 from the Franklin County Board of Commissioners related to the absorption of the North Georgia Drug Task Force by the Appalachian Regional Drug Enforcement Office. Agent Howard explained the benefits of this expansion to the ARDEO, including the additional personnel resources, and the careful consideration taken when expanding the task force.

There was a consensus that this item would be placed on the May 1, 2017 Regular Meeting Consent Agenda.

Mr. Melton presented the renewal of the memorandum with the Enotah Judicial Circuit counties to conduct activities for the Enotah Judicial Circuit's Juvenile Justice Project coordinated through Family Connections. He explained that this was a continuation of a program first implemented in 2013, there is no financial commitment required, and that Union County would be the fiscal agent of the grant funds.

There was a consensus that this item would be placed on the May 1, 2017 Regular Meeting Consent Agenda.

Ms. Vicki Mays presented the bids received for a matured certificate of deposit (CD) currently held at United Community Bank in the amount of \$169,400.00.

There was a consensus of the Board that this item would be placed on the May 1, 2017 Regular Meeting Consent Agenda with award to Mountain Valley Community Bank at 0.421% APY for a twelve (12) month term.

Mr. Dave Cangemi, Public Works Director, presented bids received for the Local Maintenance Improvement Grant (LMIG) Bridge Rehabilitation Project related to one (1) bridge on Town Creek Road and two (2) bridges on New Bridge Road. He stated that three (3) bids were received with the low bidder being L.C. Whitford at \$1,878,887.00 / \$2,047,434.00 (with concrete overlay). He stated that the bids were much higher than expected and he, along with Mr. Melton, would be reviewing the bids with the project engineer prior to the May 1, 2017 meeting in order to determine the difference in the anticipated cost. Mr. Cangemi reviewed with the Board that LMIG funding on the project was \$382,326.74.

There was a consensus of the Board that this item would be placed on the May 1, 2017 Regular Meeting voting agenda.

Mr. Dave Cangemi presented information to the Board regarding a request to upgrade the Road Department's chipper. He explained that the last chipper purchased in 2016 was a 12" chipper and they had experienced several issues with the equipment that the dealer was unable to correct. He stated that the loaner chipper provided by the dealer was a 15" chipper and was much better suited for the work they do. He stated that the dealer, Mason Tractor, was willing to give \$38,000.00 (full credit) for the trade in of the 12" chipper which would leave a trade difference of \$11,944.40.

There was a consensus of the Board that this item would be placed on the May 1, 2017 Regular Meeting Consent Agenda for approval.

Mr. Tom O'Bryant stated that bids for the paving of Carolina Springs Road were due April 28, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. and would be presented to the Board at the May 1, 2017 Regular Meeting.

Mr. Melton stated that proposals for the Yonah Preserve Project Construction Manager at Risk were due April 27, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. and would be evaluated and presented to the Board upon review.

Mr. David Murphy, Director of Public Safety, presented the Public Safety Annual Report for 2016 (see attached).

Mr. David Murphy presented a request for grant acceptance for White County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) related to a portable generator grant in the amount of \$59,580.00

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(county budgeted match \$8,937.00) from Federal / Georgia Emergency Management Agencies (FEMA / GEMA).

There was a consensus of the Board that this item would be placed on the May 1, 2017 Regular Meeting Consent Agenda for approval.

Mr. David Murphy presented a request for grant acceptance for the White County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) related to a grant for a weather station located at White County High School in the amount of \$38,823.00 (county budgeted match \$5,824.00) from Federal / Georgia Emergency Management Agencies (FEMA/ GEMA). He noted that this grant funded equipment would also include lightning detection for the school & recreation outdoor facilities. He stated that he is working with the Board of Education for funding of the \$4,700.00 per year maintenance expense for the system since it will be used for classroom instruction (science & broadcasting) as well as providing a lightning detection feature.

There was a consensus of the Board that this item would be placed on the May 1, 2017 Regular Meeting Consent Agenda for approval.

Ms. Shanda Murphy reviewed the options for the 2017-2018 Employee Benefits Renewal that were originally presented to the Board on April 11th by Mr. Matt Bidwell of MSI Benefits Group. The preferred option of the Board was to remain with Alliant Health Plans and designate the current medical plan as a “Buy Up” option and establish a “Base” option with an increased deductible, co-pays, and co-insurance. This would limit the county’s increase from \$322,440.00 (20.81%) to \$193,098.00 (12.46%) while providing an option with the “Base” plan for employee premiums to remain the same. There was a consensus of the Board that the non-wellness factor should increase to \$69.00 per pay period.

This item would be addressed in the Called Meeting to follow due to required open enrollment notice.

Ms. Shanda Murphy presented the upcoming board appointments including the following:

- Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors;
- Convention & Visitors Bureau Board of Directors;
- White County DFACS Board; and
- Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities Region One Board.

She stated these opportunities would be advertised until mid-May with applicants to be presented to the Board at the May Work Session for consideration.

The agenda for the May 1, 2017 Regular Meeting was reviewed and approved.

Immediately following the Work Session, the Board of Commissioners went into a Called Meeting.

WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF THE CALLED MEETING

HELD MONDAY, APRIL 24, 2017

The White County Board of Commissioners entered into a Called Meeting on Monday, April 24, 2017 immediately following a Work Session in the Board Room at the White County Administration Building. Present for the meeting were: Chairman Travis Turner, Commissioner Terry Goodger, Commissioner Lyn Holcomb, Commissioner Edwin Nix, County Manager Michael Melton, Finance Director Vicki Mays, and County Clerk Shanda Murphy. Commissioner Craig Bryant was not in attendance.

Chairman Turner called the meeting to order.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Nix, seconded by Commissioner Holcomb the Land Use Application of Mr. Larry Freeman to redistrict property located to 9669 Duncan Bridge Road, Cleveland, GA 30528 from R1 Residential Single Family District, to C2 Highway Business District with total acreage affected being 1.44 acres on Tax Parcel 090-047 was unanimously approved.

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Upon a motion made by Commissioner Goodger, seconded by Commissioner Nix there was a unanimous vote to approve the renewal option as presented with Alliant Health Plans including a Base and Buy-Up option resulting in a \$193,098.00 (12.46%) increase in employee health insurance cost to the county - with the non-wellness employee premium factor increasing from \$25.00 per pay period to \$69.00 per pay period. The Board noted that the increase for non-wellness participants resulted in a greater discount for the employees who met the wellness requirement. The Board encouraged employees not currently on the wellness rate to meet the requirement in order to determine any underlying health concerns early.

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Upon a motion made by Commissioner Holcomb, seconded by Goodger there was a unanimous vote to enter into Executive Session in order to discuss personnel.

-See The Following Closed Meeting Affidavit –

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

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

The minutes of the April 24, 2017 Work Session & Called Meeting are hereby approved as stated this 1st day of May, 2017.

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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