

WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF THE CALLED MEETING HELD

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2018 AT 4:30 P.M.

The White County Board of Commissioners held a Called Meeting on Tuesday, January 2, 2018 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, Commissioner Craig Bryant, County Manager Michael Melton, Finance Director Jodi Ligon, and County Clerk Shanda Murphy.

Chairman Turner called the meeting to order.

Upon presentation of proclamation, the Board of Commissioners expressed appreciation to Ms. Helen Wilkins for her twenty (20) years of service on the City of Helen Commission on the occasion of her retirement from the Commission.

The Board also expressed their appreciation for Mr. Edward Young, although not in attendance, for his forty-seven (47) years of service on the Cleveland City Council on the occasion of his retirement from the Council.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Nix there was a unanimous vote to adopt the minutes of the December 11, 2017 Called Meeting.

Chairman Turner stated that the Board would be conducting a public hearing for the application filed by Mr. Tim Motes to redistrict property located at 3778 Hwy 254 Cleveland, GA 30528 from R1 Residential, Single Family District, To C2 Highway Business District, also Conditional Use for special events as per code Section Article XIV Section 1402, Conditional Use 1. Tax Map and Parcel 078-21 and total acreage of 5.51 acres.

Mr. John Sell, Director of Community & Economic Development, presented the application. He stated that currently the property housed a restaurant, wedding venue, and general store and explained that although these various lines of business were in existence when land use was implemented – the property was not picked up as commercial and all the businesses were not registered with the Business Tax Office.

Mr. Tim Motes addressed the Board and indicated that he had nothing to add to the explanation provided by John Sell.

Chairman Turner opened the floor for public comments in support of the redistricting / conditional use permit application filed by Mr. Tim Motes. Following three (3) announcements calling for any public comments in support of the application and with there being no comments presented – Chairman Turner opened the floor for public comments in opposition of the redistricting / conditional use permit application filed by Mr. Tim Motes. Following three (3)

announcements calling for any public comments in opposition of the application and with there being no comments presented – Chairman Turner closed the floor.

There was discussion by the Board regarding environmental health documentation, the conditional use permit being related to the event venue at the location and any approval of a conditional use permit being assigned to the property regardless of ownership, business license being required for each line of business once the land use issue was resolved, and the requirement of a public water source. Mr. Motes stated that he was not currently on public water and he was using a non-EPD approved well – however he did have access to approved public water, but had shut everything down until the land use issue was resolved. Commissioner Bryant asked Mr. Motes to be aware of how he interacted with County Staff and to address any issues he had with staff to the entire Board. Mr. Motes stated that he understood Commissioner Bryant’s point.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Goodger, seconded by Commissioner Holcomb there was a unanimous vote to approve the application filed by Mr. Tim Motes to redistrict property located at 3778 Hwy 254 Cleveland, GA 30528 from R1 Residential, Single Family District, To C2 Highway Business District, also Conditional Use for special events as per code Section Article XIV Section 1402, Conditional Use 1. Tax Map and Parcel 078-21 and total acreage of 5.51 acres.

Applications received for one (1) appointment to the White County Building Authority and two (2) appointments to the White County Development Authority were presented to the Board of Commissioners.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Holcomb there was a unanimous vote to appoint Mr. Russell Mobley to the White County Building Authority for a three (3) year term to expire December 31, 2020 (previously held by Mr. Wayne Wiltse).

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Goodger, seconded by Commissioner Nix there was a unanimous vote to table the appointments to the Development Authority until the Board had an opportunity to interview the applicants.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Goodger there was a unanimous vote to adopt the following resolution (County Resolution 2018-01) setting the qualifying fees for the county offices to be filled in the 2018 primary or election.

**WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION NO. 2018-01**

WHEREAS, the White County Board of Commissioners, as the governing authority of White County, is required by the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Section 21-2-131, to fix and publish a qualifying fee for each county office to be filled in the upcoming primary or election;

AND WHEREAS, the White County Board of Commissioners is required, no later than February 1 of 2018 to fix and publish such fees;

NOW, THEREFORE, the qualifying fees for the following county offices to be filled in the upcoming 2018 primary or election are hereby set as follows:

- 1) Board of Commissioners, District 2 as currently held by Commissioner Lyn Holcomb - \$497.64;
- 2) Board of Commissioners, District 3, as currently held by Commissioner Edwin Nix- \$497.64;
- 3) Board of Education, District 2 as currently held by Mr. Charlie Bryson - \$135.00; and
- 4) Board of Education, District 4 as currently held by Mr. Barry Vandiver - \$139.50.

The Clerk of the Board of Commissioners is hereby directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Superintendent of Elections of White County.

ADOPTED, this 2nd day of January, 2018.

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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

Attest:

s/Shanda Murphy
Shanda Murphy, County Clerk

Mr. Kevin Hamby, SPLOST Manager, presented the monthly SPLOST Status Report (see attached).

Ms. Jodi Ligon, Finance Director, presented the monthly Financial Status report (see attached).

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

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Commissioner Bryant requested the Board’s support in contacting the City of Helen in order to begin discussions on a possible partnership for the paving of the portion of Dandy Lane past the newly constructed (under construction) hotel. There was a consensus of the Board on the direction given to Mr. Melton to contact Mr. Jerry Elkins, City Manager, regarding the project.

There was a consensus of the Board that based on the SPLOST Status Report presented, work on current SPLOST programming needed to be put on hold until proposals were received and evaluated on the Yonah Preserve Park Project, to include delaying the bidding of the spring 2018 road projects for 60 days – in order to prevent any issues with SPLOST cash flow.

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

The minutes of the January 1, 2018 Called Meeting are approved as stated this 29th day of January, 2018.

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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