

WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF THE COMBINED WORK SESSION & CALLED MEETING HELD

MONDAY, MAY 21, 2018 AT 4:30 P.M.

The White County Board of Commissioners held a combined Work Session & Called Meeting on Monday, May 21, 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.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Dr. John Yarbrough with Truett-McConnell University, provided the invocation.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Goodger there was a unanimous vote to adopt the minutes of the April 25, 2018 Budget Planning Work Session, the April 30, 2018 Work Session & Called Meeting, the May 1, 2018 Budget Planning Work Session, and the May 17, 2018 Called Meeting.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Goodger there was a unanimous vote to approve the Jail Use Agreements with the Cities of Cleveland and Helen.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Goodger, seconded by Commissioner Holcomb there was a unanimous vote to approve the following resolution on behalf of Truett McConnell University (TMU) in support of their request to the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) for the speed limit to be lowered from 45 mph to 35 mph on Hwy 115 in proximity to the TMU Campus:

WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT

FOR THE REDUCTION OF THE SPEED LIMIT ON GA HWY 115 (KYTLE STREET)

IN FRONT OF TRUETT MCCONNELL UNIVERSITY

COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2018-10

WHEREAS, Truett McConnell University has experienced dramatic growth over the past 9 years with enrollment increasing from 465 in 2008 to an enrollment of 2186 in 2017.

WHEREAS, the University has expanded the physical campus to include the property located at 529 East Kytile Street, leased property across GA Hwy 115 in the Chad Knott Office building at 670 E. Kytile Street, added additional residential housing, enlarged athletic facilities, increased dining facilities and constructed an expansive Student Wellness Center.

WHEREAS, the University has expanded academic offerings to include 27 undergraduate programs and 5 graduate degree programs.

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WHEREAS, the University has expanded intercollegiate athletic teams in numerous sports to a total of 15 teams. The number of teams and the schedule of events has produced a constant flow of buses, vans, and growing numbers of the public attending athletic events on campus.

WHEREAS, the University's growth has increased traffic on GA Hwy 115 (Kytile Street) including students, faculty, staff, area residents attending events on campus, guests and pedestrian traffic accessing various facilities on the expanded campus. This increased vehicle and pedestrian traffic dramatically increases the dangers posed by the present speed limit on Hwy 115 in front of the campus.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the White County Board of Commissioners supports the request of Truett McConnell University to either establish the area on GA Hwy 115 (Kytile Street) from west of Henry Nix Road to East of Dixon Road as a school zone or reduce the speed limit from the present 45 miles per hour to 35 miles per hour in this zone. Currently the 35 mile per hour speed limit begins west of Dixon Road on GA Hwy 115.

Signed: s/Travis C. Turner Title: Chairman

Date of Adoption: May 21, 2018

Mr. Clark Neal, Northeast Georgia SORBA Chapter, presented information to the Board regarding Yonah Preserve.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Holcomb, seconded by Commissioner Goodger there was a unanimous vote to renew the memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the International Mountain Bicycling Association (IMBA) and the Southern Off- Road Bicycle Association, Inc. (SORBA).

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Goodger, seconded by Commissioner Holcomb there was a unanimous vote to approve the application for a \$10,000.00 grant through Georgia Economic Development – Tourism Product Development for SORBA / IMBA to apply for funds for partial completion of Section 3 of the Yonah Preserve Trails.

Following the discussion regarding several items which needed to be completed at Yonah Preserve – including signage, front entrance gates, gate at spillway, etc. it was determined that Saturday, June 2, 2018 would be set as a soft opening date for the Yonah Preserve Trails facility – in conjunction with National Trails Day. Mr. Melton committed to the Board that the items discussed would be completed prior to June 2, 2018. Following the soft opening, the facility will be open 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Holcomb, seconded by Commissioner Bryant there was a unanimous vote to approve the grant application and memorandum of understanding for a \$8,500.00 grant through Georgia Economic Development – Tourism Product Development for the White County Chamber of Commerce to apply for funds for the Passport to Outdoor Adventure Project.

Mr. Melton stated that the Board was aware of all the complaints the office had been receiving regarding the conditions at the White County Transfer Station. He stated that currently the county had a contract with Advanced Disposal for the operation of the Transfer Station. He explained that he had been in contact with Advanced Disposal management on several occasions, but overall the conditions of the Transfer Station had not improved and Advanced Disposal had not been responsive to the County. It was noted that currently Advanced Disposal has a subcontractor operating the Transfer Station. The current contract was effective until July 2020 – however the County had the option to cancel the contract with ten (10) days' notice, if performance of the contract was not satisfactory to the County.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Nix, seconded by Commissioner Holcomb there was a unanimous vote to bid out the operation of the White County Transfer Station – with the subsequent contract to specifically prohibit sub-contracting of the operations and to add more specificity to the contractor requirements.

Mr. Kevin Hamby, SPLOST Manager, presented the 2014 SPLOST Cash Flow & Status Update (see attached). Mr. Hamby advised the Board to hold off on encumbering any additional expenses for SPLOST projects until the cash flow was able to catch up. He noted that projections within the presentation were based on SPLOST receipts of \$300,000.00 per month (total).

Mr. Melton presented an update for the Board of 2018 SPLOST road projects. He reviewed the committed, approved projects including Stanley Nix Road, Sam Craven Road, Joe Franklin Road, and Mauldin Road – totaling \$918,805.00 which was reflected as an encumbrance in the SPLOST report just presented. Mr. Melton provided information on a second set of SPLOST road projects which had been discussed by the Board but had not been officially approved. These projects included gravel roads to be upgraded: Henry Nix Road, F.M. Road (prep only), Dandy Lane, and Shepherd Drive and asphalt roads for repairs: Bonnie Pearl Lane, Hawthorne Drive, Cedar Hollow Road, and Sautee Woods Trail.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Nix, seconded by Commissioner Goodger there was a unanimous vote to make the following changes to the project list and move forward with the projects as stated: add Asa Dorsey Road from Lothridge Road to Hwy 254 to be prepped by county crew for paving in the future, to remove Henry Nix Road from project list, remove Sautee Woods Trail from project list, and remove modifications to the parking area at the Senior Center from the previously encumbered SPLOST project list.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Goodger there was a unanimous vote to postpone action on upcoming board appointments until the June 11, 2018 meeting.

Ms. Jodi Ligon, Finance Director, presented the only Financial Status Report (see attached).

Mr. Melton had no comments during the County Manager Comments section.

Chairman Turner advised Mr. Melton to follow up with Owens Welding on the status of the Yonah Preserve entrance way fabrication project.

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Chairman Turner opened the floor for public participation.

There were no public comments.

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

-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 made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Holcomb there was a unanimous vote to adjourn the meeting.

The minutes of the May 21, 2018 combined Work Session and Called Meeting are hereby approved as stated this June day of 11th, 2018.

WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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