

WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION & CALLED MEETING HELD

MONDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2018 AT 4:30 P.M.

The White County Board of Commissioners held a Work Session & Called Meeting on Monday, October 29, 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 Edwin Nix, Commissioner Craig Bryant, Finance Director Jodi Ligon, and County Clerk Shanda Murphy. Commissioner Lyn Holcomb and County Manager Michael Melton were not in attendance.

Upon presentation of proclamation to the White County Retired Educator's Association, November 4, 2018 was declared "Retired Educator's Day in White County".

Mr. Frank Riley, Executive Director of the Chestatee-Chattahoochee Resource Conservation & Development Council, provided an annual update of the agency's activities.

A public hearing was conducted for the Land Use Application filed by Mr. Todd Campbell to redistrict property located at 1617 Hwy 115 East Cleveland, GA 30528 from C1 Community Commercial District to C2 Highway Business District – with the total acreage to be reclassified as 3.92 acres on tax parcel 047D-017.

Mr. John Sell presented the application explaining that Mr. Campbell had operated a car lot on this property prior to land use being adopted; therefore his existing lot was grandfathered in as a non-conforming use since a car lot is a conditional use in C1. He stated that with Mr. Campbell now planning to expand his business he has requested reclassification from C1 to C2.

Mr. Campbell explained that his plans were to expand his lot to the east of the current location.

Chairman Turner explained the process for the land use public hearings.

Chairman Turner opened the floor for the public hearing. He issued three (3) separate calls for anyone who wanted to speak in support of Mr. Todd Campbell's land use reclassification application. There were no comments in support. He issued three (3) separate calls for anyone who wanted to speak in opposition of Mr. Campbell's land use reclassification application. There were no comments in opposition. Chairman Turner closed the Public Hearing and stated that the Board would be voting on this application at their November 5, 2018 Regular Meeting.

A public hearing was conducted of the Land Use Application filed by Ms. Tina Della to request a conditional use permit to place the property at 373 Yonah Mtn. Road Cleveland, GA 30528 in a short term for rent by owner program within the R1 (Residential Single Family District) – total acreage to be effected is 1.66 acres on tax parcel 059-002.

Chairman Turner opened the floor for the public hearing. He issued three (3) separate calls for anyone who wanted to speak in support of Ms. Della's land use reclassification application. There were no comments in support. He issued three (3) separate calls for anyone who wanted to speak in opposition of Ms. Della's land use reclassification application. There were no comments in opposition. Chairman Turner closed the Public Hearing and stated that the Board would be voting on this application at their November 5, 2018 Regular Meeting.

Mr. Will Wagner, General Manager of Smithgall Woods State Park and Hardman Farms, presented a request to the Board for possible funding to be utilized in the relocation (or replica construction) of a historic Appalachian log cabin at Smithgall Woods State Park. He stated that current fundraising efforts had resulted in raising \$3,500.00 of the \$100,000.00 project cost. There was a consensus that this item would be placed on the November 5, 2018 Regular Meeting voting agenda.

Mr. Kevin Hamby, SPLOST Manager, presented the Monthly SPLOST Status Report (see attached). He explained that the report did not reflect the most recent monthly distribution – which would increase the funds available at yearend from \$659,401.00 to \$813,226.00 (+\$153,825.00).

Ms. Barbara Overton, Director of Senior Services, presented an Addendum #1 to the FY 19 Legacy Link contract. She explained that the addendum would result in approximately \$15,000.00 in additional funding from state / federal sources and this increase in funding would allow congregate meals to be increased by 8% and home delivered meals to be increased by 5%. She noted that over 38,000 home delivered meals are received in White County per year. There was a consensus that this item would be placed on the November 5, 2018 Regular Meeting consent agenda.

Mr. Joe Gailey, Director of Parks & Recreation, presented information to the Board concerning options for a scholarship program. Mr. Gailey suggested maintaining the offering of a payment plan over the implementation of a scholarship program. There was a consensus of the Board that this item would require additional discussion at a later date.

Mr. Mitchell Posey, GBI Special Agent in Charge, presented the 2018 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program application for the Appalachian Regional Drug Enforcement Office (ARDEO) for the entire amount of their annual funding of \$446,121.00. It was reviewed that White County serves as the fiscal agent for this grant for operation of ARDEO which includes 12 local agencies and 3 state agencies – totaling 29 employees. There was a consensus that this item would be placed on the November 5, 2018 Regular Meeting consent agenda.

Mr. David Murphy, Director of Public Safety, presented the sole bid received for veterinary services for White County Animal Control. He stated that the request for proposals (RFP) was distributed as a result of the increasing cost of the local veterinary providing services (Cleveland Vet). He stated that he had researched the issue and a contract was never in place for these services. Mr. Murphy explained that the RFP was distributed to all local and surrounding veterinary offices – with only one response being received for Chestatee Animal Hospital. He

noted that rates provided for services within the response were much less than the previous provider was charging. There was a consensus that this item would be placed on the November 5, 2018 Regular Meeting consent agenda.

Mr. David Murphy presented a revised Fire Recovery Fee Schedule in accordance with revised Federal Emergency Management (FEMA) Standards. There was a consensus that this item would be placed on the November 5, 2018 Regular Meeting consent agenda.

Mr. Joe Gailey presented bids received for scoreboards for the Yonah Preserve Ballfield Project. There was a consensus that awarding this item to the low bidder Electro-Mech would be placed on the November 5, 2018 Regular Meeting consent agenda.

Mr. Dave Cangemi, Director of Public Works, presented a recommendation to the Board to submit an application to the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) for Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG) funding for the resurfacing of Westmoreland Road from Hwy 129 to Hwy 254 – with the county portion being estimated at \$299,982.56 and the LMIG portion being \$420,022.44 (based on an estimated project total of \$720,005.00). There was a consensus that this item would be placed on the November 5, 2018 Regular Meeting consent agenda.

Mr. Cangemi also reported that the New Bridge Road bridge(s) rehabilitation project was progressing very well.

Ms. Jodi Ligon, Finance Director, presented bids received for two (2) certificates of deposit (CD's) currently held at United Community Bank. There was a consensus that awarding this item to United Community Bank for a twelve (12) month term at 2.40 % interest would be placed on the November 5, 2018 Regular Meeting consent agenda.

Mr. Matt Bidwell with MSI Benefits Group presented information to the Board concerning the issue of the Northeast Georgia Diagnostic Clinic no longer being accessible to employees and insured dependents through the HealthPartners Network with Alliant Health Plans. Following discussion regarding neither party taking responsibility in the issue and the disbursement of conflicting communications from all parties - Mr. Bidwell advised the Board that claims were running very well for the group and they could choose to bid the group coverage out. The Board did not express any interest in rebidding the coverage at this time. He advised the Board that he would communicate the Board's concern on the issue to Alliant.

Chairman Turner stated that he had interviewed Ms. Linda Hubbard for appointment to the Board of Health. There was a consensus that this item would be placed on the November 5, 2018 Regular Meeting consent agenda.

Chairman Turner stated that he was hoping that Mr. CJ McDonald with Charles Black Construction would have a final drawing and guaranteed maximum price available to present to the Board for the Yonah Preserve Trailhead Building at the November 5, 2018 Regular Meeting.

The agenda for the November 5, 2018 Regular Meeting was reviewed and approved.

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The Work Session was adjourned.

The Board entered into a Called Meeting.

Chairman Turner called the meeting to order.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Goodger there was a unanimous vote to enter into Executive Session in order to discuss potential litigation and 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.

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

The minutes of the October 29, 2018 Work Session & Called Meeting are hereby approved as stated this 5th day of November, 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