

# **WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

## **MINUTES OF THE CALLED MEETING HELD**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2018 AT 8:00 A.M.**

The White County Board of Commissioners held a Called Meeting on Monday, December 17, 2018 at 8:00 a.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.

Chairman Turner presented all applicants for the Board of Assessors to the Board of Commissioners. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Goodger, seconded by Commissioner Nix there was a unanimous vote to reappoint Mr. Roy Johnson to the White County Board of Assessors for a three (3) year term to expire December 31, 2021.

Mr. Patrick Brennan, Executive Director of the Sautee Nacoochee Community Association (SNCA), presented a request to the Board for \$8,000.00 in project funding for the development of an official guide and destination map which would be developed into a mobile app to highlight all the historic points of interest in the county in order to promote heritage tourism in the Sautee Nacoochee area and beyond. He explained that SNCA had received a grant award from the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) for the project in the amount of \$40,000.00 – with an additional \$27,158.00 in in-kind contributions from SNCA, and \$20,000.00 in local funds match – for a project total of \$87,158.00. He indicated that the project would take at least 18 months to complete.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Holcomb there was a unanimous vote to grant \$8,000.00 in funding from the Hotel / Motel Tax General Fund / Fund Balance to the Sautee Nacoochee Community Association for matching funds for the ARC Grant / Official Guide and Destination Map App Project.

Mr. Mark Johnson, President of the White County Historical Society, presented a funding request for \$1,000.00 for the expense related to constructing a base for “The Potter” statue to be erected on the north lawn at the White County Historic Courthouse. He stated that the Historical Society had raised \$30,000.00 to pay for the statue and the City of Cleveland had agreed to donate \$1,000.00 to construction of the base as well.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Goodger, seconded by Commissioner Bryant there was a unanimous vote to approve \$1,000.00 in funding from Hotel / Motel Tourism Product Development Funds to the White County Historical Society for construction of a base for “The Potter” statue.

Mr. Melton presented easement documents for the Board’s consideration related to Phase 3 construction of the West Cleveland Bypass by the Georgia Department of Transportation. He explained that the easements were related to property along Hulsey Road at the Convenience Center and at the Government Complex – specifically noted as parcels 11 and 23. It was stated that the county would receive \$1,970.00 for settlement and disbursement of the easements.

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Upon a motion made by Commissioner Nix, seconded by Commissioner Goodger there was a unanimous vote to approve the easement agreements for the construction of the West Cleveland Bypass by the Georgia Department of Transportation for properties along Hulsey Road.

Mr. John Erbele expressed his appreciation to the Board of Commissioners for their support of heritage tourism in White County.

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.

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

The Board briefly discussed two (2) violations of the Mountain Protection Ordinance in Panorama Estates. There was a consensus that the violations would be addressed as a two (2) step process with the property owners to address the Board concerning the violations and then the Board would determine the applicable penalty for the violations.

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

The minutes of the December 17, 2018 Called Meeting are hereby approved as stated this 7<sup>th</sup> day of January 2019.

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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