

**WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MINUTES OF THE CALLED MEETING HELD**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2019 AT 8:00 A.M.**

The White County Board of Commissioners held a Called Meeting on Tuesday, March 21, 2019 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, and Human Resources Coordinator Krystal Talley. County Clerk Shanda Murphy was not present.

Chairman Turner called the meeting to order.

Chairman Turner stated that there had been some discussion since the March 4, 2019 Regular Meeting regarding some unintended consequences of a portion of the revisions made to the White County Alcohol Ordinance. He asked Commissioner Holcomb to summarize the concerns brought to the Board. Commissioner Holcomb stated that the concern raised by the farm wineries in White County was that the Board had taken out (or clarified) the provision that allowed off-site farm winery tasting rooms to be able to serve malt beverages. He stated that the farm wineries had made large investments in White County and are important to the county's tourism economy; therefore he was asking on behalf of the farm wineries, to allow malt beverages to be sold at the off-site tasting rooms. Commissioner Goodger expressed his concerns with allowing off-site tasting rooms to serve malt beverages without having to meet a sales ratio or location restrictions. He stated this would resemble a "bar-room". Chairman Turner stated he agreed with Commissioner Goodgers' concerns; however he was concerned about limiting the expansion opportunities for the farm wineries. Commissioner Bryant stated that he was not concerned with something being a bar unless liquor was sold there. There was clarification that this change would not allow package sales at malt beverages at off-site farm winery tasting rooms.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Holcomb, seconded by Commissioner Bryant there was a motion to amend the revisions made on March 4, 2019 to the White County Alcohol Ordinance to allow malt beverages be served at off-site farm winery tasting rooms in the unincorporated area of White County. Chairman Turner and Commissioner Nix voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner Goodger opposed the motion. The motion passed by a 4-1 vote.

Commissioner Holcomb stated that he wanted to see the Alcohol Beverage Commission involved in any future revisions to the Alcohol Ordinance prior to this type of issue being brought before the Board of Commissioners.

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

-See The Following Closed Meeting Affidavit-

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

The minutes of the March 21, 2019 Called Meeting are hereby approved as stated this 22nd day of April, 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