

WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF THE CALLED MEETING HELD

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2012

The White County Board of Commissioners held a Called Meeting on Monday, November 26, 2012 in the Grand Jury Room of the White County Courthouse. Present at the Called Meeting were: Chairman Travis Turner, Commissioner Terry Goodger, Commissioner Lyn Holcomb, Commissioner Edwin Nix, County Manager Michael Melton, County Attorney Bill House, Finance Director Vicki Mays, and County Clerk Shanda Smallwood.

Chairman Turner called the meeting to order at 5:08 p.m.

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 real estate matters.

See the Following Closed Meeting Affidavit-

Minutes of the Executive Session are sealed and maintained by the County Clerk pursuant to O.C.G.A. §50-14-1(e)(2)(C).

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

Chairman Turner stated the Board of Commissioners had before them for consideration a contract between the Georgia Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the White County Board of Commissioners for the County to lease approximately 1,000 acres for a term of fifty (50) years – with this property being formerly known as the OTP Property. He stated the County would have the ability to make improvements (at the County’s expense) to the property for recreational purposes. He stated for the record that the lease cost is \$0.00 and is for public benefit. Chairman Turner noted that if the Board of Commissioners approved the lease agreement, the agreement would still need to be ratified by the DNR Board in January.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Goodger, seconded by Commissioner Holcomb there was a unanimous vote to approved the fifty (50) year lease (Intergovernmental Agreement) with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for the leasing of 1,000 acres – formerly known as the OTP Property – at no cost to the County (for the property lease).

Chairman Turner expressed his gratitude for the opportunity for the County to procure this property for the future generations of White County. He stated that although a great deal of planning would be needed in order to make the highest and best use of this property for the citizens of White County. He specifically expressed appreciation to Governor Nathan Deal, Lt. Governor Casey Cagle, and DNR Deputy Commissioner Homer Bryson.

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DNR Deputy Commissioner Homer Bryson expressed his thanks to the Board of Commissioners and the Staff who had worked diligently on finalizing the contract agreement. He described the agreement as a “win-win” for both the County and the State of Georgia.

Commissioner Goodger spoke of the many opportunities of the use of this property – uses for the existing buildings, recreation around the lake area, non-motorized boating / fishing, trails, an archery range (with construction funded by the State), etc.

Commissioner Holcomb stated this was an exciting opportunity for the County.

Commissioner Nix stated another significant part of this property was that the lake served as the County’s drinking water reservoir.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Goodger, seconded by Commissioner Holcomb there was a unanimous vote to approve County Resolution No. 2012-26, implementing 100% Level One Freeport Exemption effective January 1, 2013.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2012-26

RESOLUTION TO IMPLEMENT 100% LEVEL ONE FREEPORT EXEMPTION ON JANUARY 1, 2013

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of White County, Georgia, voted to support implementation of a Level One Freeport Exemption with the adoption of County Resolution 2012-14 on June 4, 2012; and

WHEREAS, a special election was held November 06, 2012, at which a referendum was submitted to the voters of White County, Georgia, for approval or disapproval of the Level One Freeport Exemption; and

WHEREAS, at the said special election the voters of White County, Georgia, approved the implementation of a Level One Freeport Exemption in its entirety; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners of White County, Georgia, by this Resolution do hereby implement a 100% level one exemption of the value of such tangible personal property as defined in O.C.G.A. §48-5-48.2 (c)(1)(2)(3) which code section is hereby incorporated by reference thereto.

This exemption shall be implemented **January 1, 2013**.

Resolved, this 26th day of November, 2012.

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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

Not In Attendance
Craig Bryant, District 4

Attest: s/Shanda Smallwood
Shanda Smallwood, County Clerk

-End of County Resolution No. 2012-26-

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Nix, seconded by Commissioner Holcomb there was a unanimous vote to approve the renewal of the Microsoft Licensing Agreement (2012-2015) at a cost of \$40,525.26 per year –to be paid with budgeted funds from the IT Department.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Holcomb, seconded by Commissioner Nix there was a unanimous vote to approve the 2013 Georgia Department of Transportation Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG) project list submittal as presented – for the leveling and resurfacing of one-half of New Bridge Road, with County SPLOST funds to be designated for the leveling and resurfacing of the remainder of the road at an approximate cost of \$330,000.00.

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

The minutes of the November 26, 2012 Called Meeting are hereby approved as stated this 3rd day of December, 2012.

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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

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s/Edwin Nix

Edwin Nix, District 3

s/Craig Bryant

Craig Bryant, District 4

s/Shanda Smallwood

Shanda Smallwood, County Clerk