

WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF THE CALLED MEETING HELD

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2014 AT 8:30 A.M.

The White County Board of Commissioners held a duly Called Meeting on Friday, February 21, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. in the Board Room at the White County Administration Building. Present at the meeting were: Chairman Travis Turner, Commissioner Terry Goodger, Commissioner Lyn Holcomb, Commissioner Edwin Nix, Commissioner Craig Bryant, County Manager Michael Melton, County Attorney Bill House, and County Clerk Shanda Murphy.

Chairman Turner called the meeting to order.

Chairman Turner presented, to the Board for consideration, an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Cleveland related to prohibiting creation of unincorporated islands and to withdraw the County's request that this language be included in the legislation to be considered by the Georgia General Assembly pertaining to said annexation of the right of way of U.S. Highway 129 (GA Hwy 11) from the current City limits to Truelove Road.

Chairman Turner reviewed that the City of Cleveland had presented proposed annexation to the County, which was considered by the Board of Commissioners at the January 27, 2014 Regular Meeting. The Board of Commissioners had stated their support for the annexation request, which would be considered during the 2014 Session of the Georgia General Assembly; however the Board of Commissioners did request the following language be included in the legislation "this shall not permit or allow the City of Cleveland to create any unincorporated island or islands along the property being annexed by this legislation". The language was not included, as requested, when the legislation was presented to the local legislative delegation; therefore due to the short amount of time remaining for local legislation to be introduced the Intergovernmental Agreement was being presented as an option for addressing the County's concerns.

Mr. Bill House, County Attorney, did state that the Intergovernmental Agreement would be a binding document; however it was not statutory in nature as the language would have been if included in the legislation. He clarified that there would be a need to ratify this agreement in future years as one Board or Council cannot bind another Board or Council going forward.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Goodger, seconded by Commissioner Bryant there was a unanimous vote to approve the following Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Cleveland:

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INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT
BY AND BETWEEN WHITE COUNTY, GEORGIA,
AND CITY OF CLEVELAND, GEORGIA

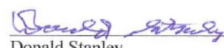
GEORGIA, WHITE COUNTY

WHEREAS, THE CITY OF CLEVELAND and WHITE COUNTY hereby agree to implement the following process for annexation:


WHEREAS, THE CITY OF CLEVELAND agrees to apply, to all annexation methods, authorized by Chapter 36, by local Act of the General Assembly the following:

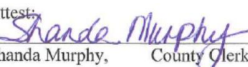
O.C.G.A. § 36-36-4 – prohibits the formation of any new unincorporated islands and authorizes municipalities to provide any service or exercise any function within an unincorporated island when requested to do so by the county governing authority.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have hereunto set their hands and affixed their seals this 21st day of February, 2014.


Donald Stanley, Mayor
CITY OF CLEVELAND, GEORGIA

Attest: 
Connie Tracas, City Clerk


Travis Turner, Chairman
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Attest: 
Shanda Murphy, County Clerk

Chairman Turner stated that he would be contacting the local legislative delegation to advise that the agreement had been approved so they could move forward with the legislation presented by the City of Cleveland. Mr. Melton stated that he would be in contact with the City of Cleveland and provide Ms. Connie Tracas, City Clerk, with the signed agreement.

Ms. Cindy Bailey, recently appointed President of the White County Chamber of Commerce, was in attendance and expressed her excitement about joining the White County Chamber and expressed her appreciation to the Board of Commissioners for their support.

Commissioner Goodger asked that the Chamber of Commerce provide periodic updates to the Board regarding the activities of the Chamber.

The Board expressed their appreciation to the White County Road Department for their efforts during the recent snow storm. Mr. Melton agreed they did an exceptional job and informed the Board that he was working on plans to construct a shed at the Road Department Facility, which could store bulk salt.

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

The minutes of the February 21, 2014 Called Meeting are hereby approved as stated this 3rd day of March, 2014.

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s/Travis C. Turner
Travis 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