

WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION & CALLED MEETING HELD

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2014 AT 4:30 P.M.

The White County Board of Commissioners held a Work Session and Called Meeting on Monday, October 27, 2014 at 4:30 p.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, Finance Director Vicki Mays, and County Clerk Shanda Murphy.

Chairman Turner explained that immediately following the Work Session, the Board would be entering into a Called Meeting. He stated that the Board would be handling any items from the Work Session in the Called Meeting; therefore the November 3, 2014 meeting would not be necessary.

Mr. Walter Lane, Georgia Department of Natural Resources, made a presentation to the Board regarding a proposed archery park project at Yonah Preserve (see attached presentation). Mr. Lane explained that funding was available for the project through the excise tax collection on guns and ammunition. He stated that the funding would require a 25% County match, which could be in-kind contributions. He explained that upon completion of the site evaluation, a shooting range was determined to not be feasible; therefore the focus of the project will be an archery range. Mr. Lane indicated, that based on the Board's direction – he would move forward with obtaining a specific design for the archery park, which would include detailed cost estimates and various options. He stated this project would be the first partnership with a County for an archery park in the State of Georgia. Chairman Turner expressed the Board's appreciation for the work done to present the proposed project and stated that the Board would need time to consider the project as part of the overall master plan for Yonah Preserve.

Mr. Caleb Davidson, Georgia Mountains Regional Commission, presented a Fire Services Assessment for White County (see attached presentation). He stated that the assessment focused on maintaining current levels for the future in the areas of facilities, vehicles / apparatus, major equipment, personnel, and policies.

Mr. Melton stated that the Board asked that he come up with recommendations for a policy regarding requiring employees to show identification when going onto private property. He had provided the Board with a copy of the State Code requiring that employees of the Assessor's Office show identification when entering on private property. The Board directed Mr. Melton to develop a policy to be reflected in the County Code to cover all County employees for presentation to the Board within thirty (30) days.

Year-end Board appointments and applicants were reviewed for the Alcohol Beverage Commission, YMCA Board, Joint Development Authority, Building Authority, and Region One Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities.

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Chairman Turner called the Called Meeting to order at 5:26 p.m.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Holcomb there was a unanimous vote to re-appoint Ms. Janeann Allison, Mr. Erford Harrison, and Mr. Dickie Nix to the Alcohol Beverage Commission for a two (2) year term expiring January 31, 2017.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Nix, seconded by Commissioner Holcomb there was a unanimous vote to re-appoint Mr. Brandon Hester and Mr. Jim Waits to the YMCA Board.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Goodger, seconded by Commissioner Bryant there was a unanimous vote to re-appoint Mr. Tom O'Bryant and to appoint Barry Mr. Vandiver and Mr. John Essignman to the Joint Development Authority for a four (4) year term expiring December 31, 2018 (leaving one position currently held by Mr. John Ziemer unfilled).

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Holcomb, seconded by Commissioner Bryant there was a unanimous vote to reappoint Mr. Larry Freeman and Mr. Marc Greene to the White County Building Authority – with Mr. Freeman serving a three (3) year term expiring December 31, 2017 and Mr. Greene serving a one (1) year term expiring December 31, 2014.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Holcomb, seconded by Commissioner Goodger there was a unanimous vote to appoint Ms. Bobbie Kruse to the Region One Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Board (DBHDD) in order to fulfill the remainder of a three (3) year term to expire June 30, 2017.

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

-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 Nix, seconded by Commissioner Bryant there was a unanimous vote to exit Executive Session.

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

The minutes of the October 27, 2014 Called Meeting are hereby approved as stated this 1st day of December, 2014.

October 27, 2014 – Work Session & Called Meeting Minutes (continued)

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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