

WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD

MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 2016 AT 4:30 P.M.

The White County Board of Commissioners held a Regular Meeting on Monday, August 8, 2016 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 called the meeting to order.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Ms. Cheryl Kennedy of The Bridge Church and the White County Ministerial Alliance provided the invocation.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded By Commissioner Goodger there was a unanimous vote to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting held June 30, 2016, the Called Meeting held July 19, 2016, the Work Session and Called Meeting held July 25, 2016, the Public Hearing and Called Meeting held August 1, 2016, and the Public Hearing held August 4, 2016.

Upon presentation of proclamation, August 8, 2016 was declared as “Martha Rea Kimsey Day in White County” in honor and celebration of Ms. Kimsey’s 100th Birthday.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Goodger, Commissioner Nix the following consent agenda was approved by a unanimous vote:

- Approval of SPLOST Funding for the White County Sheriff’s Office purchase of equipment in the amount of \$53,322.26;
- Approval of an Automatic Aid Agreement with Hall County Fire Services; and
- Approval of \$5,000.00 in funding from Hotel / Motel Tax Funds for the promotion of the White County Chamber of Commerce’s inaugural Georgia’s Spirit of Appalachia Food, Wine, and Arts Festival.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Holcomb there was a vote to approve the application of Mr. Don Payne and Mr. Terry Kimbrell for the land use reclassification of property (2.24 acres) located at 35 Stoney Pointe Cleveland, GA from R1 (Residential Single Family) to C2 (Highway Business District) with the reclassification to be based on the four (4) following conditions:

- 1) The subject property may only be used as a location for a wrecker storage yard;
- 2) The subject property must be accessed by utilizing Helton Road via Campbell Street via Highway 115 West and shall not be accessed by Hood Street;
- 3) If the referenced property is sold, any subsequent owners must come before the White County Board of Commissioners for reclassification if the property is utilized for any purpose other than a wrecker storage yard; and
- 4) The subject property cannot be utilized as an auto salvage or junk yard.

During discussion, Commissioner Goodger opposed the motion, stating that since the property did not have highway access, C2 (Commercial Highway District) was not an appropriate classification for the property.

Commissioner Nix asked if other businesses operated in the County and were only accessible by city streets. Through discussion, it was determined that the only businesses that operated in the County and were only accessible by city streets were those which had been grandfathered into the Land Use Plan and that all other C2 classifications centered around state highway / corridor access.

Following discussion, Commissioner Nix and Chairman Turner voted in favor of the motion to approve the application of Mr. Don Payne and Mr. Terry Kimbrell for the land use reclassification of property (2.24 acres) located at 35 Stoney Pointe Cleveland, GA from R1 (Residential Single Family) to C2 (Highway Business District) with the reclassification to be based on the stated conditions. Commissioner Goodger opposed. The motion passed by a 4 (Bryant, Holcomb, Nix, Turner)-1(Goodger) vote. Staff was directed to draft the affidavit for Mr. Payne and Mr. Kimbrell to sign related to the imposed conditions.

Ms. Vicki Mays, Finance Director, presented the monthly Financial Status Report (see attached).

There were no County Manager Comments.

Chairman Turner recognized the Public Safety / Emergency Management Office related to the \$35,360.00 reimbursement received from Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) for the mobile generator & transfer switch project.

Chairman Turner opened the floor for citizen participation.

Ms. Rebecca Butler, 54 Scotts Drive Cleveland, GA: Ms. Butler asked about the status of the changes to the parking area at the White County Senior Center. Chairman Turner stated this would be discussed at the next work session.

Ms. Cindy Bailey, President of the White County Chamber of Commerce: Ms. Bailey reminded the Board that the Chamber's annual meeting would be held at Babyland on August 18, 2016 and that a retirement reception for Mr. Billy Chism, Editor of the White County News, was scheduled for August 25, 2016 2 pm – 5 pm.

The Regular Meeting scheduled for September 5, 2016 was tentatively rescheduled to September 12, 2016 due to Labor Day.

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

WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF THE MILLAGE PUBLIC HEARING (3 OF 3)

HELD MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 2016 AT 6:00 P.M.

The White County Board of Commissioners held the third in a series of three Public Hearings regarding a proposed increase in the 2016 county millage rate. The Public Hearing was held on Monday, August 8, 2016 at 6:00 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 called the meeting to order.

Mr. Michael Melton presented the proposed 2016 millage rate for White County (see following presentation). The proposal was based on increasing the county millage rate from 9.168 to 9.998 - .83 mills above the rollback millage rate of 9.108.

Chairman Turner opened the floor for public comment.

Ms. Elizabeth Wells, 2039 Skylake Road Sautee, GA: Ms. Wells spoke in favor of the millage increase in order to maintain the same level of service within the county. She specially supported a pay increase for law enforcement.

Mr. Russell Mobley, 576 Mossy Cove Road, Sautee, GA: Mr. Mobley spoke in favor of the millage increase. He asked that the Board determine the millage rate needed in order to provide for the needs of the county and tourist that visit the area.

Ms. Nancy Dunagan, 158 Running Deer Road, Cleveland, GA: Ms. Dunagan spoke in favor of the millage increase and asked that Board to think to the future of our county.

Ms. Laurie Lee, 1749 Glenn's Drive Sautee, GA: Ms. Lee spoke in favor of the tax increase and the Board replenishing the reserves used to balance the budget over the past several years.

Sheriff Neal Walden: Sheriff Walden spoke in favor of the millage increase and asked that the Board be realistic about the issues facing the county and supported increased pay for his department's employees.

With no additional public comment, the floor was closed and the public hearing was adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF THE CALLED MEETING HELD

MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 2016

The White County Board of Commissioners held a Called Meeting on Monday, August 8, 2016 in the Board Room at the White County Administration Building. The purpose of the Called Meeting was to establish the 2016 county millage rate. 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 called the meeting to order.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Goodger, seconded by Commissioner Holcomb there was a vote to adopt a resolution (County Resolution No. 2016-14) setting the 2016 Millage Rate at 9.998 thereby providing authorization for the Chairman to execute:

- PT 32.1 Form, Computation of Millage Rate Rollback and Percentage Increase in Property Taxes - 2016;
- PT 35 Form, County Millage Rate Certification For Tax Year 2016;
- Certification of Use of Insurance Premium Tax in the Unincorporated Area of White County; and
- Certification of Pending Appeals.

Chairman Turner voted in favor of the motion and Commissioner Nix and Commissioner Bryant opposed the motion - the motion to set the 2016 County Millage Rate at 9.998 passed by a 3-2 vote.

WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-14

A RESOLUTION SETTING THE YEAR 2016 MILLAGE RATE

WHEREAS, the White County Board of Commissioners is the taxing Authority of White County; and

WHEREAS, the digest for the taxable year 2016 has been established; and

WHEREAS, the White County Board of Commissioners has adopted a budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, wherein there is included a portion of revenues to be derived from property taxes; and

WHEREAS, the White County Board of Education has approved an M&O millage rate for the taxable year 2016, along with a school bond millage rate;

NOW, THEREFORE, the White County Board of Commissioners hereby sets the taxable year 2016 millage rate for the incorporated and unincorporated areas as follows:

County portion	-	9.998;
State portion	-	.00;
School portion	-	17.982;
School Bond portion	-	0.0; and
Total		<u>27.98.</u>

RESOLVED, this 8th day of August 2016.

WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Attest: s/Shanda Murphy

Shanda Murphy, County Clerk

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

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

The minutes of the August 8, 2016 Regular Meeting, Millage Public Hearing, and the Called Meeting are hereby approved as stated this 12th day of September, 2016.

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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