

# WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

## MINUTES OF THE COMBINED WORK SESSION & REGULAR MEETING HELD

**MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 2020 AT 4:30 P.M.**

The White County Board of Commissioners held a combined Work Session and Regular Meeting on Monday, August 24, 2020 at 4:30 p.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 Jason Cobb, Finance Director Jodi Ligon, and County Clerk Shanda Murphy.

Chairman Turner called the meeting to order.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Dean Dyer provided the invocation.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Nix there was a unanimous vote to adopt the minutes of the Public Hearing & Regular Meeting held August 3, 2020 and the Called Meeting (including Executive Session minutes) held August 20, 2020.

Ms. Cheyenne Thornton, Coordinator of White County Family Connection, presented an overview of the agency's services in White County.

Mr. John Sell, Director of Community & Economic Development, presented the land use application filed by Verizon Wireless – represented by Kiersten Lurer – to request a conditional use permit at 99 R&R Drive Cleveland, GA 30528 on tax map / parcel 006-006A and total acreage being 23.13. The proposed use WAS the addition of a new telecommunications tower. The present use is A-1, Agriculture Forestry District. Mr. Sell stated that the Planning Commission had held a Public Hearing on the application – at which there was not opposition – and the Planning Commission had unanimously recommended approval of the application. Ms. Lurer explained this would be a 185' monopole tower providing 4G LTE coverage. She noted that the project well exceeded all required setbacks. Chairman Turner asked for anyone in support or opposition to of the application. Although no one appeared to be in attendance specifically related to this application, there was a consensus in the room that many attendees supported improved internet / cell phone coverage for the area.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Nix, seconded by Commissioner Holcomb there was a unanimous vote to approve the land use application filed by Verizon Wireless to request a conditional use permit at 99 R&R Drive Cleveland, GA 30528 on tax map / parcel 006-006A – with the approved use being the addition of a new telecommunications tower. The present use is A-1, Agriculture Forestry District.

Mr. Sell presented a land use application filed by William Cull to request a conditional use permit at 50 Snowdrift Place Cleveland, GA 30528 – on tax map / parcel 030D-018 – being 1.65 acres. The proposed use was to place in a short term rental program in the present use of R-1, Residential Single Family District. He stated that the Planning Commission had held a Public Hearing on the application – at which there was no opposition – and had unanimously recommended approval of the application. He explained that there is no Homeowner's Association (HOA) affiliated with the property, therefore Mr. Cull was required to obtain letters

of support from at least 50% + 1 of his neighboring property owners. He noted that Mr. Cull needed 13 letters of support and he submitted 17 letters of support. Mr. Cull stated that he lived in between his two (2) short term rental properties. He stated that he had been renting these properties for a few years; however when he became aware that he was not in compliance he immediately began the process to correct this back in February 2020. Chairman Turner asked for anyone in support or opposition to the application – there were neither.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Nix there was a unanimous vote to approve the land use application filed by William Cull to request a conditional use permit at 50 Snowdrift Place Cleveland, GA 30528 – on tax map / parcel 030D-018 – being 1.65 acres with an approved use to place in a short term rental program in the present R-1, Single Family Residential District.

Mr. Sell presented a land use application filed by William Cull to request a conditional use permit at 107 Farmette Drive Cleveland, GA 30528 – on tax map / parcel 030-052 – being 2.67 acres. The proposed use is to place in a short term rental program in the present use of R-1, Residential Single Family District. He stated that the Planning Commission had held a Public Hearing on the application – at which there was no opposition – and had unanimously recommended approval of the application. He explained that there is no Homeowner’s Association (HOA) affiliated with the property, therefore Mr. Cull was required to obtain letters of support from at least 50% + 1 of his neighboring property owners. He noted that Mr. Cull needed 13 letters of support and he submitted 17 letters of support. Mr. Cull stated that he lived in between his two (2) short term rental properties. He stated that he had been renting these properties for a few years; however when he became aware that he was not in compliance he immediately began the process to correct this back in February 2020. Chairman Turner asked for anyone in support or opposition to the application – there were neither.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Holcomb there was a unanimous vote to approve the land use application filed by William Cull to request a conditional use permit at 107 Farmette Drive Cleveland, GA 30528 – on tax map / parcel 030-052 – being 2.67 acres with an approved use to place in a short term rental program in the present R-1, Single Family Residential District.

Mr. Jason Cobb presented a quote in the amount of \$94,582.54 from ACG Solutions for improvements to the security camera system at the following county facilities – Administration Building, Animal Control Facility, Courthouse, Freedom Park, Mauney Building, Recreation Department, Senior Center, and Yonah Preserve Trailhead. He explained that although most all these facilities already had security cameras – these were mostly over 10 years old and ran on various different platforms; however this project would put all the cameras on the same platform and update the entire system with more advanced capabilities.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Goodger, seconded by Commissioner Bryant there was a unanimous vote to approve the quote in the amount of \$94,582.54 from ACG Solutions for improvements to the security camera system at the following county facilities – Administration Building, Animal Control Facility, Courthouse, Freedom Park, Mauney Building, Recreation Department, Senior Center, and Yonah Preserve Trailhead – to be funded from SPLOST.

Ms. Jodi Ligon, Finance Director, presented the monthly financial status report (see attached).

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Chairman Turner stated that the Board had discussed redesigning the entrance and parking area at the White County Senior Center several years ago – including the addition of steps between the Mauney Building parking area and the Administration Building parking area. There was a consensus that the Board wanted to move forward with this project.

Chairman Turner also stated that staff needed to ensure that driveway aprons on all the upcoming county paving projects were completed in an appropriate way – Mr. Cobb stated that he would relay this to Mr. Cangemi, Director of Public Works.

During County Manager Comments, Mr. Cobb advised that all approved paving projects were still on schedule to be completed by the end of October – dependent upon the weather.

Chairman Turner opened the floor for public participation – there were no public comments.

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

The minutes of the August 24, 2020 combined Work Session and Regular Meeting are approved as stated this 5<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020.

#### **WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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