

WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF THE CALLED MEETING HELD

MONDAY, MARCH 22, 2021 AT 8:00 A.M.

The White County Board of Commissioners held a Called Meeting on Monday, March 22, 2021 at 8:00 a.m. in the Board Room at the White County Administration Building. Present for the meeting were: Chairman Travis Turner, Commissioner Lyn Holcomb, Commissioner Edwin Nix, Commissioner Craig Bryant, County Manager Jason Cobb, Finance Director Jodi Ligon, and County Clerk Shanda Murphy. Commissioner Terry Goodger was not in attendance.

Chairman Turner called the meeting to order.

Mr. Dave Cangemi, Director of Public Works, presented bids received for setting base and paving the parking area, driveway, and rear access road at the Government Complex. He stated that the low bid received was from Square Deal Enterprises, LLC is the amount of \$32,089.00. He informed that the project contained approximately 500' of pavement.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Nix, seconded by Commissioner Bryant there was a unanimous vote to award the contract for setting base and paving the parking area, driveway, and rear access road at the Government Complex to Square Deal Enterprises, LLC in the amount of \$32,089.00 – to be paid from the 2020 SPLOST funds.

Mr. John Sell, Director of Community & Economic Development, presented the land use application filed by Alex Green, on behalf of Blake Percival Enterprises, LLC to request a conditional use permit at 171 Clarice Lane Cleveland, GA 30528, tax map & parcel 069-608, total acreage 1.0. The proposed use was to place the property in a short-term rental program and the present land use classification is R-1, Residential Single Family District. Mr. Sell stated there are many short-term rental properties in this neighborhood. The Planning Commission held a public hearing on the application and there was no opposition. The Planning Commission recommended the land use application for approval. Mr. Green confirmed the information presented and informed that Blue Creek Cabin Rentals were be managing the rental property. He stated that the property accommodates six (6) guests and the property owner lives in Alabama. Chairman Turner asked if there was any support or opposition for the application – there was none.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Holcomb there was a unanimous vote to approve the land use application filed by Alex Green, on behalf of Blake Percival Enterprises, LLC for a conditional use permit at 171 Clarice Lane Cleveland, GA 30528, tax map & parcel 069-608, total acreage 1.0. The approved use is to place the property in a short-term rental program and the present land use classification is R-1, Residential Single Family District.

Mr. John Sell presented the land use application filed by Andrea Rodriguez to request a conditional use permit at 254 Sweetheart Lane Sautee Nacoochee, GA 30571, tax map & parcel 055D-102H, total acreage of 1.18. The proposed use was to place the property in a short-term rental program and the present land use classification is R-1, Residential Single Family District. Mr. Sell stated there are many short-term rental properties in this neighborhood and the covenants specifically allow for vacation rentals. The Planning Commission held a public hearing on the application and there was no opposition. The Planning Commission recommended the land use application for approval. Ms. Rodriguez confirmed the information presented and stated that she also owned the rental property next door to this property. She informed that the property accommodates two (2) guests. Chairman Turner asked if there was any support or opposition for the application – there was none.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Nix there was a unanimous vote to approve the land use application filed by Andrea Rodriguez to request a conditional use permit at 254 Sweetheart

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Lane Sautee Nacoochee, GA 30571, tax map & parcel 055D-102H, total acreage of 1.18. The approved use is to place the property in a short-term rental program and the present land use classification is R-1, Residential Single Family District.

Mr. Cobb stated that the current priority project is to complete the parking area / access road work – as the bypass construction project would limit access to the Helen Hwy government complex from Hulsey Road beginning March 24, 2021. He also advised the Board that there are over 700 participants for spring sports at the Recreation Department. Mr. Cobb also highlighted the Board of Education’s suggestions on revisions to the Claude Sims Road reconstruction project, detailing their recommendation is to shift the road to the upper side of the parking area instead of on top of the hill between the parking area and the school. Commissioner Nix stated that safety was his only concern with that design concept revision, however Mr. Cobb stated that he felt those safety concerns could be addressed and additional parking could be added in the grassy area to the right of the entrance to the Sports Complex.

Commissioner Bryant expressed his concerns regarding the pedestal house which recently caught fire on Walnut Ridge, due to the structure only having one (1) accessible egress. Mr. Sell advised that the plans for the pedestal house were engineered, had a third party inspection, and met building code. He stated that a possible option would be to issue a stop work order on the pedestal houses under construction – allowing time to work with the developer to modify the existing structures to make the back exit accessible (currently approximately 80’ off the ground, with no steps), add building requirements for the new pedestal house construction, and looking at any requirements other counties have for this type of construction. There was a consensus of the Board that a stop work order would be issued and results of staff’s research would be brought back to the Board in 30 days.

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

Minutes of the March 22, 2021 Called Meeting were approved as stated this 5th day of April, 2021.

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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