

**WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD**

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2021 AT 4:30 P.M.**

The White County Board of Commissioners held a Regular Meeting on Monday, February 1, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. in the Board Room at the 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 Goodger there was a unanimous vote to approve the minutes of the January 4, 2021 (amended) Work Session & Regular Meeting and the January 25, 2021 Work Session & Called Meeting.

Mr. John Sell, Director of Community & Economic Development, presented the land use application filed by Stephanie Silva to request a conditional use permit at 17 Deer Track Road Cleveland, GA 30528 - Tax Map Parcel 068-143 and 0.91 total acreage. The proposed conditional use is to place in a "short term rental" program and present use is R-1 (Residential Single Family District). He stated this property is located in a five (5)-lot subdivision with no protective covenants and he had obtained the required number of signatures from neighboring property owners. He indicated that the Planning Commission had held a Public Hearing on the application and had unanimously recommended approval of the application. Mr. Sell stated that the maximum number of occupants for the property would be six (6). Mr. David Beverly, with Georgia Vacation Rentals represented the applicant and confirmed the information presented by Mr. Sell. He stated that there had not been any rentals of the property as of yet. Chairman Turner asked for a show of hands for anyone in support or opposition of the request – there were no hands raised.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Holcomb there was a unanimous vote to approve the land use application filed by Stephanie Silva to request a conditional use permit at 17 Deer Track Road Cleveland, GA 30528 - Tax Map Parcel 068-143 and 0.91 total acreage. The approved conditional use is to place in a "short term rental" program and present use is R-1 (Residential Single Family District).

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Goodger, seconded by Commissioner Holcomb there was a unanimous vote to approve the 2021 Tax Commissioner's authority to receive payments on the county's behalf and to disburse county to funds.

Mr. Kevin Hamby (VIA ZOOM), SPLOST Manager, presented the SPLOST Status Report (see attached).

Mr. Hamby asked if anyone had an update on the City of Cleveland Hulsey Road waterline upgrade project, which had a \$100,000.00 encumbrance – Mr. Cobb stated he would contact the City Manager for an update on this.

Mr. Hamby stated that the 2020 SPLOST Program is based on an estimated total collection of \$390,000.00 per month, which would generate approximately \$2,000,000.00 per year for County

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projects. Chairman Turner asked Ms. Ligon to calculate the total impact of the distribution change from the 2014 SPLOST (74% County / 13% Cleveland / 13% Helen) to the 2020 SPLOST (60% County / 20% Cleveland / 20% Helen) and forward to the Board.

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

During the County Manager Comments portion of the meeting, Mr. Cobb advised that he was working with Georgia Power on an opportunity to place two (2) electronic vehicle-charging stations at Freedom Park. He advised that Roy Powers Road Bridge is repaired and open to traffic. Chairman Turner stated that a Called Meeting would be scheduled in the near future to discuss road projects.

Chairman Turner opened the floor for public participation.

Ms. Pamela Oakley, 381 Meadow Crest Cleveland, GA 30528, asked about the amendments noted to the January 4, 2020 meeting minutes. Ms. Murphy advised this was a correction made to the comments noted under the County Manager Comments portion – stating the Chairman Turner (not Commissioner Nix – as was incorrectly stated) brought up the issue of improvements to Redd Road.

Ms. Beth Truelove, White County Chamber of Commerce President, stated that despite the challenges brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, the entrepreneurial spirit is resilient in the County. She stated that the Chamber is working with employers on employee retention tax credits to benefit them during this time.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Holcomb, seconded by Commissioner Goodger there was a unanimous vote to enter into Executive Session in order to discuss matters of personnel, litigation, and real estate.

-See The Following Closed Meeting Affidavit-

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Nix, seconded by Commissioner Goodger there was a unanimous vote to exit Executive Session.

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

The minutes of the February 1, 2021 Regular Meeting were approved as stated this 1st day of March, 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

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s/Edwin Nix  
Edwin Nix, District 3

s/Craig Bryant  
Craig Bryant, District 4

s/Shanda Murphy  
Shanda Murphy, County Clerk