

WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF THE CALLED MEETING HELD

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2019 AT 8:00 A.M.

The White County Board of Commissioners held a Called Meeting on Tuesday, November 19, 2019 at 8:00 a.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 Michael Melton, Finance Director Jodi Ligon, and County Clerk Shanda Murphy.

Chairman Turner called the meeting to order.

Mr. Melton presented a resolution for consideration to the Board – related to the White County Development Authority’s issuance of revenue bonds for Truett McConnell University. He stated this was a resolution specifically to meet the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) requirements. It was emphasized that White County taxpayers carry no liability related to this bond issuance.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Goodger, seconded by Commissioner Bryant there was a unanimous vote to approve County Resolution No. 2019-20:

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-20

RESOLUTION RATIFYING AND APPROVING, SOLELY FOR THE PURPOSE OF SECTION 147(F) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986, OF THE ISSUANCE OF \$25,000,000 MAXIMUM AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF REVENUE BONDS IN ONE OR MORE SERIES, FEDERALLY TAXABLE AND/OR TAX-EXEMPT (THE “BONDS”), BY THE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF WHITE COUNTY.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 2019-15 adopted on November 4, 2019, this Board recognized and responded to the request of Development Authority of White County (the “Issuer”), a public body corporate and politic duly created and existing under the laws of the State of Georgia, for this Board’s approval, solely as the “applicable elected representative” of the County for purposes of Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”), of the issuance of by the Issuer of its Revenue Bonds, Series 2019 (Truett McConnell University Project) in one or more series, federally taxable and/or tax-exempt (the “Bonds”), in a maximum aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$25,000,000, for the purpose financing and refinancing the qualifying capital projects described in Resolution 2019-15 (the “Project”) of Truett McConnell University, a nonprofit corporation created and validly existing under the laws of the State of Georgia (the “University”); and

WHEREAS, the Issuer conducted a public hearing in respect of its proposed issuance of the Bonds on November 12, 2019 and this Board has received a written report of that hearing;

NOW, THEREFORE, the White County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the following resolutions:

Section 1: This Board, as the “applicable elected representative” of the County, ratifies and approves, but solely for the purpose of that Section 147(f), the issuance of the Bonds.

Section 2: It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this

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Board any of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements.

ADOPTED by the White County Board of Commissioners this 19th day of Nov, 2019.

WHITE COUNTY, GEORGIA

By: s/Travis C. Turner

Travis C. Turner, Chairman of the
Board of Commissioners

Attest: s/Shanda Murphy

Shanda Murphy, County Clerk

CLERK'S CERTIFICATE

GEORGIA, WHITE COUNTY

I, Shanda Murphy, Clerk of the Board of Commissioners of White County, Georgia, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that the foregoing pages constitute a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners at an open public meeting duly called and lawfully assembled on Nov 19, 2019, the original of said resolution being duly recorded in the Minute Book of the Commission, which minute book is in my custody and control.

WITNESS my hand and the official seal of White County, Georgia, this 19th day of Nov, 2019.

s/Shanda Murphy

Clerk of the Board of Commissioners of
White County, Georgia (SEAL)

Mr. Melton provided a general update on several issues – he noted that County Attorney Mary Jane Henneke is in the process of finalizing a draft of local legislation for the Board's consideration related to the creation of a Board of Elections and Registration. He also stated that the relocation project for the White County Department and Family & Children's Services (DFACS) was going well and he would be bringing an estimate for the needed renovations (once DFACS has vacated) to the space in the Mauney Building at the next meeting. His preliminary estimates for the renovations to the upper level of the building were \$50,000.00 to \$60,000.00 and could be completed in the February & March 2020 timeframe. Mr. Melton also advised the Board that a revised pay request had been generated by Charles Black Construction Company for the Yonah Preserve Project – establishing a retainage of \$10,000.00. He stated that Mr. Stover with Carter & Sloope was still in the process of reviewing the revised pay request – with the main concern being the grassing of several areas.

Chairman Turner presented the full list of applicants for the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board – noting Marshall Anderson, Candice Grizzle, and Octavius Mulligan had requested reappointment to the Board.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Holcomb there was a unanimous vote to reappoint Marshall Anderson, Candice Grizzle, and Octavius Mulligan and to appoint Josh Bartlett, Stacy Palmer, Matt Adams, and Susan Cremering to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for a three (3) year term to expire December 31, 2022.

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Commissioner Bryant asked for the Board's consideration in paying Smithgall Woods Humane Society \$10,000.00 as requested by the organization in connection with their rescue of 30+ animals from the White County Animal Control Shelter. Mr. Melton detailed that many other rescue groups rescue many more animals than Smithgall does each year from the county shelter. Mr. David Murphy, Director of Public Safety, explained that Smithgall Woods Humane Society is selective of the animals rescued from the county shelter, they do not accept strays, Smithgall adopts these animals out for a fee, and the county bears the expense of in-taking and caring for the animals initially. There was a consensus of the Board that funds would not be provided by the county to Smithgall Woods Humane Society.

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

-See The Following Closed Meeting Affidavit-

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

Commissioner Nix asked Mr. Melton to have Code Enforcement review the current situation of people living permanently in RV's / campers throughout the county (outside campgrounds) and to provide this information along with the current county code related to this issue to the Board.

There was discussion regarding the number of non-profit entities exempt from property tax and what regulations determined this.

Mr. Melton presented a request to the Board from Mr. Ryan Puckett – owner of Nimble Wheel Bicycles in Dahlonega for permission to offer demonstrations of his products at Yonah Preserve. There was a consensus that the Board did not want to allow this. Mr. Melton confirmed that Mr. Joe Gailey, Director of Parks & Recreation, had been advised that his department would be responsible for scheduling at Yonah Preserve. There was also discussion regarding implementing a parking fee at Yonah Preserve.

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

The minutes of the November 19, 2019 Regular Meeting are hereby approved as stated this 2nd day of December, 2019.

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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