

## **WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

### **MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION & CALLED MEETING HELD**

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2021 AT 4:30 P.M.**

The White County Board of Commissioners held a Work Session & Called Meeting on Monday February 22, 2021 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.

Mr. John Sell, Director of Community & Economic Development, presented the land use application filed by Verizon Wireless, represented by Clark Davidson, to request a conditional use permit on Howard Road in Cleveland, GA 30528 – tax map and parcel 030D-028B & total acreage 36.11. The proposed use is to add a new communications tower. The present use is A-1 (Agriculture Forestry District). Mr. Sell explained that within the A-1 District a conditional use permit is required for communications towers. He stated that the Planning Commission had held a public hearing on the application and there was no opposition to the request. Mr. Sell advised that the Planning Commission had unanimously recommended approval of the application. Mr. Clark Davidson, representing Verizon Wireless, stated that Verizon had leased all property within the fall zone of the proposed tower. They were seeking the conditional use permit, so they could apply for a tower permit, and subsequently a building permit. He advised this tower would extend service to the north and northwest. Mr. Davidson stated this would be a mono-pine type tower, 195’ in height. Chairman Turner asked if there was anyone present in support or opposition of the request – there were none.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Goodger, seconded by Commissioner Nix there was a unanimous vote to approve the land use application filed by Verizon Wireless for a conditional use permit on Howard Road in Cleveland, GA 30528 – tax map and parcel 030D-028B & total acreage 36.11 – with the approved use being to add a new communications tower.

Mr. David Murphy, Director of Public Safety, presented a request to purchase a 2021 Ford Explorer for EMA / 911 to replace a 2007 Ford Crown Vic and a 2001 Ford Command Van and to purchase a 2021 Ford F150 4x4 to replace a 2013 Ford F150. He stated that the Explorer would be assigned to Chief Sullens and the truck would be assigned to Chief Weaver. Mr. Murphy explained the vehicles, which would be requested to surplus once the new vehicles were delivered all, had high mileage, high idle times, and mechanical issues.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Goodger, seconded by Commissioner Holcomb there was a unanimous vote to approve the purchase of a 2021 Ford Explorer (\$36,704.14) and a 2021 Ford F150 (\$35,908.28) from Jacky Jones Ford at or below State contract price – with funds from the 2014 SPLOST (\$72,612.42).

Mr. John Sell presented a land use application filed by Terry Sims to redistrict property located at 43 Poplar Stump Road Helen, GA 30545 from R-1 (Residential Single Family) to C-2 (Highway Business District) – total acreage being 1.01 on tax map & parcel 042B-053. The present use is R-1 (Residential Single Family District). Mr. Sell stated that the Planning Commission had held a

Public Hearing on the application, to which there was no opposition and the Planning Commission had unanimously recommended approval of the application. Mr. Terry Sims stated that he planning to construct restroom facilities and dressing rooms for his business – Cool River Tubing. Chairman Turner asked if there was anyone present in support or opposition of the application – there were 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 Terry Sims to redistrict property located at 43 Poplar Stump Road Helen, GA 30545 from R-1 (Residential Single Family) to C-2 (Highway Business District) – total acreage being 1.01 on tax map & parcel 042B-053.

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

-See The Following Closed Meeting Affidavit-

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

Mr. Cobb presented a draft of the local legislation requested by the Board for a proposed increase in the Commissioners compensation on a per meeting basis - \$178.00 per meeting up to 8 meetings per month in which any Commissioner attended the meeting in their capacity as county commissioner – in addition to the current compensation received by the Commissioners.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Holcomb there was a unanimous vote to adopt County Resolution No. 2021-01 in order to request that local legislation be introduced to the General Assembly to increase the Board of Commissioners compensation as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REQUESTING WHITE COUNTY'S LOCAL LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION  
TO PROPOSE LEGISLATION CHANGING THE COMPENSATION OF  
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF WHITE COUNTY, GEORGIA

WHEREAS, the Commissioners' salaries were established by a Local Act of the Georgia Legislature in 2008 (Georgia Laws 2008 Page 4205-4216), as amended; and


WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of White County, Georgia, desires to establish a fair, consistent and equitable compensation schedule for the members of the Board of Commissioners; and


NOW THEREFORE, be it and it is hereby RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of White County, Georgia, that the local legislative delegation of White County, Georgia is called upon and requested to present local legislation that would create an expense allowance to be paid to the members of the Board of Commissioners of White County, Georgia as follows:


(b) For each meeting attended by the board which the commissioner attends in his official capacity as a member of the board, the chairman and each member of the board shall be authorized to receive an expense allowance equal to the daily expense allowance provided by law for members of the General assembly but shall be authorized to receive the same for not more than 8 meetings per month.


RESOLVED, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2021.


WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

  
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Travis C. Turner, Chairman

  
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Terry D. Goodger, District 1

  
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Lynn Holcomb, District 2

  
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Edwin Nix, District 3

  
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Craig Bryant, District 4

Attest:   
Shanda Murphy, County Clerk

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend an Act reconstituting the Board of Commissioners of White County, approved May 13, 2008 (Ga. L. 2008, p 4205-4216), as amended, to change the provisions regarding the compensation of the members of the board by creating an expense allowance; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

An Act reconstituting the Board of Commissioners of White County, approved May 13, 2008 (Ga. L. 2008, p 4205-4216), is amended by revising Section 10 as follows:

“SECTION 10.

(b) For each meeting attended by the board which the commissioner attends in his official capacity as a member of the board, the chairman and each member of the board shall be authorized to receive an expense allowance equal to the daily expense allowance provided by law for members of the General assembly but shall be authorized to receive the same for not more than 8 meetings per month.”

**SECTION 2.**

Provisions of the Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon is becoming law without such approval.

**SECTION 3.**

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

There was discussion of the bids received for the 2021 LMIG (Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant) for full depth reclamation, leveling, and overlay of Post Road – 2.52 miles from Tom Teague Road to Old Hwy 75 South. Mr. Cobb stated the low bidder was Blount Construction at \$755,019.00. He noted that award of this project would be brought before the Board at their next meeting. Mr. Cobb explained that materials testing was included in the contract bid, however the Board would need to provide guidance on the inspections portion of the project.

Mr. Cobb advised that he would be providing the Board with information on suggested modifications to the Senior Center Parking area in the near future, as these modifications would be beneficial to complete prior to the temporary closing of facility accesses along Hulsey Road due to the Phase 3 By-Pass Construction Project.

Commissioner Nix exited the meeting.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Holcomb, seconded by Commissioner Goodger there was a unanimous vote (4-0) to adjourn the meeting.

February 22, 2021 – Work Session & Called Meeting Minutes (continued)

The minutes of the February 22, 2021 Work Session and Called Meeting were approved as stated this 1<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2021.

**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