

WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF THE COMBINED WORK SESSION & REGULAR MEETING HELD

MONDAY, JUNE 29, 2020 AT 4:30 P.M.

The White County Board of Commissioners held a combined Work Session & Regular Meeting on Monday, June 29, 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 Holcomb there was a unanimous vote to adopt the minutes of the Budget Public Hearing and Called Meeting held June 15, 2020.

Mr. Patrick Brennan, Executive Director of the Sautee Nacoochee Community Association (SNCA), presented information to the Board about the “Explore Helen – Nacoochee” brochure and smartphone application. He expressed SNCA’s appreciation for the Board’s participation in the grant process which made this project possible.

Mr. Tom O’Bryant, City of Cleveland Administrator, presented the proposed annexation of a 1.08 acre tract owned by Jeffery Shawn Nix and Darcy O. Nix – identified as Parcel No. 048C 182 and located at 1706 Hwy 129 South Cleveland, Georgia. He stated that Mr. Nix was redeveloping this commercial property and had requested city sewer service. Mr. O’Bryant stated that the City’s policy – since annexing the DOT right of way along Hwy 129 South – was that annexation would be required in order to obtain the sewer service and the City was following the required legal process in presenting this to the Board of Commissioners in order to address any questions or concerns of the County. Mr. Cobb advised that County Attorney Mary Jane Henneke had reviewed the annexation request and did not see any issues from the County’s prospective.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Goodger, seconded by Commissioner Bryant there was a unanimous vote to issue support for the proposed annexation of property into the city limits of Cleveland – a 1.08 acre tract owned by Jeffery Shawn Nix and Darcy O. Nix identified as Parcel No. 048C 182 and located at 1706 Hwy 129 South Cleveland, Georgia.

Mr. O’Bryant advised the Board of several commercial development projects in process in the City of Cleveland.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Holcomb, seconded by Commissioner Goodger there was a unanimous vote to approve the Fiscal Year 2021 agency contract with the White County Health Department. There was a consensus of the Board that the contribution for funding of the Health Department for Fiscal Year 2022 would be made in consideration of their existing fund balance.

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

During County Manager comments, Mr. Cobb advised the Board that an article in the Atlanta Journal Constitution deemed the North Georgia Mountains as the top vacation destination for the July 4th holiday

June 29, 2020 – Work Session & Regular Meeting Minutes (continued)

weekend. He informed the Board of a change in the Title & Ad Valorem Tax (TAVT) distribution for vehicles registered within incorporated areas – previously the distribution was 23% city / 28% county and the revised distribution is 23% county / 28% city, however he did not expect this would cause any significant impact to the county’s TAVT collections. Mr. Cobb informed the Board of a baseball tournament which would be hosted at Yonah Preserve on July 11 & 12. He also stated that roads bids would be presented to the Board for their consideration at the July 2, 2020 Called Meeting.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Nix, seconded by Commissioner Holcomb there was a unanimous vote to reappoint David Murphy, Director of Public Safety, to the Region 2 Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Council for a three (3) year term expiring June 30, 2023.

Chairman Turner opened the floor for public comments.

Mr. Bill Huff stated that he was at the Historic Courthouse on a daily basis and the volume of traffic in and around the Courthouse Square is definitely increasing. He noted that the Historical Society’s regular hours are Thursday, Friday, Saturday 10 am to 3 pm.

Mr. Dean Dyer informed everyone that the Family Promise Pie Auction would be held on WRWH on Friday, July 3, 2020 at 9 am.

The floor was closed.

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

The minutes of the June 29, 2020 Work Session and Regular Meeting were approved as stated this 3rd day of August, 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