

WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF THE CALLED MEETING HELD

THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2020 AT 8:00 A.M.

The White County Board of Commissioners held a Called Meeting on Thursday, May 7, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. in the Board Room at the White County Administration Building. This meeting was conducted by teleconference due to the COVID-19 health emergency. The meeting, agenda, and teleconference instructions were advertised to the public and the meeting was conducted within the guidelines provided by emergency order of Governor Brian Kemp. Present for the meeting were: Chairman Travis Turner, Commissioner Terry Goodger, Commissioner Lyn Holcomb, Commissioner Edwin Nix, Commissioner Craig Bryant, County Manager Jason Cobb 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 Howard “Dale” Bentley to request a special use permit under Appendix C – Land Use Regulations, Article IX – Agricultural Forestry District, Section 903(2) – Pet Breeding Facilities for property located at 362 Kelley Road Cleveland, GA 30528. Tax map and parcel 019-586. Total acreage is 20.50 and the present use is A-1, Agriculture Forestry District. Mr. Sell stated that the Planning Commission had held a public hearing on this application and unanimously recommended this action for approval. Mr. Bentley stated that he would be breeding British Labrador Retrievers and this rezoning would allow him to move forward with meeting the requirements for a permit from the Georgia Department of Agriculture for the breeding operation.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Nix, seconded by Commissioner Bryant there was a unanimous vote to approve the land use application filed by Howard “Dale” Bentley for a special use permit under Appendix C – Land Use Regulations, Article IX – Agricultural Forestry District, Section 903(2) – Pet Breeding Facilities for property located at 362 Kelley Road Cleveland, GA 30528 on tax map and parcel 019-586 - with the total acreage of 20.50 and the present use of A-1, Agriculture Forestry District.

Chairman Turner stated that county offices would tentatively reopen to the public on Monday, May 18, 2020 – following all mandated guidelines for safety. Mr. Cobb stated that discussions with departments had begun on what measures would need to be implemented in order for them to safely reopen to the public. He noted that the Senior Center and Library would continue in an alternate operation through the state’s public health emergency due to vulnerable populations they serve; although plans are being developed to make the Library accessible for those needing to complete census information. It was noted that the beginning of early voting would also coincide with the May 18th opening date set forth.

Chairman Turner stated that due to the current circumstances surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, it had been very challenging to being looking at the fiscal year 2021 budget. He stated that he had spoken with the Chair or Sole Commissioner from each Enotah Judicial Circuit county (Lumpkin, Towns, Union, and White) and there was a consensus that it would be acceptable to adopt the same fiscal year 2021 budget for the Enotah Judicial Circuit as was adopted for fiscal year 2020 – inclusive of any budget amendments approved during FY 2020 – with the option to amend later as needed.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Holcomb, seconded by Commissioner Goodger there was a unanimous vote to authorize the Chair to execute the necessary documentation in order to adopt the same fiscal year 2021 budget for the Enotah Judicial Circuit as was adopted for fiscal year 2020 – inclusive of any budget amendments approved during FY 2020 – with the option to amend later as needed.

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There was a consensus regarding moving ahead with a plan to pursue adopting the same county budget for fiscal year 2021 as the Board adopted for fiscal year 2020 – due to revenue concerns and economic uncertainty.

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

-See the Following Closed Meeting Affidavit-

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

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

The minutes of the May 7, 2020 Called Meeting are hereby approved as stated this 1st day of June, 2020.

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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