

WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING HELD

MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2009 AT 4:30 P.M.

On Monday, August 3, 2009 at 4:30 P.M. the White County Board of Commissioners held a Public Hearing in order to receive public input on the adoption of text amendments to the ordinance governing the location of facilities engaging in the land application of human waste, being County Ordinance Number 2009-12. This meeting was held in the Grand Jury Room at the White County Courthouse Cleveland, GA. Present were: Chairman Travis Turner, Commissioner Joe Campbell, Commissioner Craig Bryant, Interim County Manager Jean Welborn, County Attorney David Syfan, Chief Financial Officer Vickie Neikirk, and County Clerk Shanda Smallwood.

Chairman Turner called the meeting to order, stating the purpose of the public hearing by reading the following summary:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ORDINANCE GOVERNING THE LOCATION OF FACILITIES ENGAGING IN THE LAND APPLICATION OF HUMAN WASTE AND SEPTAGE, OR COMMERCIAL WASTE, OR BOTH; TO PROVIDE THAT THE REGULATIONS REGARDING FACILITIES ENGAGING IN THE LAND APPLICATION OF HUMAN WASTE SHALL APPLY TO ANY EXPANSION OF ANY ACTIVE WASTE TREATMENT AREA OF A FACILITY OPERATING UNDER A SPECIAL USE PERMIT AND LAND COMPLIANCE LETTER FROM WHITE COUNTY, GEORGIA OR OPERATING AS A LEGAL NON-COMFORMING USE WITHOUT A SPECIAL USE PERMIT; TO AMEND THE FIRST UNNUMBERED PARAGRAPH OF SECTION 50-2-4 AND SUBSECTION 21.(a) OF SECTION 50-2-4; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Chairman Turner advised the public hearing would be conducted according to Administrative Hearing Procedures adopted on May 28, 2009 in reference to the Land Application Ordinance 2009-12. Copies of the Administrative Hearing Procedures and copies of the proposed amendment were made available to the public.

County Attorney, David Syfan provided a brief summary of the text amendments being considered. He stated this amendment would allow the regulations of the existing Land Application Ordinance to be applied to facility expansion, resulting in the ordinance being amended to be inclusive of both new and existing facilities that may plan to expand operations in the future.

Chairman Turner opened the Public Hearing for comments in support of the proposed amendment of the Land Application Ordinance. Public comments received for the record are as follows:

Carol Balaun, 436 Logan's Ridge Road – Ms. Balaun stated she was attending the meeting as a representative of the Logan's Ridge Homeowner's Association. She stated the residents of Logan's Ridge were in support of the proposed amendment.

Sid Brangham, 38 Hidden Valley Road, Paradise Valley Campground – Mr. Brangham stated he was in favor of the proposed amendment.

With no further comments in support of the proposed amendment, and a motion made by Commissioner Campbell, seconded by Commissioner Bryant - Chairman Turner closed the public comment section for those in support of the proposed amendment.

Chairman Turner opened the Public Hearing for comments in opposition to the proposed amendment of the Land Application Ordinance.

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With no public comment in opposition to the proposed amendment, and a motion made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Campbell – Chairman Turner closed the public comment section for those opposing the proposed amendment.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Campbell there was a unanimous vote to adjourn the Public Hearing.

Minutes of the August 3, 2009 Public Hearing are hereby approved as stated this the 14th day of September, 2009.

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s/Travis C. Turner

Travis C. Turner, Chairman

s/Joe R. Campbell

Joe R. Campbell, Post 1

s/Craig Bryant

Craig Bryant, Post 2

s/Shanda Smallwood

Shanda Smallwood, County Clerk