The White County Board of Commissioners held a Called Meeting on Thursday, January 5, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the White County Board of Commissioners Office. Present at the meeting were: Chairman Travis Turner, Commissioner Terry Goodger, Commissioner Lyn Holcomb, Commissioner Edwin Nix, Commissioner Craig Bryant, Interim County Manager Jean Welborn, and County Clerk Shanda Smallwood.

Chairman Turner called the meeting to order.

Chairman Turner welcomed Mr. Jerry Brown as the new Executive Director of the White County Convention & Visitors Bureau.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Goodger there was a unanimous vote to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting held December 5, 2011, the Called Meeting held December 8, 2011 and the Public Hearing held December 19, 2011, and the called Meeting held December 19, 2011.

Chairman Turner stated the City of Cleveland had expressed some concerns regarding the Georgia Department of Transportation’s (GDOT) detour plans for the phase one construction of the Cleveland By-Pass. The City of Cleveland had stated they were concerned about the influx of traffic the detours would cause on Old Hwy 75 South at SR11/129 and Wilford Ash Parkway at Hwy 115. The City of Cleveland felt the planned detours posed safety issues and thought the County or GDOT should bear the cost of the installation of traffic signals at these locations.

Doug Dockery, Public Works Director, stated that he did not see any concerns with the planned detours, however he thought the County Roads and City Streets which would be utilized for the detours should be inspected prior to the detours and after the detours in order to assess any damage to the roads and streets caused by the increase traffic volume.

Commissioner Goodger stated that his understanding was that the detours would only be in place for 30 to 45 days.

Chairman Turner stated he would like to follow up with the City of Cleveland and meet with the GDOT if necessary in order to address the concerns for both safety and potential damage to city streets and county roads during the time the detours were active.

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

-Closed Meeting Affidavit Attached-
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Upon a motion made by Commissioner Nix, seconded by Commissioner Bryant there was a unanimous vote to exit Executive Session.

Chairman Turner stated that the Board of Commissioners was providing direction to Ms. Shanda Smallwood to move forward with the advertising of the County Manager’s position with a February 1, 2012 deadline for applications.

Commissioner Nix stated that he had spoken with Mr. Billy Cantrell of the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) regarding need to redesign the plans related to the depth requirements of the Hulsey Road Force Main and Lift Station Project within the GDOT right of way. He stated that Mr. Cantrell was working with GDOT engineers to obtain approval for the change.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Nix, seconded by Commissioner Goodger there was a unanimous vote to adjourn the Called Meeting.

The minutes of the Called Meeting held January 18, 2012 are approved as stated this 6th day of February, 2012.

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 Smallwood
Shanda Smallwood, County Clerk