The White County Board of Commissioners held a Called Meeting on Monday, June 30, 2014 at 8:00 a.m. in the Board Room of the White County Administration Building. Present at the meeting were: Chairman Travis Turner, Commissioner Terry Goodger, Commissioner Lyn Holcomb, Commissioner Edwin Nix, Commissioner Craig Bryant, County Attorney Bill House, and County Clerk Shanda Murphy.

Chairman Turner called the meeting to order.

Mr. Bill House reviewed the requirements of SB 290 which addresses the manner in which dangerous and vicious dog classification hearings are held – with the provisions being effective July 1, 2014. He stated that his recommendation was for the Board of Commissioners to consider designating the White County Board of Health to hear the dangerous and vicious dog classification hearings pursuant to SB 290. He further explained that there would now be an appeals process for these dog classifications which would be heard by the Probate Court and any appeal of the Probate Court’s decision could be carried to Superior Court.

Probate Judge Garrison Baker affirmed that Probate Court would hear any appeals of dangerous or vicious dog classifications pursuant to State Law and he believe that the method Mr. House was recommending would provide due process for cases heard.

Chairman Turner stated that the Board of Commissioners has held these hearings in the past; however SB 290 did give the Board an opportunity to designate this authority to the White County Board of Health.

Commissioner Holcomb stated that he agreed with the proposed procedure as the County’s representative on the Board of Health.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner there was a unanimous vote to adopt County Resolution 2014-08 designating the authority to conduct dangerous or vicious dog classification hearings with appeals resulting from the initial hearing being heard by White County Probate Court:

WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-08

A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT DANGEROUS OR VICEOUS DOG CLASSIFICATION HEARINGS
WHEREAS, during the 2014 State Legislative Session changes were made to the statute pertaining the hearing process for the classification of dangerous or vicious dogs;

AND WHEREAS, the White County Board of Commissioners desires to designate the White County Board of Health as the authority to conduct any hearings resulting from White County Animal Control’s designation of dangerous or vicious dogs in accordance with O.C.G.A. 4-8-23 et seq. and the Official Code of White County;

AND WHEREAS, the White County Board of Commissioners grants authority for the revision of the applicable sections of the Official Code of White County based on this designation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the White County Board of Commissioners this 30th day of June, 2014.

WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

s/Travis C. Turner
Travis C. Turner, Chairman

s/Terry D. Goodger
Terry D. Goodger, District 1

Attest: s/Shanda Murphy
Shanda Murphy, County Clerk

s/Lyn Holcomb
Lyn Holcomb, District 2

s/Edwin Nix
Edwin Nix, District 3

s/Craig Bryant
Craig Bryant, District 4

-End of Resolution-

Chairman Turner presented a contract for Fiscal Year 2015 funding for transportation services at the White County Senior Center with T & T Transportation in the amount of $53,000.00.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Holcomb, seconded by Commissioner Goodger there was a unanimous vote to approve the contract for Fiscal Year 2015 funding for transportation services at the White County Senior Center with T & T Transportation in the amount of $53,000.00.

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 personnel. (See the following closed meeting affidavit).

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Goodger, seconded by Commissioner Holcomb there was a unanimous vote to exit Executive Session.
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The Board ratified a decision made during Execution Session to amend the contract for Michael Melton, County Manager by providing for a $5,000.00 increase in his annual base compensation effective July 1, 2014.

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

The minutes of the June 30, 2014 Called Meeting are hereby approved as stated this 4th day of August, 2014.

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