

WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF THE CALLED MEETING HELD

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2015 AT 8:00 A.M.

The White County Board of Commissioners held a Called Meeting on Tuesday, November 17, 2015 at 8:00 a.m. in the Board Room at 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 Manager Michael Melton, County Attorney Bill House (via conference call), Finance Director Vicki Mays, and County Clerk Shanda Murphy. The purpose of the Called Meeting was to consider a credit card usage policy in order to comply with O.C.G.A 36-80-24, to consider submission of local legislation during the 2016 Legislative Session, and to consider entering into Executive Session in order to discuss personnel and real estate.

Chairman Turner called the meeting to order.

Mr. Bill House, County Attorney joined the meeting by conference call.

Mr. Melton reviewed the Model County Purchasing and Credit Card Resolution, Ordinance, and User Agreement produced by Association County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG) in order to meet the January 1, 2016 deadline for compliance with O.C.G.A. 36-80-24. During the review, it was determined that the Commissioners and Sheriff were the only Elected Officials with County credit cards paid from General Fund, the transaction limits were set at \$5,000.00, a monthly review procedure was established, and the Finance Director was designated as the credit card administrator.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Holcomb, seconded by Commissioner Goodger there was a unanimous vote to adopt the credit card usage policy including the resolution, ordinance, and user agreement.

Chairman Turner stated that for several months the Board of Commissioners had been discussing adjusting the compensation structure for the Commissioners through local legislation of the General Assembly, while also discontinuing the monthly expense check provided to the Board. Chairman Turner presented a proposal for the Chairman's base compensation to increase from \$350.00 per month to \$1,850.00 and removing the \$750.00 additional expense check received each month and the Commissioner's base compensation to increase from \$250.00 per month to \$1,250.00 and removing the \$750.00 additional expense check received each month. This would be a \$750.00 per month increase for the Chairman's compensation and a \$250.00 per month increase for the Commissioners in their base pay.

Commissioner Goodger stated that he could not support the compensation proposal presented; however he had developed two (2) possible options. Option 1 included the Chairman's base compensation increasing from \$350.00 per month to \$1,200.00 per month and removing the \$750.00 additional expense check received each month and the Commissioner's base

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compensation increasing from \$250.00 per month to \$1,000.00 per month and removing the \$750.00 additional expense check received each month. This option (1) would increase the Chairman's monthly base compensation by \$100.00 and the Commissioner's monthly base would increase by \$0.00 per month.

Commissioner Goodger presented a proposal Option #2, including the Chairman's base compensation increasing from \$350.00 per month to \$1,016.67 per month and removing the \$750.00 additional expense check received each month and the Commissioner's base compensation increasing from \$250.00 per month to \$916.67 per month and removing the \$750.00 additional expense check received each month. This option (2) would decrease the Chairman's monthly base compensation by \$83.33 and the Commissioner's monthly base would decrease by \$83.33 per month.

All of the options noted above did not include the addition of the COLA's and longevity as set forth in the Georgia Code for Commissioners to receive.

Commissioner Nix stated that he viewed Commissioner Goodger's Option #1 as the middle ground.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Goodger (noted as a matter of compromise), seconded by Commissioner Holcomb there was a unanimous vote to submit revising the Board of Commissioners compensation to Chairman \$ 1,200.00 per month and Commissioners \$1,000.00 per month and removing the \$750.00 additional expense check received each month - with the change in base salary to be submitted to White County's State Delegation for consideration in the 2016 General Assembly.

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 and real estate.

-See the Attached Closed Meeting Affidavit-

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

Mr. Melton stated that all roads recently paved will be posted with a 25 mph speed limit.

There was a consensus of the Board that a proclamation would be done for Ms. Odessa Davis related to her and her late husband – Ray's contributions to the White County Senior Center and a plaque would be posted at the Senior Center to commemorate this.

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

The minutes of the November 17, 2015 Called Meeting are hereby approved as stated this 7th day of December, 2015.

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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