**WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MINUTES OF THE CALLED MEETING HELD**

**MONDAY, AUGUST 21, 2023 AT 9:00 A.M.**

The White County Board of Commissioners held a Called Meeting on Monday, August 21, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room at the Administration Building. Present for the meeting were: Chairman Travis Turner, Commissioner Terry Goodger, Commissioner Lyn Holcomb, Commissioner Edwin Nix, Commissioner Craig Bryant, Interim County Manager Billy Pittard, 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 Keith Nordan to redistrict property located at 7525 Highway 129 North Cleveland, Georgia from A-1, Agriculture Forestry District to R-1, Single-Family Residential District. Tax map and parcel 004-011. Total acreage is 7.23. He stated that Mr. Nordan planned to sell 5.0 acres to Camp Coleman and to retain the remainder of the property for residential purposes. He explained that since the property was less than 10 acres, Mr. Nordan was required to rezone to R-1, Residential Single-Family District to make the property division. The Planning Commission held a public hearing on the application, there was no opposition to the application, and the Planning Commission recommended approval of the application. Mr. Keith Nordan confirmed the information presented and stated that this property backs up to his house.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Nix, seconded by Commissioner Goodger there was a unanimous vote to approve the land use application filed by Keith Nordan to redistrict property located at 7525 Highway 129 North Cleveland, Georgia from A-1, Agriculture Forestry District to R-1, Single-Family Residential District. Tax map and parcel 004-011. Total acreage is 7.23.

Mr. Sell presented the land use application filed by Jerry Fortenberry to request a conditional use permit at 578 Highway 356 Helen, Georgia. Tax map and parcel 042B-044. Total acreage is 1.00. The proposed use was to place in a short- term rental program. Mr. Sell stated the Planning Commission held a public hearing on the application, there was no opposition stated, and the Planning Commission recommended the application be approved. The maximum occupancy would be four (4) people, it would be self-managed, and the co-owner does live locally. Mr. Fortenberry is in the U.S. Marines and plans to retire to this home, however, wishes to offset the expense of the home by using it as a short-term rental at this time. Mr. Michael Bogue, co-owner of the property, represented the application. He said Mr. Fortenberry is his brother-in-law. They had just become aware of the county’s requirements for short-term rentals, and they wanted to come into compliance. He advised that he could provide proof that lodging taxes had been paid to the county through the marketplace facilitators used.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Goodger there was a unanimous vote to approve the land use application filed by Jerry Fortenberry for a conditional use permit at 578 Highway 356 Helen, Georgia - tax map and parcel 042B-044 / total acreage is 1.00 – with the approved use being to place in a short- term rental program contingent upon owners providing proof that lodging taxes had been paid to the county through the marketplace facilitators used.

Mr. Jody Davis, Elections Supervisor, presented a contract for logistic services for deployment of elections equipment through the 2024 election cycle with Men on the Move, Inc. He advised that this contract met all the provisions required by the state and would be a decrease in the cost from the previous vendor.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Goodger, seconded by Commissioner Nix there was a unanimous vote to approve the contract for logistic services for deployment of elections equipment through the 2024 election cycle with Men on the Move, Inc.

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

-See The Following Closed Meeting Affidavit-

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

Chairman Turner asked Mr. Pittard to continue examining options for the operations of the Transfer Station and to move forward with what is necessary to get a generator provisioned for the Administration Building.

Commissioner Nix exited the meeting.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Holcomb, seconded by Commissioner Goodger there was a 4-1 vote to adjourn the meeting.

The minutes of the August 21, 2023 Public Hearing, Work Session & Called Meeting were approved as stated this 28th day of August, 2023.

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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