**WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD

MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2024 AT 4:30 P.M.**

The White County Board of Commissioners held a Regular Meeting on Monday, March 4, 2024 at 4:30 p.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, County Manager Billy Pittard, Finance Director Jodi Ligon, and County Clerk Shanda Murphy.

Chairman Turner called the meeting to order.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Rev. Dennis Turner, of Cleveland First Baptist Church & White County Ministerial Alliance, provided the invocation.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Goodger there was a unanimous vote to adopt the following meeting minutes:
• February 5, 2024 Regular Meeting, • February 8, 2024 Called Meeting including Executive Session Minutes, and
• February 26, 2024 Work Session & Called Meeting.

Upon the presentation of proclamation, March 7, 2024 was proclaimed “Dr. Amos Samuel Wipf Day in White County” in honor and celebration of Dr. Wipf’s 100th birthday.

Mr. David Murphy, Director of Public Safety, presented information to the Board regarding the coverage, benefit and potential design of the proposed Fire Station No. 9 planned for construction at Starlight Drive and Duncan Bridge Road. Chairman Turner stated that over the coming months the Board would need to look options for funding this project.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Holcomb, there was a unanimous vote to approve the issuance of an RFP (Request for Proposals) for the civil engineering and design of the proposed Fire Station No. 9.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Nix, seconded by Commissioner Goodger there was a unanimous vote to designate Commissioner Bryant as White County’s Voting Delegate for representation in the consideration of three statewide Georgia Opioid Settlement Advisory Commission Members (GOSAC) and Regional Advisory Council (RAC) members for determining the use of Georgia’s Opioid Distributor Settlement Funds.

Ms. Jodi Ligon, Finance Director, presented the monthly financial status report (see attached).

Chairman Turner opened the floor for public participation.

Ms. Fio Weaver, 1405 Adair Mill Road Cleveland, Ga – she referenced a recent letter she had written to the editor of the White County News and spoke about her concerns regarding elections in White County and accuracy of voter rolls. She submitted both a copy of her letter to the editor and information related to her concerns regarding elections for the meeting file.

Ms. Teresa Stansel, 2521 Adair Mill Road Cleveland, Ga – she read a prepared statement which was submitted into the meeting file related to her concerns regarding transparency and accountability of White County specifically related to the Board’s decision to remove the requirements for short-term rentals from the Land Use Ordinance and no longer hold public hearings related to approval of short-term rentals and what she perceived as a conflict of interest which she had address in the filings of state ethics complaints against Chairman Turner and Commissioner Bryant.

Ms. Trish Betterton, 1810 Kellum Valley Road Cleveland, Ga – she read a prepared statement which was submitted into the meeting file regarding her disagreement with the Board’s decision on January 8, 2024 related to the approval process for short-term rentals being taken out of the Land Use Ordinance and her concerns regarding transparency, accountability, and integrity.

With no additional public comments, Chairman Turner closed the floor.

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

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

The minutes of the March 4, 2024 Regular Meeting were approved as stated this 1st day of April, 2024.

 **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