

**MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE WHITFIELD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2014, AT 12:00 NOON IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING #2, 214 W. KING STREET**

**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING**

The Chairman called the meeting to order.  
Pledge of allegiance to the Flag  
Roll call to determine quorum

**The following members were present:**

Mike Babb, Chairman  
Harold Brooker, Vice Chairman  
Lynn Laughter, Member  
Robby Staten, Member  
Gordon Morehouse, Member

**Others Present:**

Mark Gibson, County Administrator  
Citizens  
Robert Smalley, County Attorney  
Department Heads  
Press

**Motion was made by Commissioner Morehouse and seconded by Commissioner Brooker to approve the agenda. The motion was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Staten, Morehouse, Brooker and Laughter in agreement. Approval of the agenda was unanimous.**

**FOR CONSIDERATION**

1. **SPLOST Project 3.12 Brooker Rd – Construction Bid Award:** Motion was made by Commissioner Laughter and seconded by Commissioner Staten to award Northwest Georgia Paving Company of Calhoun, GA the SPLOST Project 3.12 – Brooker Rd Extension Contract. In discussion, Whitfield County Engineer Kent Benson discussed that the Brooker Rd. extension project from Heritage Point on the North Bypass to Dawnville Rd at Pleasant Grove Rd was the number one project on the TSPLOST project list. Bids for construction were received and opened on July 1, 2013. The low bid for the project is \$5,049,224.20, submitted by NWGP Co. of Calhoun. This bid is \$378,721.41 (8.1%) above the engineer's estimate for the project of \$4,670,502.79 and is due to a lack of available fill dirt to close to the project. Benson further explained that despite the long permit delays from the US Army Corps of Engineers, NWGP Co. of Calhoun has offered to extend its bid price through February 28, 2014. Benson stated that they are waiting on one final permit from GA EPD, which is a stream buffer variance, but is confident this permit will be in place before work is done in the area of the project where the variance is required. The motion was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Brooker, Laughter, Staten and Morehouse in agreement. **(SEE EXHIBIT "A")**

**ADJOURN:** Unanimous

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MIKE BABB, CHAIRMAN  
WHITFIELD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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BLANCA CARDONA, COUNTY CLERK

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