

**MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE WHITFIELD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD MONDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2015, AT 6:00 PM 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  
Barry W. Robbins, Member  
Roger Crossen, Member

**Others Present:**

Mark Gibson, County Administrator  
Press

**A Motion to approve the agenda was made by Commissioner Crossen and seconded by Commissioner Brooker. Approval of the agenda was unanimous.**

**PROCLAMATION**

1. **Honoring Whitfield County Deputy Sheriff – Gabriel “Tater” Singleton** – Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Laughter to honor the newest Whitfield County Deputy Sheriff Gabriel “Tater” Singleton. Deputy Tater was sworn in on December 22, 2015 as an Honorary Deputy Sheriff. Deputy Tater has shown exceptional courage, bravery and strength and is an example to all citizens in our community. The motion was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Robbins, Brooker, Crossen and Laughter in agreement. **(SEE EXHIBIT “A”)**

**FOR CONSIDERATION:**

1. **Adoption of 2016 Budget:** Motion was made by Commissioner Crossen and seconded by Commissioner Brooker to adopt the 2016 budget. The total general fund revenues and fund balance for FY2016 is \$41,541,750 with included a \$2,902,390 deficit which was taken out of the fund balance, special revenue funds are \$11,457,070, debt service fund of \$1,829,630, capital project funds of \$50,956,196 and proprietary funds of \$836,111. The defined benefit retirement plan for Whitfield County will be closed out no later than January 31, 2016 and a defined contribution plan will be in place no later than February 1, 2016. The motion was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Brooker, Crossen, Laughter and Robbins in agreement. **(SEE EXHIBIT “B”)**
2. **State Contract Extension for Personnel at DA’s Office:** Motion was made by Commissioner Brooker and seconded by Commissioner Crossen to approve the contract of the District Attorney’s office from January 1, 2016 through June 30, 2016. The DA’s office personnel is in the process of transitioning from State of Georgia employees to Whitfield County employees. The motion was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Brooker, Robbins, Laughter and Crossen in agreement. **(SEE EXHIBIT “C”)**
3. **Resolution – Dalton-Whitfield Solid Waste Authority, Whitfield County and the City of Dalton:** Motion was made by Commissioner Brooker and seconded by Commissioner Robbins to approve the Resolution Extending the Intergovernmental Agreement between

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Dalton-Whitfield Regional Solid Waste Management Authority, Whitfield County and the City of Dalton. On July 21, 2003 the Dalton-Whitfield Regional Solid Waste Management Authority the City of Dalton and Whitfield County entered in to an Intergovernmental Agreement provided for the operation of the Authority and Whitfield County has determined that it is in the best interest to extend the term of the agreement upon the same terms and conditions as currently in effect the agreement is extended to December 31, 2035. The motion was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Laughter, Brooker, Crossen and Robbins in agreement. **(SEE EXHIBIT “D”)**

4. **Resolution – Whitfield County and the City of Dalton:** Motion was made by Commissioner Brooker and seconded by Commissioner Robbins to approve the Resolution Extending the Intergovernmental Agreement between Whitfield County and the City of Dalton. On July 21, 2003 the City of Dalton and Whitfield County entered in to an Intergovernmental Agreement provided for the continuation of the Dalton-Whitfield Regional Solid Waste Management Authority and the agreement provided that the term was for fifteen (15) years, and the City has determined that it is in the best interest to extend the term of the agreement to December 31, 2035. The Whitfield County Board of Commissioners are authorized to execute an agreement whereby Section 7 of the Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Dalton is modified to read as follows; Section 7. **Term.** This agreement shall be effective on July 21, 2003, and shall be for a term to and including December 31, 2035. The motion was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Laughter, Brooker, Crossen and Robbins in agreement. **(SEE EXHIBIT “E”)**
5. **Engineer – Stream Credits Purchase:** Motion was made by Commissioner Crossen and seconded by Commissioner Brooker to approve the purchase of stream credits from the Conasauga Mitigation Bank for \$50,636.85. For the construction of the Carbondale Business Park Access Road, the US Army Corps of Engineers is requiring the County to purchase 3,068.9 stream credits. The Conasauga Mitigation Bank, is offering these credits for sale to the County for \$16.50 each for a total of \$50,636.85. Construction of the project may not commence until the credits are purchased and proof of purchase is provided to the USACE. The motion was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Crossen, Robbins, Brooker and Laughter in agreement.
6. **Ratify – Superior Court Interpreter Contract:** Motion was made by Commissioner Laughter and seconded by Commissioner Crossen to approve the annual contract with KRNW Inc. for court interpreter services for the Whitfield County Superior Court. The contract is for \$73,200 per year and commences on January 1, 2016. The contract terminates on December 31, 2016. The motion was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Laughter, Brooker, Robbins and Crossen in agreement. **(SEE EXHIBIT “F”)**
7. **Ratify – Continuation of Jail Food Services Contract:** Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Brooker to approve the continuation of the Jail food services contract with Trinity Food Services Group Inc. The meal prices effective January 1, 2016 will be \$1.104. This contract covers food, contracted labor and the administration of the food services program at the facility. Said contract will expire on December 31, 2016. The motion was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Brooker, Crossen, Robbins and Laughter in agreement. **(SEE EXHIBIT “G”)**

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8. **Ratify – Juvenile Court Attorney Contract:** Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Crossen to approve the Independent Contractor's Agreements between Whitfield County Juvenile Court Matthew Thymes. Mr. Thymes will provide legal representation in all indigent cases as determined by the Whitfield County Juvenile Court. The motion was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Brooker, Laughter, Crossen and Robbins in agreement. **(SEE EXHIBIT "H")**

**ADJOURN:** Unanimous

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MIKE BABB, CHAIRMAN  
WHITFIELD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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BLANCA CARDONA, COUNTY CLERK

DATE: / /