

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF THE WHITFIELD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2015, AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING #2, 214 W. KING STREET

REGULAR BUSINESS 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
Roger Crossen, Member
Barry W. Robbins, Member

Others Present:

Mark Gibson, County Administrator
Citizens
Department Heads
Press

Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Crossen to amend the agenda. The motion was approved 4-0.

2 items were added from potential additional items; (1. SPLOST – Library Purchase, 2. Sheriff’s Office Purchases)

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

Mr. Larry Taylor was named the Whitfield County Employee of the Month for September 2015. Mr. Taylor works in the IT department.

BOARD APPOINTMENT

1. **Reappointment for Whitfield County seat on Region 1 EMS Council:** Motion was made by Commissioner Brooker and seconded by Commissioner Laughter to reappoint Claude Craig to the Northwest Georgia Region 1 seat of the Emergency Medical Services Council. The seat is for a two year term ending January 2018. The motion was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Brooker, Laughter, Crossen and Robbins in agreement.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made by Commissioner Brooker and seconded by Commissioner Laughter to approve the Regular Business Meeting Minutes of October 12, 2015. The motion was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Brooker, Crossen, Laughter, and Robbins in agreement.

FOR CONSIDERATION

1. **Finance – 2015 Budget Amendment #2:** Motion was made by Commissioner Laughter and seconded by Commissioner Crossen to approve the 2015 budget amendment #2 as presented by the Finance Department. This amendment accounts for the 2015 SPLOST activity and will not affect the general fund. The motion was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Crossen, Brooker, Laughter, and Robbins in agreement. **(SEE EXHIBIT “A”)** * Mrs. Vaughn made the Board aware that there will be no Financials for this meeting due to the ongoing software conversion.

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2. **SPLOST – Dalton-Whitfield Regional Library Furniture and Shelving:** Motion was made by Commissioner Brooker and seconded by Commissioner Robbins to approve the quote from Georgia Correctional Industries for \$69,453.50. The Dalton-Whitfield Regional Library was included in the recent SPLOST with a total project budget of \$500,000. The Library Board has approved a quote for furniture and shelving from Georgia Corrections Industries for \$69, 530.50. GCI is on the Georgia bid list (state contract number of GCI-INTRGOVT). The motion was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Crossen, Robbins, Brooker and Laughter in agreement.
3. **Engineering/MPO:** Motion was made by Commissioner Crossen and seconded by Commissioner Laughter to approve the request to the 5303 grant application. The Greater Dalton Metropolitan Planning Organization requests approval to submit the 5303 grant application to the Georgia Department of Transportation - the Section 5303 Metropolitan Planning Program. This is an annual grant which primarily funds the MPO. If awarded, the Section 5303 Metropolitan Planning Program would provide aid in the transportation planning process. The application is for a total of \$31,250.00. Out of that amount, the grant is 80% federally funded with a 10% match required from both the state and local governments. The required local match commitment is for \$3,125.00. The motion was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Brooker, Robbins, Laughter and Crossen in agreement.
4. **5311 Grant Application for FY2017 – Transit Department:** Motion was made by Commissioner Brooker and seconded by Commissioner Laughter to approve the Authorizing Resolution for the FY2017 Rural Public Transportation 5311 Grant. The application deadline for the FY2017 Rural Public Transportation 5311 grant for the Whitfield County Transit Department is November 30, 2015. The Authorizing Resolution is only a small portion of the application package, but it is the only item which must be formally adopted by the Board of Commissioners. The motion was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Laughter, Brooker, Robbins and Crossen in agreement. **(SEE EXHIBIT “B”)**
5. **City of Dalton Annexation Request:** Motion was made by Commissioner Brooker and seconded by Commissioner Crossen to postpone this annexation of parcel 13-048-09-000 until the December 14, 2015 regular business meeting. The motion was approved 4-0 with Commissioners Brooker, Laughter, Robbins and Crossen in agreement.
6. **Rezoning Recommendation:** Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Crossen to approve the rezoning of parcel 12-206-01-016 containing 2.092 acres from Single Family Residential (R-2) to General Commercial (C-2) the property lies just off the southwest corner of East Walnut Avenue intersection with the Dalton South Bypass. The Planning Commission had recommended that the Board approve rezoning of this parcel with the following conditions: 1) rear access on Melrose Drive for both in and out; and 2) that placement of a low profile monument sign with landscaping be used as opposed to an internally lighted can atop a pole. The motion to approve the rezoning with the stated conditions was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Brooker, Robbins, Crossen and Laughter in agreement.
7. **EMA – Weather Radio Purchase:** Motion was made by Commissioner Crossen and seconded by Commissioner Brooker to approve the purchase of Weather Radios from the low bidder, Baker’s Communication for \$15,288.60. This request is to purchase 600 Midland WR120 NOAA Weather Radios with S.A.M.E. batteries included. This purchase will be paid out of the GEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant that was approved by the Board on September 14, 2015. The motion was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Laughter, Brooker, Crossen and Robbins in agreement.

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8. **Fire Department Declaration of Equipment Surplus:** Motion was made by Commissioner Brooker and seconded by Commissioner Crossen to surplus Self Contained Breathing Apparatus and to be placed on GovDeals.com. The Whitfield County Fire Department has taken delivery and placed their new SPLOST 2015 (SCBA) in service on their first engines. This new additional equipment has allowed the Fire Department to remove the oldest SCBA's that the department currently had in operation. The airpacks were manufactured in 1995 and met the 1997 Edition of NFPA. The motion was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Brooker, Crossen, Robbins, and Laughter in agreement.
9. **Sheriff's Office - Purchase of Two (2) 2016 All-Wheel Drive Vehicles:** Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Laughter to approve the purchase of Two (2) All Wheel Drive Vehicles for the Sheriff's office. It was the Sheriff's Office recommendation to purchase these vehicles from Brooker Ford at \$28,677 each. This purchase will be paid with SPLOST funds. The motion was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Brooker, Laughter, Crossen and Robbins in agreement.
10. **Sheriff's Department – Camera Equipment for Ten (10) Vehicles:** Motion was made by Commissioner Brooker and seconded by Commissioner Robbins to approve the purchase of the camera equipment for ten (10) new vehicles from Mobile Vision Inc. for \$50,698.00. Mobile Vision, Inc. is the primary vendor and would be the direct communication point for warranty agreements. This purchase will be paid with SPLOST funds. The motion was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Laughter, Brooker, Crossen and Robbins in agreement.
11. **Sheriff's Department – Twelve (12) Kenwood TK 790 Mobile Radios:** Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Brooker to approve the purchase of twelve (12) Kenwood TK 790H Radios for new vehicles from Dalton Communications for \$17,940.00. Dalton Communications is a local company. This purchase will be paid with SPLOST funds. The motion was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Laughter, Brooker, Crossen and Robbins in agreement.
12. **Sheriff's Department – Equipment and Upfitting Six (6) 2015 Ford Taurus Interceptors:** Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Laughter to award the bid to West Chatham Warning Devices for \$34,800. This purchase will be paid with SPLOST funds. The motion was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Laughter, Brooker, Crossen and Robbins in agreement.
13. **Sheriff's Department – Equipment and Upfitting Six (6) 2016 Ford Interceptor Utility Vehicles:** Motion was made by Commissioner Brooker and seconded by Commissioner Crossen to award the bid to West Chatham Warning Devices for \$42,969.84. This purchase will be with SPLOST funds. The motion was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Laughter, Brooker, Crossen and Robbins in agreement.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Chelsea Sitler came before the Board to speak about traffic safety in the Raider Drive Subdivision. Ms. Sitler is concerned about speeding vehicles in the Subdivision. Public Works will

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conduct a traffic study within the upcoming week and report back to the Board at the next regular business meeting.

Ms. Robinson came before the Board to speak about the traffic safety at Five Springs Rd. Ms. Robinson came before the Board to voice her concern about tractor trailers speeding on Five Springs Rd. The speed limit on the road is 40 MPH, the Public Works department has conducted a traffic study showing that the average daily traffic for Five Springs Rd is 1,860 and the average speed at 35 MPH. Public Works Director Dewayne Hunt recommended to the Board that the speed limit on Five Springs Road not be changed at this time and have the Georgia Department of Transportation conduct a study on it.

There were no more public comments.

ADJOURN Unanimous

MIKE BABB, CHAIRMAN
WHITFIELD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BLANCA CARDONA, COUNTY CLERK

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