

MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL CALLED WORK SESSION MEETING OF THE WHITFIELD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD MONDAY AUGUST 22, 2016, AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING #1, 301 W. CRAWFORD STREET

SPECIAL CALLED WORK SESSION

The Chairman called the work session to order.

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
Robert Smalley, County Attorney
Department Heads
Press

Work Session:

County Engineer Kent Benson reported to the Board that TVA is building a transmission line at Carbondale Business Park. Benson noted that the proposed transmission line will intersect with an existing line, the current retention pond will need to be moved in order for TVA to build the transmission line. Benson further noted that bids for the revision of the retention pond have been done and received a low bid of \$98,500. TVA will cover the cost for the County to move the retention pond.

County Engineer Kent Benson reported to the Board that Engineered Floors would like to acquire a permanent easement from the County to put a stormwater pond on the property. Benson noted that Engineered Floors are adding an additional plant next to their current one on Corporate Drive. Benson noted that currently Engineered Floors does not meet the County's stormwater requirements. Benson noted that the County doesn't have any use for the easement property aside from it collecting stormwater since it's a low area anyways.

County Engineer Kent Benson noted that when the Thomason property was harvested for timber four years ago, the harvesting company left the stumps and just left the tree tops in piles on the property. Benson noted that the company that is currently doing the grubbing work at Carbondale Business Park have offered to grub the Thomason property for the same price per acre as Carbondale. The property that the company would grub would be around 40 acres. Benson noted that once the property is grubbed the County would maintain it.

County Administrator Mark Gibson noted that the work crew that was demolishing the Dairy Queen had an emergency in their family and had to stop work. Gibson noted that Building Inspector Greg Williams will be following up with the owner the upcoming week.

County Administrator Mark Gibson noted that the 513 Jones Street property that is owned by the County will be transferred to the Land Bank Authority at the next Authority meeting. Gibson noted that after the transfer to the Authority will deed it over to Habitat for Humanity.

County Administrator Mark Gibson reported that the Board of Elections would like to appoint Carol Byers to the Board of Elections. Gibson noted that the appointment could be voted upon at the next BOC meeting in September.

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County Administrator Mark Gibson reported that the Georgia Department of Transportation is requesting that the County provide them with a Resolution to convey the driveway at Wagner Drive back to the County. Gibson noted that the resolution will be on the next BOC meeting.

County Administrator Mark Gibson noted that the idea of tax bills going out to property owners twice a year is being discussed however Commissioner Robbins noted that he would not be in favor with this should the Tax Commissioner require additional staff. Gibson noted that this is just an idea that is being discussed but that more information is required to see if this would be an alternative to once a year billing.

Chairman Babb reported that the County has sent out letters to the City of Dalton regarding the County requesting that the County be allowed out of the fiscal responsibility of the Northwest Georgia Trade and Convention Center or be allowed to buy out the City's portion of the Trade Center. Babb noted that an official response from the City has not been received.

The work session was adjourned.

MIKE BABB, CHAIRMAN
WHITFIELD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BLANCA CARDONA, COUNTY CLERK

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