

MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL CALLED WORK SESSION MEETING OF THE WHITFIELD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD MONDAY SEPTEMBER 26, 2016, AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING #2, 214 W. KING 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 (Absent)
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:

Ivan Figueroa from Revenue Discovery Systems (RDS) presented the Board with a proposal regarding audit services of the E-911 payments remitted to Whitfield County from land line telephone service providers operating in the County. The County's 911 fund has been depleted and will be supported completely by the General Fund next year. The services that RDS will provide would ensure that the County is receiving the \$1.50 E-911 fee. Mr. Figueroa noted that the majority of the time the remittance fee is collected but is sent to the wrong jurisdiction. Mr. Figueroa further noted that this type of audit generally takes around six to nine months due to the high number of land line service providers.

County Attorney Robert Smalley reported that a petition for abatement of a public nuisance was filed last week against Dairy Queen and is currently being served to the registered agent of the company in Henry County.

Whitfield County Fire Chief Edward O'Brien reported to the Board that he has received bids to replace the roof at Fire Station #1. O'Brien noted that TBM Roofing from Chattanooga had the lowest bid at \$58,376. The Board will consider the bid at the upcoming regular business meeting in October.

County Administrator Mark Gibson presented the board with a proposed solicitation ordinance within the County's right-of-ways. Gibson noted that the ordinance would allow charitable organizations to be issued a permit subject to being in compliance with the requirements.

County Administrator Mark Gibson reported that the language has been changed in the proposed comprehensive recreation ordinance. Gibson noted that aggressive behavior is the language that has been inserted in the ordinance as opposed to barking or growling to make it a more generalized term.

Ashley Zahn from Whitfield County 911 presented to the Board a proposal for a CAD Mobile system for 911 to include the Sheriff's office and the Fire Department. Zahn noted that the system would make communication more efficient and will reduce radio congestion by over 40%. Zahn further noted that first responders will have immediate access to information and would greatly reduce the dispatcher's workload. The approximate cost for this mobile CAD system will be around \$449,079, Commissioner Crossen noted that the cost of overtime for current dispatchers and new trainees is a large part of the 911 budget, and with a CAD mobile

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system in place hopefully it would help reduce the turnover rate for dispatchers and free up overtime funds.

Coroner Elect Greg Bates came before the Board to ask for an additional deputy in the Coroner's office. Currently the Coroner's office is staffed by three deputies and the Coroner. The staff at the Coroner's office work on a part time schedule.

The work session was adjourned.

MIKE BABB, CHAIRMAN
WHITFIELD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BLANCA CARDONA, COUNTY CLERK

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