

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF THE WHITFIELD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2017, 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:**

R. Lynette Laughter, Chairman  
Harold Brooker, Vice Chairman  
Greg Jones, Member  
Roger Crossen, Member  
Barry W. Robbins, Member

**Others Present:**

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

**Motion was made by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Brooker to approve the consent agenda, with the potential additional item, #1. Drug Court – Don Hoffmeyer. The motion was approved 4-0.**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Finance
  - a. February 2017 Financials
  - b. 2016 Budget Amendments No. 7 & 8
  - c. 2017 Budget Amendment No. 1
2. Board of Tax Assessors
  - a. Resolution – Appoint Regina Johnson to the Board of Tax Assessors
3. Minutes
  - a. Regular Business Meeting March 13, 2017
  - b. Special Called Meeting March 27, 2017
  - c. Work Session March 27, 2017

**PROCLAMATIONS**

1. **Proclamation –National Day of Prayer May 4, 2017:** Motion was made by Commissioner Crossen and seconded by Commissioner Robbins to proclaim May 4, 2017 as National Day of Prayer in Whitfield County, Georgia. The motion was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Crossen, Brooker, Robbins and Jones in agreement.
2. **National Donate Life Month:** Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Jones to proclaim April, 2017 as National Donate Life Month in Whitfield County, Georgia. The motion was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Brooker, Crossen, Jones and Robbins in agreement.
3. **National Public Safety Telecommunications Week** – Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Jones to proclaim April 9-15, 2017 as National Public Safety Telecommunications Week in Whitfield County, Georgia. The motion was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Brooker, Robbins, Crossen and Jones in agreement.

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**PUBLIC HEARING**

Chairman Laughter called for a Public Hearing to hear any comments or concerns the public may have regarding an application for a Malt Beverage/Wine License for Kangaroo Express located at 2622 Chattanooga Rd, Dalton, GA. No comments or concerns were expressed during the hearing, so Chairman Laughter closed the hearing.

**FOR CONSIDERATION**

1. **Property Acquisition:** Motion was made by Commissioner Crossen and seconded by Commissioner Brooker to authorize payment to Ray Duncan for \$85,000.00 for property near the Carbondale Business Park. The motion was approved 3-2, with Commissioners Crossen, Brooker, and Chairman Laughter in agreement. Commissioners Jones and Robbins were in dissent.
2. **Intergovernmental Agreement – Dalton Utilities:** Motion was made by Commissioner Crossen and seconded by Commissioner Brooker to approve the agreement with Dalton Utilities to extend natural gas infrastructure and provide natural gas services to Carbondale Business Park. The cost of the project is \$83,899 for the approximate 4200-ft gas main to be installed by Dalton Utilities or their contractor. The construction will begin in early May. The motion was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Jones, Robbins, Brooker and Crossen in agreement.
3. **Malt Beverage/Wine License Application:** Motion was made by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Crossen to approve the Malt Beverage/Wine License Application for Kangaroo Express located at 2622 Chattanooga Rd., Rocky Face, GA. The motion was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Brooker, Jones, Crossen, and Robbins in agreement.
4. **County Administrator Contract:** Motion was made by Commissioner Brooker and seconded by Commissioner Jones to approve County Administrator Mark Gibson's employee contract with Whitfield County. The motion was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Brooker, Jones, Robbins and Crossen in agreement.
5. **Public Defenders Offices Lease:** Motion was made by Commissioner Crossen and seconded by Commissioner Brooker to enter into a lease agreement for office space for the Public Defender's office. The motion was approved 3-2, with Commissioners Crossen, Brooker and Chairman Laughter in agreement. Commissioners Robbins and Jones were in dissent.
6. **Information Technology:** Motion was made by Commissioner Brooker and seconded by Commissioner Crossen to approve the purchase of antivirus software with End Point Protection Solution from WrightCore for \$73,497.15. The cost of the new Sentinel One End Point Protection is based on a three (3) year agreement which will be paid in three (3) annual payments of \$24,499.05. Lovelady noted that traditional antivirus can no longer protect systems from zero day threats. Lovelady further noted that security companies are recommending additional products such as Anti-Malware and tools to restore systems to a previous state. The motion was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Robbins, Crossen, Brooker and Jones in agreement.

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7. **Sheriff's Office – Vehicle Purchase:** Motion was made by Commissioner Brooker and seconded by Commissioner Jones to deny the request for this purchase. The motion to deny the request was approved 3-1, with Commissioners Jones, Robbins and Brooker in agreement. Commissioner Crossen was in favor of approving the vehicle purchase.
8. **Rezoning Recommendation:** Motion was made by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Crossen to approve the rezoning request of Advance Rental Properties to rezone a tract of land (parcel 11-285-01-000) from General Agriculture (GA) to Rural Residential (R-5) containing a total of 60 acres located along the R/W of Oscar Nance Road. The Planning Commission has recommended that the Board approve the rezoning. The motion to was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Brooker, Jones, Crossen, and Robbins in agreement.
9. **Rezoning Recommendation:** Motion was made by Commissioner Brooker and seconded by Commissioner Crossen to approve the rezoning request of Advance Rental Properties to rezone two (2) tracts of land (parcels 11-281-02-000, 11-282-01-000) containing a total of 18.94 acres located at along the south R/W of Rauschenberg Road, from General Agriculture (GA) to Rural Residential (R-5), and Neighborhood Commercial (C-1). The Planning Commission has recommended a Rural Residential (R-5) zoning instead. The motion to approve the Rural Residential (R-5) rezoning was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Brooker, Jones, Crossen, and Robbins in agreement.
10. **Rezoning Recommendation:** Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Jones to approve the rezoning request of Kelly Putnam to rezone a tract of land (parcel 11-222-01-000) containing a total of 9.87 acres from General Agriculture (GA) to Rural Residential (R-5) located along the east R/W of Lake Kathy Road. The Planning Commission has recommended that the Board approve the rezoning. The motion was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Brooker, Jones, Crossen, and Robbins in agreement.
11. **Special Use Permit – Sofie Ting:** Motion was made by Commissioner Crossen and seconded by Commissioner Brooker to deny the special use permit of a congregate personal care facility within and existing R-6 Transitional Residential zone district located at 279 Haig Mill Road, Dalton, GA. The Planning Commission has recommended that the Board deny the special use permit. The motion was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Brooker, Jones, Crossen, and Robbins in agreement.
12. **Drug Court – Don Hoffmeyer:** Mr. Hoffmeyer came forward to thank the Board for allowing the use of Administration Building #2 for the Drug Court program. Hoffmeyer also informed the Board of some that they will be holding in the upcoming months.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Darryl Long came forward and suggested to the Board that they relocate Administration Building #2 to a location on the North Bypass.

McKray Kyer came forward to invite the Board to the Whitfield County Republican Party's Meet the candidate event on April 11, 2017 at 7pm. Kyer noted that the candidates are running for Chair of the Republican Party.

Jevin Jensen came forward to ask the Board if the property acquired at the Carbondale

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Business Park that the County recently purchased had been inspected for environmental hazards. County Engineer Kent Benson informed Mr. Jensen that a corrective action plan is in effect, and that the previous owner is responsible for any additional clean up if needed.

Eddie Caldwell presented the Board with a recent resolution that was passed by the Whitfield County Republican Party on SPLOST elections.

**ADJOURN** Unanimous

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R. LYNETTE LAUGHTER, CHAIRMAN  
WHITFIELD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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BLANCA CARDONA, COUNTY CLERK

DATE: / /