

MINUTES FOR THE WORK SESSION OF THE WHITFIELD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2017, AT 5:00 P.M. IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING #1, 301 W. CRAWFORD STREET

WORK SESSION

The Chairman called the work session to order.

The following members were present:

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

Others Present:

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

Work Session:

Chairman Laughter called the work session to order.

Fire Chief Edward O'Brien informed the Board about two Automatic Aid Agreements he's going to present at the December 11, 2017 regular meeting. O'Brien noted that one of them is a revision to the Catoosa County Agreement and the other is a new agreement with Walker County.

Roy Davis and Renee Hellerstedt from R&R Outdoor came and spoke to the Board about a billboard lease agreement for Ruby Falls that is on Whitfield County property. Mr. Davis noted that the lease agreement was initially with Mr. Harry Looper who has since passed away and also the property has been donated to Whitfield County. Mr. Davis further noted that Ruby Falls hopes to enter into a lease agreement with Whitfield County to keep the billboard on the property to promote tourism. Mr. Davis mentioned that they will be willing to let Whitfield County use the billboard three months out of the year.

County Administrator Mark Gibson noted that Public Works would have their annual bids on the December 11, 2017 regular meeting.

Commissioner Robbins spoke in regards to recent request for proposals (RFPs) that the Board has discussed in the past several months. Robbins noted that they have discussed Audit Services, Ambulance Services and Insurance Services, he would like to have these placed for bid to ensure the tax payers are receiving the best service for the cost.

County Administrator noted that both EMA Director Claude Craig and Fire Chief Edward O'Brien recommend hiring a consultant to ensure all the facets of the Emergency Services are included in the RFP. Chairman Laughter noted that the Audit Services RFP will be done next year. Commissioner Robbins noted that he would also like to issue an RFP for Pension services. Chairman Laughter noted that issuing one or two

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RFP's at a time would work best given the amount of staff time it takes complete the process. County Administrator Mark Gibson would like to stagger out the RFP's instead of issuing several at one time, at times the complete process takes from eight to twelve months. The Board suggested that department heads work together to come up with a schedule and a list of services that RFP's can be issued for.

The work session was adjourned.

R. LYNETTE LAUGHTER, CHAIRMAN
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BLANCA CARDONA, COUNTY CLERK

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