

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF THE WHITFIELD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD MONDAY, APRIL 9, 2018, 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
Barry W. Robbins, Member
Roger Crossen, Member
Greg Jones, Member

Others Present:

Mark Gibson, County Administrator
Dan Strain, Attorney
Citizens
Department Heads
Press

Motion was made by Commissioner Brooker and seconded by Commissioner Jones to amend the agenda. The Building Authority meeting was moved to after the Employee of the Month presentation. The Building Authority's meeting agenda is as follows, 1. Approve Bid – Fire District Bond. The motion was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Crossen, Jones, Brooker and Robbins in agreement.

Chairman Laughter recognized Mr. Tim Suits as Employee of the Month for February 2018. Mr. Suits was previously in the Clerk of Superior Courts Office, but now works at the Fire Department.

Chairman Laughter then turned the meeting over to Mayor Dennis Mock who called the meeting of the Dalton Building Authority to order.

Present for the Dalton Building Authority were Dennis Mock, Denise Wood and Lane Lewis. City Attorney Jim Bisson and Finance Director Cindy Jackson were also present for the meeting.

Jim Woodward, bond counsel for the proposed revenue bonds issued by the Building Authority for Fire Station 12, introduced the Financial Advisors Davenport & Company LLC's President Courtney E. Rogers. Rogers noted that on March 19, 2018 request for proposals were sent to over 25 local, regional and national lending institutions for the series 2018 bond. Rogers also noted that on March 29, 2018 eleven proposals had been received. Rogers further noted that Pinnacle Public Finance was the recommendation of Davenport & Company LLC, based on the following: Pinnacle had the lowest fixed rate that did not require any depository relationship, the interest rate was non-bank qualified providing the County with greater flexibility for future financings later in the year, the interest rate is fixed until final maturity, allows for prepayment flexibility and minimal bank counsel fees. Rogers noted that the closing of the bond is to be held on April 17, 2018.

Motion was made by Mayor Mock and seconded by Councilperson Denise Wood, to approve the proposal from Pinnacle Public Finance for the series 2018 bond. The motion was approved 3-0, with members Dennis Mock, Denise Wood and Lane Lewis in agreement.

Mayor Mock then adjourned the meeting of the Dalton Building Authority.

Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Commissioner Crossen and seconded by Commissioner Jones to approve the March 12, 2018 regular business meeting minutes, the March 19, 2018 Special

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Called meeting minutes, and the March 26, 2018 work session minutes. The motion was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Crossen, Jones, Brooker and Robbins in agreement.

PROCLAMATIONS:

National Donate Life Month: Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Jones to proclaim April, 2018 as National Donate Life Month in Whitfield County, Georgia. The motion was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Brooker, Crossen, Jones and Robbins in agreement. **(SEE EXHIBIT "A")**

National Public Safety Telecommunications Week – Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Jones to proclaim April 8-14, 2018 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. **(SEE EXHIBIT "B")**

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 Andy's Corner located at 2500 Reed Road, Dalton, GA.

There being no comments expressed, Chairman Laughter declared the public hearing closed.

FOR CONSIDERATION

1. **Dalton Building Authority Supplemental Resolution – Revenue Bond:** Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Brooker to adopt the Supplemental Resolution of the City of Dalton Building Authority which was originally approved on January 8, 2018. This resolution approves the final terms of the bond and the final version of the contract terms between the Dalton Building Authority and the County. The motion was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Jones, Crossen, Brooker and Robbins in agreement. **(SEE EXHIBIT "C")**
2. **Magistrate Court – Private Probation Services Contract:** Motion was made by Commissioner Brooker and seconded by Commissioner Crossen to enter into contract with Alternative Probation Services, Inc., for general probation supervision, fine collection services, counseling and other probation services for persons convicted of certain misdemeanors in Magistrate Court. The motion was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Brooker, Jones, Crossen and Robbins in agreement. **(SEE EXHIBIT "D")**
3. **Public Defender Contract 2018:** Motion was made by Commissioner Crossen and seconded by Commissioner Jones to approve the 2018 Public Defender Contract. The motion was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Brooker, Jones, Crossen and Robbins in agreement. **(SEE EXHIBIT "E")**
4. **Alcohol Beverage License Application – Andy's Corner:** Motion was made by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Brooker to approve the Alcohol Beverage Application for a Malt Beverage/Wine License for Andy's Corner located at 2500 Reed Road,

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Dalton, GA. The motion was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Robbins, Brooker, Crossen and Jones in agreement.

5. **Rezoning Recommendation:** Motion was made by Commissioner Crossen and seconded by Commissioner Jones to approve the rezoning request of Stephanie Albertson to rezone a tract of land (parcel 11-016-05-000) containing a total of 31.01 acres located along the west R/W of Emerson Road, from Low Density Single Family Residential (R-2) to General Agriculture (GA). 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.
6. **Rezoning Recommendation:** Motion was made by Commissioner Crossen and seconded by Commissioner Brooker to approve the rezoning request of Darin Hardin to rezone a tract of land (parcel 13-101-01-002) containing a total of 21.2 acres located along the R/W of Old Fields Road, from Low Density Single Family Residential (R-2) to Medium Density Family Residential (R-3) with the condition of the vegetative buffer along the property's southern border. The Planning Commission has recommended that the Board approve the rezoning with the condition. The motion was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Brooker, Jones, Crossen, and Robbins in agreement.
7. **Sheriff's Department – Video Camera Purchase:** Motion was made by Commissioner Brooker and seconded by Commissioner Jones to approve the purchase of in-vehicle cameras for the Sheriff's Office vehicles from WatchGuard in the amount of \$187,475, contingent upon a sole source vendor letter provided from WatchGuard to the Finance Department. This purchase will be paid out of the 2015 SPLOST. The motion was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Jones, Brooker, Crossen and Robbins in agreement.
8. **EMA – Debris Removal Contract:** Motion was made by Commissioner Brooker and seconded by Commissioner Crossen to approve the renewal of the Disaster Debris Removal and Disposal Services with CrowderGulf. There is no cost to be incurred by Whitfield County unless the contract is activated due to a disaster. The motion was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Brooker, Robbins, Jones and Crossen in agreement. **(SEE EXHIBIT "F")**
9. **Buildings & Grounds – Health Dept. HVAC Coil Bid:** Motion was made by Commissioner Crossen and seconded by Commissioner Brooker to approve the proposal from Cornerstone Automation in Chattanooga TN for \$12,200 for an HVAC chiller coil at the Health Department. The motion was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Brooker, Jones, Robbins and Crossen in agreement.
1. **February 2018 Financial Statement:** Motion was made by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Crossen to approve the February 2018 Financial Statement as presented by Finance Director, Alicia Vaughn. In discussion, Mrs. Vaughn reported that Local Option Sales Tax for February 2018 is \$761,998 – LOST percentage 2018 = 62.653% February 2018 collections show a decrease of 1.7% compared to January 2018 Collections. February 2018 collections show an increase of .4% compared to February 2017 collections. Year To Date Local Option Sales Tax collections through February 2018 are \$1,537,554 and show an increase of 1.3% compared to Year To Date 2017 collections. Year to date actual Revenues of \$4,358,045 for February 2018 are under year to date projected revenues of \$4,509,126 by 3%. Year to date actual Expenditures of \$6,359,865 for February 2018 are under Year to date projected expenditures of \$7,037,371 by 9%. TAVT collections for February 2018 equal

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\$162,613 and are over budgeted TAVT Revenues of \$162,500. The motion was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Crossen, Jones, Brooker and Robbins in agreement. **(SEE EXHIBIT “G”)**

2. **Finance – 2018 Budget Amendment #1:** Motion was made by Commissioner Crossen and seconded by Commissioner Brooker to approve the 2018 budget amendment #1 as presented by Finance Director, Alicia Vaughn. This amendment affects the General Fund, the Capital Projects Fund, and the 2015 SPLOST fund. Budget amendment #1 for 2018 uses \$227,348 of contingency funds from the general fund. The motion was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Crossen, Brooker, Jones, and Robbins in agreement. **(SEE EXHIBIT “H”)**
3. **GEFA Loan Agreement and Resolution:** Motion was made by Commissioner Brooker and seconded by Commissioner Crossen to enter into a loan agreement and approve the resolution with the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA). The loan was approved by GEFA in November 2017 to upgrade the Carbondale Business Park’s sewer capacity. The motion was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Brooker, Robbins, Jones and Crossen in agreement. **(SEE EXHIBIT “I”)**
4. **Intergovernmental Agreement – TAD District 3:** Motion was made by Commissioner Brooker and seconded by Commissioner Crossen to approve an intergovernmental agreement with the City of Dalton and the Dalton Board of Education for Tax Allocation District (TAD) #3 – East Walnut Ave. The TAD #3 coincides with the City of Dalton’s Redevelopment Plan for Downtown and East Walnut Ave. The motion was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Brooker, Robbins, Jones and Crossen in agreement. **(SEE EXHIBIT “J”)**
5. **Public Works – “No Thru Truck Traffic” Houston Valley Rd:** Motion was made by Commissioner Brooker and seconded by Commissioner Crossen to approve Houston Valley Rd as a “No Thru Truck Traffic” Route. The motion was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Brooker, Robbins, Crossen and Jones in agreement.
6. **Public Works – Asphalt Paving Trailer Purchase:** Motion was made by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Crossen to approve the purchase of an Asphalt paving trailer from Tractor Equipment Company for \$79,350. The motion was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Brooker, Robbins, Jones and Crossen in agreement.
7. **Public Works – Ratify Contract with Chatfield Contracting:** Motion was made by Commissioner Brooker and seconded by Commissioner Crossen to ratify the contract with Chatfield Contracting, Inc. to replace a pipe at Enterprise Drive for \$32,500.00. The motion was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Brooker, Robbins, Jones and Crossen in agreement. **(SEE EXHIBIT “K”)**
8. **Letter of Support – Aquatic Center:** Motion was made by Commissioner Crossen and seconded by Commissioner Brooker to issue a letter of support for promotion of an aquatic center to be preferably located at Edwards Park in Whitfield County. Recently a group of Citizens spoke to the Board about their desire to construct an aquatic center. The group will begin to raise funds for this project and upon completion, the center would be turned over to Whitfield County to be maintained by County funds subject to the annual budget process by future Boards. The motion was approved 4-1, with Commissioners Brooker, Robbins Crossen and Jones in agreement. Chairman Laughter was in dissention of naming a specific location for the pool to be located. Laughter noted that she was in favor of the pool. **(SEE EXHIBIT “L”)**

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Lillie Clark addressed the Board about the possibility of establishing a YMCA in Whitfield County.

ADJOURN Unanimous

R. LYNETTE LAUGHTER, CHAIRMAN
WHITFIELD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BLANCA CARDONA, COUNTY CLERK

DATE: / /