

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF THE WHITFIELD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD MONDAY, JUNE 11, 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
Robert Smalley, County Attorney
Citizens
Department Heads
Press

Motion was made by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Crossen to amend the agenda, removing item # 4. Superior Court – Criminal Justice Coordinating County Grant award, and to add the Potential Additional Items (1. Sheriff’s Office – Vehicle Purchase, 2. City of Dalton Annexation Request – 12-298-06-000, 12-298-01-049 & 12-297-01-0034). The motion was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Crossen, Jones, Brooker and Robbins in agreement.

Chairman Laughter recognized Richard Rogers as Employee of the Month for April 2018. Mr. Rogers works in the Public Works department.

Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Commissioner Crossen and seconded by Commissioner Brooker to approve the May 12, 2018 strategy/work session minutes, and the May 14, 2018 regular business meeting minutes. The motion was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Crossen, Jones, Brooker and Robbins in agreement.

PROCLAMATION:

1. **Proclamation – National Day of Prayer May 3, 2018:** Motion was made by Commissioner Crossen and seconded by Commissioner Jones to ratify the National Day of Prayer proclamation. May 3, 2018 was proclaimed as the National Day of Prayer in Whitfield County, Georgia. The motion was approved 5-0, with Chairman Laughter and Commissioners Crossen, Brooker, Robbins and Jones in agreement.

BOARD APPOINTMENT:

1. **Appointment – Dalton-Whitfield Department of Family & Children’s Services Board of Directors:** Motion was made by Commissioner Brooker and seconded by Commissioner Jones to appoint Rebecca D. Haley to the Board of Directors to a five-year term to expire on June 30, 2023. The motion was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Jones, Crossen, Brooker and Robbins in agreement.

FOR CONSIDERATION

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1. **Intergovernmental Agreement - School Resource Officers:** Motion was made by Commissioner Brooker and seconded by Commissioner Jones to approve the intergovernmental agreement between the Whitfield County Board of Education, Whitfield County and the Sheriff of Whitfield County to designate eight (8) Sheriff's Deputies as School Resource Officers (SRO) to be placed and assigned to Whitfield County Schools. The School Board will provide funding for the eight (8) SRO's to include the actual wages paid, including any overtime, but not for any PTO taken by the SRO or any times school is not in session. Additionally, the School Board will reimburse the County a supplemental amount of 35% of all such wages paid to offset a portion of each of the SRO's County benefits. The motion was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Brooker, Jones, Crossen and Robbins in agreement.
2. **Ratify- MOU with Project Eagle:** Motion was made by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Crossen to ratify the memorandum of understanding between the Dalton-Whitfield Joint Development Authority, Whitfield County, Whitfield County Tax Assessors Whitfield County Tax Commissioner and Hanwha Q Cells USA, INC. The project consists of the acquisition, construction and equipping of a manufacturing facility located at Carbondale Business Park for operation by the Company. The motion was approved 5-0, with Chairman Laughter and Commissioners Jones, Crossen, Brooker and Robbins in agreement.
3. **Engineering – Orchard Place Conservation Easement:** Motion was made by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Brooker to approve the Conservation Easement of Orchard Place, LLC. The Orchard Place condominium developer has offset a portion of their stormwater runoff from the proposed development by setting aside 2.7 acres in a Conservation Easement. The motion was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Robbins, Brooker, Crossen and Jones in agreement.
4. **Rezoning Recommendation:** Motion was made by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Crossen to approve the request of Mohawk Industries to rezone a tract of land (parcels 13-013-01-000, 13-013-33-000, 13-013-38-000) totaling 9.68 acres from Rural Residential (R-5) to Heavy Manufacturing (M-2). The subject property is located along the R/W of IVC Drive. The Planning Commission has recommended the Board approve the rezoning. The motion to was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Brooker, Jones, Crossen, and Robbins in agreement.
5. **Rezoning Recommendation:** Motion was made by Commissioner Brooker and seconded by Commissioner Crossen to approve the request of Melissa Joyner to rezone a tract of land (parcel 12-064-06-000) totaling 0.37 acres from General Commercial (C-2) to Low Density Single Family Residential (R-2). The subject property's address is 110 Allison Drive. The Planning Commission has recommended the Board approve the rezoning. The motion to was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Brooker, Jones, Crossen, and Robbins in agreement.
6. **Rezoning Recommendation:** The request of Jose Diaz to rezone from Rural Residential (R-5) to General Commercial (C-2) was tabled by the planning commission at their May 21st meeting. There was no action taken by the Board.
7. **Rezoning Recommendation:** Motion was made by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Crossen to approve the request of Scott Henderson to rezone a tract of land

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(parcel 12-196-01-000) totaling 14.8 acres from Medium Density Residential (R-3) to High Density Residential (R-7). The subject property is located along the R/W of North Tibbs Rd. The Planning Commission has recommended the Board approve the rezoning. The motion was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Brooker, Jones, Crossen, and Robbins in agreement.

8. **Rezoning Recommendation:** Motion was made by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Brooker to deny the request of Linda Dalzell to rezone a tract of land (parcel 27-203-11-000) totaling 3.14 acres from Suburban Agriculture (SA) to Rural Residential (R-5). The subject property's address is 3955 Dunnagan Road. The motion to deny the request was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Brooker, Robbins, Crossen and Jones in agreement.
9. **Special Use Permit – Iglesia Bautista:** Motion was made by Commissioner Crossen and seconded by Commissioner Brooker to deny the special use permit of a shooting range on a tract of land zoned General Agriculture (GA), totaling 103.04 acres located at 00 Cross Plains Blvd., parcel (13-099-05-000). The Planning Commission has recommended that the Board deny the special use permit. The motion to deny the request was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Brooker, Jones, Crossen, and Robbins in agreement.
10. **City of Varnell Annexation Request – 11-190-02-056:** Motion was made by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Crossen for no land use classification objection to tax parcel number 11-190-02-056. The motion was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Brooker, Jones, Robbins and Crossen in agreement.
11. **April 2018 Financial Statement:** Motion was made by Commissioner Brooker and seconded by Commissioner Crossen to approve the April 2018 Financial Statement as presented by Finance Director, Alicia Vaughn. In discussion, Mrs. Vaughn reported that Local Option Sales Tax for April 2018 is \$824,796 – LOST percentage 2018 = 62.653% April 2018 collections are down 10% compared to March 2018 Collections. April 2018 collections show an increase of .6% compared to April 2017 collections. Year to Date Local Option Sales Tax collections through April 2018 are \$3,278,703 and show an increase of 3.6% compared to Year to Date 2017 collections. Year to date actual Revenues of \$9,921,658 for April 2018 are over year to date projected revenues of \$9,652,185 by 2%. Year to date actual Expenditures of \$13,617,779 for April 2018 are under Year to date projected expenditures of \$14,128,796 by 3%. TAVT collections for April 2018 equal \$215,290 and are over budgeted TAVT Revenues of \$162,500 by 32%. The motion was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Crossen, Jones, Brooker and Robbins in agreement.
12. **Sheriff's Office – One (1) 2018 Full Size Sedan:** Motion was made by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Crossen to approve the purchase of a 2018 full size sedan for \$34,958 from Buford Mall of Georgia. The motion was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Brooker, Jones, Robbins and Crossen in agreement.
13. **City of Dalton Annexation Request – Parcels 12-298-06-000,12-298-01-049 & 12-298-01-034:** Motion was made by Commissioner Brooker and seconded by Commissioner Jones for no land use classification objection to tax parcels 12-298-06-000,12-298-01-049 & 12-298-01-034.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

James Dalzell, 3955 Dunnagan, Rocky Face, came forward to address the Board. Dalzell noted to the Board that other properties in his neighborhood have two or more houses on them and doesn't understand why his property isn't able to be broken up. Chairman Laughter told Dalzell it could be that some of those properties already had houses prior to Whitfield County adopting a zoning ordinance and had been grandfathered in.

David Pennington, 1923 Fairington, Dalton, came forward to ask questions about Carbondale Business Park. Pennington wanted to know the number of acres that were given to Hanwha Q Cells. Chairman Laughter told Pennington the number of acres was forty-four.

Annette Lafuze, 249 Courtney Circle, Rocky Face, came forward to read a letter of appreciation for Whitfield County Animal Shelter Director Diane Franklin from Karen Talbot with Animal Aid USA.

ADJOURN Unanimous

R. LYNETTE LAUGHTER, CHAIRMAN
WHITFIELD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BLANCA CARDONA, COUNTY CLERK

DATE: / /