

**MINUTES FOR THE WORK SESSION OF THE WHITFIELD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
HELD MONDAY JUNE 25, 2018, AT 5:00 P.M. IN 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 (ABSENT)  
Barry W. Robbins, Member  
Roger Crossen, Member  
Greg Jones, Member

**Others Present:**

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

**Work Session:**

Chairman Laughter called the work session to order.

Fire Chief Edward O'Brien informed the Board of recent Fire Apparatus Equipment bids. O'Brien noted that the 2018 Fire Bond for two new fire engines included the Fire Apparatus Equipment. O'Brien will bring this bid before the Board at the July meeting.

Fire Chief Edward O'Brien informed the Board of their annual personal protective uniform bid. O'Brien will bring this bid before the Board at the July meeting.

Buildings and Grounds Director Gary Brown informed the Board about his meeting with the Dalton Fire Marshall regarding the Admin #2 building. Brown noted that the Fire Marshall needs a time-line on what the County decides to do with the building.

Captain Clay Pangle from the Sheriff's Office presented the Board with a quote from AXON Enterprises Inc., for patrol in-car video cameras. Capt. Pangle explained that the Sheriff's Office had previously entered into an agreement with WatchGuard, Inc. for the same service, however WatchGuard, Inc. could not fulfill their obligations to the Sheriff's Office as promised. The Board advised Capt. Pangle that a new (RFP) Request for Proposal will be needed for this service.

Mike Turner for the Public Works Department informed the Board about pipe replacements at West Broadacre Road and Tanglewood Drive. Turner also informed the Board about bidding out a paint striping machine.

District Attorney Bert Poston updated the Board on their sentencing and jail population reduction efforts. Poston noted that during the 2018 budget process the Board agreed to upgrade a part-time position to a full-time position and fund an ankle monitoring program to reduce jail population and expenses. Poston noted that as of this meeting date the jail population is 477, but without these programs in effect it would be closer to 500. Poston further noted that both programs should see a positive impact on jail population in the coming months.

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Superior Court Judge Minter discussed the potential of a Mental Health Court Grant from the Conasauga Judicial Circuit with the Board. This would fund a new Mental Health Accountability Court. No Match is required this year but a 10% match would be necessary next year. That match would be paid from the D.A.T.E. fund.

Finance Director Alicia Vaughn presented the Board with 2018 budget amendment #2. This item will be on the July Board meeting.

The work session was adjourned.

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R. LYNETTE LAUGHTER, CHAIRMAN  
WHITFIELD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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BLANCA CARDONA, COUNTY CLERK

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