

**MINUTES FOR THE WORK SESSION OF THE WHITFIELD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
HELD MONDAY MARCH 26, 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
Barry W. Robbins, Member
Roger Crossen, Member
Greg Jones, Member

Others Present:

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

Work Session:

Chairman Laughter called the work session to order.

Mark Hannah addressed the Board in regards to the possibility of an aquatic center in the North end of the County. Hannah informed the Board that a steering committee has been formed to raise funds for this project. Hannah noted that there is only one indoor pool in Whitfield County and that is at Dalton High School with limited community access. Hannah noted that they would like for the County to provide maintenance and operations costs should this project come to fruition. Hannah noted that the center could generate some revenue to offset some of the cost of maintenance and operations.

Natalie Glaser from the Public Defender's Office presented the Board the FY2018 services agreement. Glaser noted that Murray County has already signed the agreement. This item will be put on the April meeting agenda.

Finance Director Alicia Vaughn presented the Board with a budget amendment for 2018 No. 1. Vaughn noted that this amendment is using \$227,348 in general fund contingency, and includes items from the general fund, capital fund 351 and SPLOST fund 322. This item will be put on the April meeting agenda.

Public Works Director Dewayne Hunt informed the Board that his department has recently requested bids for an asphalt paver trailer. Two bids were received with only Tractor Equipment meeting all specifications. This item will be put on the April meeting agenda. Hunt also informed the Board about making Houston Valley Rd a No Thru Trucks route. Hunt noted that truck drivers are using this road as a turn-about and can't make the turn and end up getting stuck.

Buildings and Grounds Director Gary Brown informed the Board of a recent bid for an HVAC Coil bid for the Whitfield County Health Department. Brown noted that Cornerstone Automation had the lowest bid. Brown noted he will bring the bid for approval at the April meeting.

EMA Director Claude Craig informed the Board that the debris contract needs to be renewed. Craig noted that this contract is for disaster recovery and debris management should a disaster occur in the County. This item will be put on the April meeting agenda.

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Parks and Recreation Director Brian Chastain presented the Board with a contract he's working on for assistance in rental of the ball fields for tournaments. The Board will look into the possibility of an agreement for this service at a later date.

Ed Painter introduced Scott Tidwell who is running against Senator Chuck Payne for the District 54 seat.

The work session was adjourned.

R. LYNETTE LAUGHTER, CHAIRMAN
WHITFIELD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BLANCA CARDONA, COUNTY CLERK

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