

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF THE WHITFIELD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD MONDAY, MAY 14, 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 Crossen and seconded by Commissioner Brooker to amend the agenda to move the Potential Additional Item (1. Sheriff's Office – Boiler Room Request for Proposal to No. 10 on the agenda). The motion was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Crossen, Jones, Brooker and Robbins in agreement.

Chairman Laughter recognized Detective Ronald Morris as Employee of the Month for March 2018. Det. Ronald Morris works in the Sheriff's Office.

Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Commissioner Crossen and seconded by Commissioner Jones to approve the April 9, 2018 regular business meeting minutes, and the April 23, 2018 work session minutes. The motion was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Crossen, Jones, Brooker and Robbins in agreement.

PROCLAMATION:

1. **Proclamation – Foster Care Month:** Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Jones to proclaim May 2018 as Foster Care Month in Whitfield County, Georgia. The motion was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Crossen, Brooker, Robbins and Jones in agreement.

BOARD APPOINTMENT:

1. **Whitfield County Historic Preservation Commission** - Motion was made by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Robbins to appoint Randy Beckler, to the Whitfield County Historic Preservation Commission. The motion was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Brooker, Crossen, Robbins and Jones in agreement.

FOR CONSIDERATION

1. **Information Technology – Storage/Virtualization upgrade:** Motion was made by Commissioner Crossen and seconded by Commissioner Brooker to approve the upgrade of the virtual environment (Admin & 911) to HP equipment to include, support, maintenance, and licensing through WrightCore for \$333,562.88 (state contract). Lovelady informed the board that he received a quote from Dell/EMC for the project for a total of \$337,779.44 which had one less server and capacity overall. The motion was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Jones, Crossen, Brooker and Robbins in agreement.

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2. **Rezoning Recommendation:** Motion was made by Commissioner Crossen and seconded by Commissioner Jones to approve the rezoning request of Stephen Phillips to rezone a tract of land (parcels 12-303-19-000, 12-303-20-000) containing a total of 26.8 acres located at 2141 Miracle Drive, 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.
3. **Rezoning Recommendation:** Motion was made by Commissioner Crossen and seconded by Commissioner Brooker to deny the request of Garret Bivens to rezone a tract of land (parcel 13-194-21-000) totaling 1.89 acres from Rural Residential (R-5) to General Commercial (C-2). The subject property's address is 4427 East Nance Springs Road. The motion to deny the request was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Brooker, Robbins, Crossen and Jones in agreement.
4. **911 – Uninterruptable Power Source Upgrade:** Motion was made by Commissioner Brooker and seconded by Commissioner Crossen to approve the purchase of one (1) 40 kVA Nameplate Liebert EXM UPS (Uninterruptable Power Source) from Joe Powell & Associates for \$29,320 and for Motorola to provide labor & materials for the UPS Cutover for \$26,000.00 totaling \$55,320.00. The current Liebert UPS in the 911 communication center is approximately over 20 years old. The motion was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Jones, Brooker, Crossen and Robbins in agreement.
5. **March 2018 Financial Statement:** Motion was made by Commissioner Brooker and seconded by Commissioner Crossen to approve the March 2018 Financial Statement as presented by Finance Director, Alicia Vaughn. In discussion, Mrs. Vaughn reported that Local Option Sales Tax for March 2018 is \$916,353 – LOST percentage 2018 = 62.653% March 2018 collections show an increase of 20.3% compared to February 2018 Collections. March 2018 collections show an increase of 10.9% compared to March 2017 collections. Year to Date Local Option Sales Tax collections through March 2018 are \$2,453,906 and show an increase of 4.7% compared to Year to Date 2017 collections. Year to date actual Revenues of \$7,611,691 for March 2018 are over year to date projected revenues of \$7,496,129 by 2%. Year to date actual Expenditures of \$10,069,335 for March 2018 are under Year to date projected expenditures of \$10,552,871 by 5%. TAVT collections for March 2018 equal \$222,691 and are over budgeted TAVT Revenues of \$162,500 by 37%. The motion was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Crossen, Jones, Brooker and Robbins in agreement.
6. **Finance – 2017 Budget Amendment #5:** Motion was made by Commissioner Brooker and seconded by Commissioner Jones to approve the 2017 budget amendment #5 as presented by Finance Director, Alicia Vaughn. The budget is always reviewed as part of the year end process, and this amendment is to realign budget allocations with the general fund as well as other funds to meet projected expenditures and revenues for year ending Dec. 31, 2017. The result of this amendment will increase the general fund projected revenues by \$938,700, and decrease the projected expenditures by \$818,818. The motion was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Crossen, Brooker, Jones, and Robbins in agreement.
7. **Engineering – Orchard Place Conservation Easement:** Motion was made by Commissioner Brooker and seconded by Commissioner Crossen to postpone the approval of the conservation easement until a future meeting until the real estate tax question could be answered. The motion was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Robbins, Brooker, Crossen and Jones in agreement.

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8. **SPLOST – Dalton-Whitfield Regional Library Roof Retrofit Bids:** Motion was made by Commissioner Crossen and seconded by Commissioner Jones to approve the bids totaling \$718,416 for the roof retrofit at the Dalton-Whitfield Library, the roof must be replaced in such a way as to allow the library to stay open during the construction. Lanco won the bid for light gauge metal, \$154,500, Barnett Painting won the bid for painting, \$12,075, Centurion won the bid for roof package and truss, \$482,043 and Boone Plumbing won the bid for plumbing, \$980.00. State matching funds will pay 50% \$359,208, and the library will use their remaining 2015 SPLOST funds of \$354,564.28 with the Library paying \$4643.72. The motion was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Crossen, Robbins, Brooker and Jones in agreement.
9. **Parks and Recreation – Concession Agreement:** Motion was made by Commissioner Brooker and seconded by Commissioner Jones to approve the contract with Corbin Sheram to run concessions at Edwards Park and Westside Park for 2018. Sheram is to make payment of 16% of all gross sales by the 5th of each month. The motion was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Brooker, Robbins, Jones and Crossen in agreement.
10. **Parks and Recreation – Uniform Bid:** Motion was made by Commissioner Brooker and seconded by Commissioner Jones to approve the low bids for athletic equipment and uniforms for the 2018 season. The low bidder will be used on all items, except where specs were not met. The motion was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Brooker, Robbins, Jones and Crossen in agreement.
11. **Animal Shelter – Dept. of Ag Spay/Neuter grant application:** Motion was made by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Robbins to approve the grant application to the Dept. of Agriculture for a Dog/Cat Sterilization program in Whitfield County. The animal shelter is requesting \$65,600 with no matching funds required from the County to help spay/neuter 800 animals in Whitfield County. The motion was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Brooker, Crossen, Jones and Robbins in agreement.
12. **School Resource Officers:** Chairman Laughter noted that there will be no action on this item at tonight's meeting. Laughter noted that Attorney Robert Smalley will be working with the Attorney for Whitfield County Schools on an agreement which will hopefully be presented at the June meeting.
13. **Sheriff's Office – Boiler Room RFP:** Motion was made by Commissioner Brooker and seconded by Commissioner Crossen to approve the RFP from Boone Plumbing for \$78,807.75 for the plumbing project at the Detention Center. This is to replace all copper piping from the point of water entering to the point of exiting the boiler room, replace thermal mixing valves, hot water circulating pumps and 500-gallon hot water storage tank, correctly install and insulate all piping according to manufacturer's guidelines and lower piping to a level that will provide easy access from the floor for future maintenance and repairs. Initially the budget amount for this project was \$34,000, however due to the complicated nature of the rework and its potential for affecting facility operations CTI engineering was asked to review Boones proposal, CTI Engineering was in agreement of Boones plan. The additional amount of \$44,807.75 will be taken out of contingency funds. The motion was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Brooker, Jones, Crossen and Robbins in agreement.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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Willard Redwine addressed the Board about maintaining Ben Putnam Road. Redwine noted that when I-75 was built this road was split with the majority of the road being paved but leaving around 100 yards unpaved. Wendell noted that this is a County road that should be maintained by the County and would like the remaining 100 yards paved. Chairman Laughter referred Mr. Redwine's issue to County Administrator Mark Gibson to further research this issue with Dan Strain and Public Works Director Dewayne Hunt and they will get back in touch with Mr. Redwine.

Chairman Laughter noted that there will not be work session held in the Month of May, due to the fourth Monday being Memorial Day, and the strategic planning session that was held on May 12.

Executive Session – Personnel: Motion was made by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Brooker to go into executive session to discuss Personnel. The motion was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Crossen, Brooker, Robbins and Jones in agreement. Present for the meeting were Chairman Lynn Laughter, Commissioners Robbins, Brooker, Crossen and Jones, County Attorney Robert Smalley for the first part of the meeting. County Administrator Mark Gibson, and Human Resources Director Jackie Carlo attended the second part of the meeting.

Motion was then made by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commission Crossen to come out of Executive Session. The motion was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Robbins, Brooker, Jones and Crossen in agreement.

ADJOURN Unanimous

R. LYNETTE LAUGHTER, CHAIRMAN
WHITFIELD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BLANCA CARDONA, COUNTY CLERK

DATE: / /