

**MINUTES FOR THE WORK SESSION OF THE WHITFIELD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
HELD MONDAY OCTOBER 22, 2018, AT 4:55 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

Work Session:

Chairman Laughter called the work session to order at 4:55 p.m.

District Attorney Bert Poston was unable to attend tonight's work session and will present his replacement vehicle request at the next work session in November.

Human Resources Director Jacqueline Carlo informed the Board about the Animal Shelter wanting to implement a volunteer program. Carlo noted the Shelter volunteers could reduce overtime pay while increasing community involvement. Carlo also noted the volunteers would be subject to background investigations. The Board noted they would research the request from the Animal Shelter and gather more information before any decision is made.

Chairman Laughter informed the Board about a request from Dr. Viamonte to assist with funding of the Prenatal Clinic at the Health Department and to support early intervention and treatment for developmental-behavioral disorders with scholarships funded by the County. Laughter noted Dr. Viamonte made the request for this funding due to the recent renegotiation of the Emergency Medical Services contract with an estimated savings of \$85,000 per year.

Chairman Laughter and Board members briefly went over the 2019 budget. During discussion they went over the capital equipment request for Public Works as well as the request for five additional employees. The Board also discussed the contingency amount of \$1 M or \$1.5M for the 2019 budget. The Board will hold a public hearing in November with the adoption of the budget in December.

The work session was adjourned.

R. LYNETTE LAUGHTER, CHAIRMAN
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