

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF THE WHITFIELD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 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 (ABSENT)
Greg Jones, Member

Others Present:

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Brooker and seconded by Commissioner Jones to approve the agenda. The motion was approved 3-0, with Commissioners Jones, Brooker and Robbins in agreement.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Chairman Laughter introduced Ethan Calhoun from the Northwest Georgia Regional Commission to speak about the Joint Comprehensive Plan Update for Whitfield County and the Cities of Dalton, Tunnel Hill and Varnell.

Mr. Calhoun noted that every five (5) years per the GA Department of Community Affairs the Joint Comprehensive Plan has to be updated. Calhoun noted that elements such as Community Goals, Needs and Opportunities, Land Use Element, Report of Accomplishments and Community Work Program are required to be included in the update with Economic Development and Housing elements as optional. Calhoun further noted this last public hearing and the draft plan will be submitted to GA DCA for any recommendations or revisions.

There being no one to come forward with any comments on the Joint Comprehensive Plan Update, Chairman Laughter declared this public hearing closed.

Chairman Laughter then called for a Public Hearing to hear any comments or concerns the public may have regarding an application for a Malt Beverage License for Dixie's Food Mart located at 2101 South Dixie Road, Dalton, GA.

There being no comments expressed, Chairman Laughter declared the public hearing closed.

Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Brooker to approve the August 13, 2018 regular business meeting, August 27, 2018 special called meeting and the August 27, 2018 work session minutes. The motion was approved 3-0, with Commissioners Jones, Brooker and Robbins in agreement.

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BOARD APPOINTMENT

1. **Appointment to the Dalton-Whitfield Planning Commission:** Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Brooker to appoint Mitch Sanford to the Planning Commission. The motion was approved 3-0, with Commissioners Jones, Brooker, and Robbins in agreement.

FOR CONSIDERATION

1. **Superior Court - BJA JAG Grant:** Motion was made by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Robbins to announce an application is being submitted for the FY2018 Byrne/JAG Grant through BJA. The Conasauga Drug Court would like to apply for this grant in the amount of \$13,528. There is not a required County match for the grant funding and the money will be used for GED testing and drug testing of the participants in drug court. The motion was approved 3-0, with Commissioners Brooker, Robbins and Jones in agreement
2. **Juvenile Court – Court Attorney Contract:** Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Jones to approve the Independent Contractor's Agreement between Whitfield County Juvenile Court and Bryan Rayburn. Mr. Rayburn will provide legal representation in all indigent cases as determined by the Whitfield County Juvenile Court. The motion carried, 3-0, with Commissioners Brooker, Jones, and Robbins in agreement.
3. **Emergency Management Services Agreement:** Motion was made by Commissioner Brooker and seconded by Commissioner Jones to approve the Emergency Medical Services agreement between the Whitfield County Board of Commissioners and Hamilton Emergency Medical Services, Inc. The motion was approved 3-0, with Commissioners Brooker, Jones, and Robbins in agreement.
4. **First Responder Service Delivery Agreement:** Motion was made by Commissioner Brooker and seconded by Commissioner Jones to approve the updated First Responder Service Delivery Agreement. The motion was approved 3-0 with Commissioners Jones, Brooker and Robbins in agreement.
5. **Grant Farm Archeological Study:** Motion was made by Commissioner Brooker and seconded by Commissioner Jones to accept the proposal from TRC Environmental, Inc. for archeological evaluation and metal detecting at the Grant Farm for \$8,875.00. According to the Georgia Department of Natural Resources the Grant Farm contributes to the National Register of Historic Places and recommends this archeological study to determine if the proposed construction would adversely impact any battlefield features. The motion was approved 3-0 with Commissioners Jones, Brooker and Robbins in agreement.
6. **County Lease – Grant Farm:** Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Jones to enter in and approve the Grant Farm House lease agreement between Whitfield County and Lennie C. Holbert – 2231 Crow Valley Road. The lease will terminate on December 31st, 2019. The motion was approved 3-0, with Commissioners Jones, Robbins and Brooker in agreement.

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7. **City of Varnell Annexation Request – 11-192-14-036:** Motion was made by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Robbins for no land use classification objection to tax parcel number 11-192-14-036. The motion was approved 3-0, with Commissioners Brooker, Jones, and Robbins in agreement.
8. **City of Tunnel Hill Annexation Request – 12-040-02-001:** Motion was made by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Robbins for no land use classification objection to tax parcel number 12-040-02-001. The motion was approved 3-0, with Commissioners Brooker, Jones, and Robbins in agreement.
9. **Town of Cohutta Annexation Request – 11-047-04-000:** Motion was made by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Robbins for no land use classification objection to tax parcel number 11-047-04-000. The motion was approved 3-0, with Commissioners Brooker, Jones, and Robbins in agreement.
10. **Malt Beverage License Application – Dixie's Food Mart:** Motion was made by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Brooker to approve the Alcohol Beverage Application for a Malt Beverage License for Dixie's Food Mart located at 2101 South Dixie Road, Dalton, GA. The motion was approved 3-0, with Commissioners Robbins, Brooker, and Jones in agreement.
11. **July 2018 Financial Statement:** Motion was made by Commissioner Brooker and seconded by Commissioner Jones to approve the July 2018 Financial Statement as presented by Interim Finance Director, Melva Andrews. In discussion, Mrs. Andrews reported that Local Option Sales Tax for July 2018 is \$867,678 – LOST percentage 2018 = 62.653% July 2018 collections are down 4.7% compared to June 2018 Collections. July 2018 collections show an increase of 3.5% compared to July 2017 collections. Year to date Local Option Sales Tax collections through July 2018 are \$5,940,324 and show an increase of 4% compared to year to date 2017 collections. Year to date actual Revenues of \$15,705,760 for July 2018 exceed the projected revenues of \$14,997,842 by 4%. Year to date actual Expenditures of \$25,576,485 for July 2018 are under year to date anticipated expenditures of \$27,131,795 by 5.7%. TAVT collections for July 2018 equal \$171,043, year to date collections through July 2018 are \$1,502,047 which exceeds our year to date projection by 25%. The motion was approved 3-0, with Commissioners Jones, Brooker and Robbins in agreement.
12. **Fire Department – Generator Purchase:** Motion was made by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Brooker to accept the low bid from J&T Services, Inc., to furnish and install a generator at the Fire Department headquarters for \$20,475. The motion was approved 3-0, with Commissioners Jones, Brooker and Robbins in agreement.
13. **Fire Department – Change Order No. 2 Station 11:** Motion was made by Commissioner Brooker and seconded by Commissioner Jones to approve change order #2 for Station 11 in the amount of \$37,338,.46 (from contingency funds) that was listed in the original contract. The motion was approved 3-0, with Commissioners Jones, Brooker, and Robbins in agreement.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURN Unanimous

R. LYNETTE LAUGHTER, CHAIRMAN
WHITFIELD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BLANCA CARDONA, COUNTY CLERK

DATE: / /