

**MINUTES FOR THE WORK SESSION OF THE WHITFIELD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
HELD MONDAY, AUGUST 26, 2019, AT 5:25 P.M. 201 S. HAMILTON ST., 5TH FLOOR, DALTON, GA,
30720**

WORK SESSION

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:

Robert Smalley, County Attorney
Department Heads
Press
Citizens

Work Session:

Chairman Laughter called the work session to order.

County Engineer Kent Benson presented the Board with a resolution to amend the Whitfield County Site design ordinance. Benson noted this amendment change would allow him, at his discretion, a reduction in the right of way widths and may allow utility easements as substitution for right of ways. Benson noted he would bring this item for approval at the September meeting.

Fire Chief Edward O'Brien presented an application that Georgia Power is requiring for operation of a generator at Station 12. O'Brien noted this application states that the Fire Department will provide maintenance for the generator. O'Brien noted he would bring this for approval at the September meeting.

Jess Hansen informed the Board about changing the name of the Grant Farm to Rocky Face Ridge Park. Hansen noted that in 2017 a group of stakeholders voted to change the name.

Bert Poston District Attorney noted they have received bid for a 2020 Ford Explorer from Ford of Dalton for \$33,705. Poston informed the Board this vehicle is to replace the 2010 Ford Explorer that had brake failure in 2018. Poston is requesting \$25,000 from contingency funds, \$6,000 from the D.A forfeiture account, and \$2,705 from Murray County. This agenda item will be presented at the September meeting.

Public Works Director Dewayne Hunt presented the Board with a proposal from Heath and Lineback Engineers for \$80,000 to put together bid packages for bridge repairs. Hunt noted in 2017 the Board approved a contract for \$31,100 with Heath and Linebacker to catalog each bridge and develop a recommended action plan, and develop cost estimates for bridges that are in need of critical repairs. This agenda item will be presented at the September meeting.

The work session was adjourned.

R. LYNETTE LAUGHTER, CHAIRMAN
WHITFIELD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BLANCA CARDONA, COUNTY CLERK

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