

**MINUTES FOR THE WORK SESSION OF THE WHITFIELD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
HELD MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2019, 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 (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.

Fire Chief Edward O'Brien updated the Board on a change order for Station #11. O'Brien noted construction of Station #11 has been completed and this change order is for a reduction of the contract price by \$43,260.78. O'Brien noted he will bring the change order for approval at the March meeting.

Animal Shelter Director Diane Franklin proposed a spay/neuter animal ordinance for Whitfield County. Franklin explained the owners of a dog or cat over six (6) months of age will be required to have the dog/cat spayed or neutered or obtain an unaltered animal permit within 30 days of acquiring the dog/cat. Franklin noted an exemption to the ordinance would be if the dog/cat's health would not allow for sterilization. The Board will discuss this further at the March meeting.

Public Works Director Dewayne Hunt informed the Board about equipment and vehicle bids items that were recently bid out. Hunt noted the purchases will be paid from their 2019 capital and should the SPLOST pass in March then some purchase will be paid with SPLOST proceeds. Hunt noted he would bring the items for approval at the March BOC meeting.

County Attorney Robert Smalley informed the Board about House Bill 302 & Senate Bill 172 which would prohibit local governments from regulating building designs elements. Smalley noted the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG) has requested local governments send resolutions of opposition of these bills to our local representatives. The Board asked Smalley to bring the resolution before the Board at the March meeting.

Buildings and Grounds Director Gary Brown informed the Board an elevator at the Courthouse is out of order due to a rusted pipe. Brown noted the cost to repair will be over \$20,000. Brown noted he will bring this emergency purchase for ratification at the March meeting.

Assistant Finance Director Carol Roberts informed the Board about a 2018 budget amendment that she will present to the Board at the March meeting.

The work session was adjourned.

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BLANCA CARDONA, COUNTY CLERK

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