

**MINUTES FOR THE WORK SESSION OF THE WHITFIELD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
HELD MONDAY JANUARY 28, 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.

Public Works Director Dewayne Hunt informed the Board about residents who build their homes lower than county roads and later ask for public works to build asphalt berms to be put in to keep water from running down their driveways. Hunt noted these berms last about a year and are a temporary fix. Hunt noted he is working on a proposal for the Board to allow the resident to pay half and the County pay the other half for a more permanent solution of repouring concrete up to six feet of the driveway that essentially builds a speedbump that allows the water to continue flowing down the road. Hunt noted he would bring his proposal to the March work session. Hunt also addressed the possibility of a moratorium for installing tile in homeowner's ditches and front yards until the subdivision regulations are reviewed. Hunt noted public works installs up to 24 ft. of pipe for \$10 a foot. Hunt further noted it takes public works crews several days to complete the projects and also adds to infrastructure that is not maintained. Hunt noted he would bring more information to the monthly board meeting in February.

County Administrator informed the Board about a change in the vehicle surplus process. Gibson noted mechanics at public works will inspect vehicles departments want to surplus for a second check and advise them if the vehicles still have life in them or if they could be sold on Govdeals.com.

Chairman Laughter informed the Board about the Greater Dalton Chamber of Commerce voting to support the 2019 SPLOST. Laughter noted the Chamber has created a presentation to show at several community organization meetings during February and March. Laughter presented the PowerPoint created by the Chamber to Commissioners, department heads and press in attendance. Laughter noted the Chamber also created a website and brochures with information about the 2019 SPLOST.

The work session was adjourned.

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R. LYNETTE LAUGHTER, CHAIRMAN  
WHITFIELD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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BLANCA CARDONA, COUNTY CLERK

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