

**MINUTES FOR THE WORK SESSION OF THE WHITFIELD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
HELD MONDAY MARCH 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
Citizens

Work Session:

Chairman Laughter called the work session to order.

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

County Administrator Mark Gibson informed the Board that Whitfield County Schools has requested an easement to connect the new Maple Grove extension to the driveway at Edwards Park. Gibson noted the easement will be added to the agenda in April.

County Administrator Mark Gibson noted Ms. Janet Cochran has resigned from the Historic Preservation Commission. Gibson further noted the HPC is recommending Mr. Adam Ware be appointed to the HPC. Gibson noted the appointment will be added to the agenda in April.

911 Director Claude Craig presented the Board with a purchase request for remaining necessary equipment and software for backup 911 expansion. Craig noted this brings the total up to six (6) totally functional 911 backup positions at any location with working internet service.

Public Works Director Dewayne Hunt informed the Board approximately 5,249 pipes are located and maintained by Public Works in urbanized areas. Hunt noted currently the Culvert (tile) policy allows customers to pay \$10/ft. for installed tile, the retail price for 15' RCP \$14.37 and 24' RCP is \$24.59 per LF with most jobs requiring 150 LF up to 300 LF. Hunt noted materials, labor and future maintenance costs to the County is becoming inefficient. Hunt noted he would like to put a moratorium to this policy, however the Board would like to give the citizens other options to fix their culverts or tile ditches.

Chairman Laughter informed the Board about the Fire Watch firefighter who will be at Admin #2 during the operational hours of the accountability courts. Laughter noted this will allow Admin #2 and the accountability courts to remain open until demolition is scheduled for this building.

The work session was adjourned.

R. LYNETTE LAUGHTER, CHAIRMAN
WHITFIELD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BLANCA CARDONA, COUNTY CLERK

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