

MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE WHITFIELD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2020, AT 5:00 P.M. AT 201 S. HAMILTON ST., 5TH FLOOR, DALTON, GA, 30720 AND BY ACCESSING THE FOLLOWING LINK [HTTPS://LIVESTREAM.COM/ACCOUNTS/25637515/EVENTS/7960637](https://livestream.com/accounts/25637515/events/7960637) AND VIA THE WHITFIELD COUNTY WEBSITE WWW.WHITFIELDCOUNTYGA.COM.

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has stated that COVID-19 is frequently spread “[b]etween people who are in close contact with one another,” and on March 16, 2020, the President of the United States issued Guidelines for America, which encourage all persons to assist in containing COVID-19 by taking various precautions, including, but not limited to, working from home, avoiding social gatherings of ten (10) or more persons. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the associated Resolution Declaring a Local Emergency approved by Chairman Laughter on March 16, 2020, this emergency called meeting was simultaneously streamed online for real time viewing at the following link <https://livestream.com/accounts/25637515/events/7960637> and via the whitfield county website www.whitfieldcountyga.com.

The Chairman called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Roll call to determine quorum and all members participated via teleconference

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:

Mark Gibson, County Administrator
Robert Smalley, County Attorney

Motion was made by Commissioner Brooker and seconded by Commissioner Crossen to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Crossen, Brooker, Jones and Robbins in agreement.

FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. **Quitclaim Deed Buckingham Way Homeowners Association, Inc.:** Motion was made by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Crossen to approve the quitclaim deed as presented for Buckingham Way HOA. The motion was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Robbins, Brooker, Jones and Crossen in agreement.
2. **Information Technology – Cloud Email Filtering:** Motion was made by Commissioner Brooker and seconded by Commissioner Crossen to approve the County's email filtering and archiving to Barracuda Cloud services through reseller WrightCore for a 5 year agreement for a total of \$74,999.00 paid annually at \$14,999.80. The motion was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Robbins, Brooker, Jones and Crossen in agreement.
3. **Rezoning Recommendation:** Motion was made by Commissioner Crossen and seconded by Commissioner Brooker to approve the request of Phillip Jordan to rezone from General Agriculture (GA) to Single Family Residential (R-2) a tract of land totaling 1.68 acres located at 638 Good Hope Road NE, Dalton, Georgia. Parcel (11-269-04-000). The Planning Commission has recommended the Board approve the rezoning. The motion was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Robbins, Brooker, Jones and Crossen in agreement.

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4. **Rezoning Recommendation:** Motion was made by Commissioner Crossen and seconded by Commissioner Brooker to approve the request of Brandon Harrison to rezone from Single Family Residential (R-2) to Rural Residential (R-5) a tract of land totaling 1.47 acres located at 1820 Tunnel Hill Varnell Road, Tunnel Hill, Georgia. Parcel (11-284-13-000). The Planning Commission has recommended the Board approve the rezoning with the conditions of no more than two access points and no duplexes be constructed on the property. The motion was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Robbins, Brooker, Jones and Crossen in agreement.

5. **Rezoning Recommendation:** Motion was made by Commissioner Crossen and seconded by Commissioner Brooker to approve the request of Salvador and Monica Loa to rezone from General Commercial (C-2) to Single Family Residential (R-2) a tract of land totaling 5.35 acres located at Airport Road, Dalton, Georgia. Parcel (12-252-37-000). The Planning Commission has recommended the Board approve the rezoning. The motion was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Robbins, Brooker, Jones and Crossen in agreement.

6. **Special Use Permit:** Motion was made by Commissioner Crossen and seconded by Commissioner Brooker to approve the request of Amber Sane for a special use permit for a Forest School on a tract of land totaling 9.89 acres located at 1495 Old Ringgold Road, Ringgold, Georgia. Parcel (27-157-07-000). The Planning Commission has recommended the Board approve the rezoning with the conditions of a cap of no more than 50(fifty) students to be enrolled at the school. The motion was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Robbins, Brooker, Jones and Crossen in agreement.

ADJOURN: Unanimous

R. LYNETTE LAUGHTER, CHAIRMAN
WHITFIELD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BLANCA CARDONA, COUNTY CLERK

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