

MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE WHITFIELD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2020, AT 5:30 P.M. AT 201 S. HAMILTON ST., 5TH FLOOR, DALTON, GA, 30720

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

The Chairman called the meeting to order.
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
Roll call to determine quorum

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
Department Heads
Press
Citizens

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

FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. **Ratify – Dept. of Community Affairs SDS Form 5:** Motion was made by Commissioner Brooker and seconded by Commissioner Crossen to ratify and authorize Chairman Laughter to sign Form 5 of the Service Delivery Strategy. Chairman Laughter noted the SDS extension date of October 31, 2022 was agreed upon by Whitfield County and its municipalities. The motion was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Brooker, Jones, Crossen and Robbins in agreement. Chairman Laughter thanked Commissioners Brooker and Jones for their help in getting this resolved.
2. **Intergovernmental Contract Agreement – SPLOST 2020:** Motion was made by Commissioner Brooker and seconded by Commissioner Jones to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement for the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) between Whitfield County and the Cities of Dalton, Tunnel Hill, Varnell and the Town of Cohutta for the purpose of generating funds to be used and expended on a capital outlay project or projects to be owned or operated or both either by the county, one or more municipalities, or any combination thereof, and O.C.G.A. § 48-8-115(b) authorized the distribution of proceeds from the Special Sales Tax to the county governing authority and any qualified municipalities in accordance with an intergovernmental agreement entered into for such purpose. The motion was approved 4-0, with Commissioners, Crossen, Jones, Robbins and Brooker in agreement.
3. **Resolution Placing a SPLOST Referendum on the May 19, 2020 General Primary Election Ballot:** Motion was made by Commissioner Crossen and seconded by Commissioner Brooker authorizing the Resolution to place a Four-Year Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) Referendum on the May 19, 2020 General Primary Election Ballot for voters. If passed by the voters, it is expected that the SPLOST would collect about \$66 million over the next four years. Please see Exhibit “A” for a project list. The motion was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Brooker, Crossen, Robbins and Jones in agreement.

ADJOURN: Unanimous

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BLANCA CARDONA, COUNTY CLERK

DATE: / /