

**SUMMARY MINUTES FOR THE WORK SESSION OF THE WHITFIELD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD MONDAY JULY 23, 2018, 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  
Barry W. Robbins, Member (ABSENT)  
Roger Crossen, Member (ABSENT)  
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. Laughter informed the attendees of the continuation of SPLOST public input meeting that will be held on Tuesday, July 24, 2018, from 5:30pm – 7:30pm, at Edwards Park. Laughter also noted that the 2019 budget meetings will be open to the public like last year and will begin in September.

Captain Clay Pangle from the Sheriff's Office informed the Board of a recent bid for four (4) full size SUV's in either option 1 (3.7L V6) or option 2 (3.5L V6 w/Ecoboost). Pangle noted that Ford of Dalton was the only vendor to bid on the vehicles. Pangle noted that they Sheriff's Office recommends Ford of Dalton Option 1 bid at \$29,862.68 per vehicle. This item will be on the August Board meeting.

Animal Shelter Director Diane Franklin informed the Board of a recent bid put out for one (1) 2018 transport van. Franklin noted that the van will be used to transport animals to animal rescue groups that have adopted them from the Animal Shelter. This item will be on the August Board meeting.

Debby Peppers and Mary Thelma Norris from the League of Women Voters asked the Board to consider the possibility of an ordinance to address the issue of fracking in Whitfield County. The State recently passed legislation allowing the Department of Natural Resources to create an oil and gas board to review and issue permits and regulate drilling activities. The law also allows local governments to adopt zoning and land use ordinances to limit the location or timing of drilling and fracking activities. Chairman Laughter noted the Board will need to do more research on this topic.

The work session was adjourned.

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R. LYNETTE LAUGHTER, CHAIRMAN  
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