

**MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE WHITFIELD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD MONDAY JULY 27, 2020, AT 5:00 IN EDWARDS PARK COMMUNITY CENTER, LOCATED AT 115 EDWARDS PARK, DALTON, GA**

Whitfield County is currently under a public health state of emergency as the community responds to the COVID-19 pandemic and in keeping with guidelines on public gatherings by Governor Kemp's Executive Orders 06.29.20.01 & 07.15.20.01 and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: this meeting will be open to the public with social distancing measures in effect. Attendees will be seated with six (6) feet of spacing between them and seating for the meeting is limited to 50 persons.

**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:**

Robert Smalley, County Attorney (via-teleconference)  
Mark Gibson, County Administrator  
Department Heads  
Citizen

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

**FOR CONSIDERATION:**

1. **Executive Session – Personnel & Real Estate:** Motion was made by Commissioner Crossen and seconded by Commissioner Brooker to enter into an executive session to discuss personnel and real estate. The motion was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Brooker, Crossen, Robbins and Jones in agreement. Present for the first portion of the executive session was Chairman Lynn Laughter, Commissioners Robbins, Brooker, Crossen and Jones, County Attorney Robert Smalley (via-teleconference), County Administrator Mark Gibson, Finance Director James Garvin, Human Resources Director Jackie Carlo and County Clerk Blanca Cardona. During the second portion of the executive session Jackie Carlo stepped out and County Engineer Kent Benson and Tax Commissioner Danny Sane entered.

Motion was then made by Commissioner Robbins and seconded by Commission Jones to come out of Executive Session. The motion was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Robbins, Brooker, Jones and Crossen in agreement.

**ADJOURN:** Unanimous

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R. LYNETTE LAUGHTER, CHAIRMAN  
WHITFIELD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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BLANCA CARDONA, COUNTY CLERK

DATE: / /