

MINUTES FOR THE EMERGENCY CALLED MEETING OF THE WHITFIELD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2020, AT 12:00 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.

EMERGENCY 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

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 (participated via teleconference)

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

FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. **Joint Resolution with the Cities of Dalton, Tunnel Hill, Varnell and Town of Cohutta - Order to Mitigate the Spread of COVID-19** : Motion was made by Commissioner Brooker and seconded by Commissioner Robbins to approve the joint resolution declaring a state of emergency in the Cities of Dalton, Tunnel Hill, Varnell, and the Town of Cohutta in order to mitigate the spread of Covid -19 by limiting all voluntary social gatherings, dine-in restaurant services, and exposure at nursing and retirement homes, and providing flexibility regarding the sale of alcohol for off premises use, and for other purposes. The following limitations are consistent with guidelines recommended by the President of the United States and will be implemented countywide as of 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 23, 2020 and shall expire on their own terms at midnight on April 13, 2020, unless extended by further action of the applicable governing authorities. The motion was approved 5-0, with Chairman Laughter and Commissioners Crossen, Jones, Robbins and Brooker in agreement.

ADJOURN: Unanimous

R. LYNETTE LAUGHTER, CHAIRMAN
WHITFIELD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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