

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF THE WHITFIELD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD MONDAY, AUGUST 9, 2010, AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING #2, 214 W. KING STREET

WORK SESSION

1. THE WORK SESSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY THE CHAIRMAN
2. Presentation for the JDA was given by Elyse Cochran
3. Performance Measures:
 - a. Presentation given by Melica Kendrick, Clerk of Court
 - b. Presentation given by Jacqueline Carlo for the Human Resources Department
 - c. Presentation given by Gary Brown for the Buildings and Grounds Department
4. Adjourn

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

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

The following members were present:

Mike Babb, Chairman
Harold Brooker, Vice Chairman
Greg Jones, Member
Randy Waskul, Member
Mike Cowan, Member

Others Present:

Citizens
Robert McLeod, County Administrator
Robert Smalley, County Attorney
Dept Heads
Press

A Motion to approve the agenda was made by Commissioner Waskul and seconded by Commissioner Jones. Approval of the agenda was unanimous.

A presentation was made to recognize Whitfield County for being awarded a 2010 NACo Achievement Award for the program entitled, *A Civil War Driving Tour of Dalton-Whitfield County*. The Program was created to increase Civil War tourism to the area and consists of a booklet, map and CD to play in a visitor's car during a tour of historic Civil War sites. The Civil War Driving Tour was a team effort involving many people in the County and the Award is given as recognition to counties for improving the management of and services provided by county government.

CONSENT AGENDA #1:

1. **23 Portable Radios for Sheriff's Office:** Motion was made by Commissioner Brooker and seconded by Commissioner Jones to approve the purchase of twenty-three (23) Kenwood portable radios for the Sheriff's Office from Tri-County Communications for \$18,597.00. The Sheriff's Office is purchasing 23 Kenwood TK-2180K-LKP portable radios with the proceeds for the Byrne-JAG grant. The cost of \$18,957.00 will be paid completely with grant funds at no cost to the County. Tri-County Communications is the sole source vendor for Kenwood in the area. The motion was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Brooker, Cowan, Jones and Waskul in agreement.
2. **Sustainable Communities Partnership Agreement:** Motion was made by Commissioner Cowan and seconded by Commissioner Waskul to authorize the Chairman to sign the Southeast Tennessee-Northwest Georgia Partnership Agreement of Regional Cooperation. Since significant growth is expected in association with new and existing business and industrial

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locations in Southeast Tennessee and Northwest Georgia. This growth will create many new jobs, and test all aspects of the environment throughout the region. In order to meet the challenges that will occur in the near future, the members of the Agreement agree to cooperate in a planning process that will mutually benefit everyone and provide the basis for an orderly transition to a high growth economy while maintaining the existing quality of life. Members of this agreement will also cooperatively carry out the approved application for the HUD Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Program. The Southeast Tennessee Development District will be the lead applicant and act in the representative capacity with HUD on behalf of all members of the consortium. In addition, a formal Consortium Agreement will be executed no later than 120 days after the effective start date of the grant agreement. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Environmental Protection Agency has announced a competitive grant, due August 23rd, that will provide up to 80% of the funding to undertake such an initiative. A minimum of 20% local leverage is required to be considered. All of the counties involved in this agreement will pay a percentage based on population size. Whitfield County's tentative match is \$32,488.55, which would then be spread out over the course of three years. The motion was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Brooker, Cowan, Jones and Waskul in agreement. **(SEE EXHIBIT "A")**

3. **Lease for Prater's Mill Gin House:** Motion was made by Commissioner Brooker and seconded by Commissioner Cowan to authorize the Chairman to sign a lease for the Gin House at Prater's Mill. The property has historically been in the possession of Mr. Kenneth Boring. However, because the property is fundamental to the yearly festival at Prater's Mill, Mr. Boring wanted to give the County an automatically renewing lease so that they could have access to the property for many years to come. The motion was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Brooker, Cowan, Jones and Waskul in agreement. **(SEE EXHIBIT "B")**

CONSENT AGENDA #2:

1. **Rezoning Case #07-26-2010-001 (Phillip A. Jordan):** Motion was made by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Brooker to approve the request of Phillip A. Jordan to rezone parcel number 11-269-08-000 containing a total acreage of 17.62 from Single Family Residential (R-2) to General Agriculture (GA). The property is generally located at 634 Good Hope Road NE, Dalton, Georgia. The subject property has a preexisting building with a total of 1250 square feet of floor space. The site currently has two existing septic tanks that have been preapproved by the Environmental Health Department. The motion was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Brooker, Cowan, Jones and Waskul in agreement.
2. **Rezoning Case #07-26-2010-002 (Gary Bagley):** Motion was made by Commissioner Brooker and seconded by Commissioner Cowan to approve the request of Gary Bagley to rezone parcel number 12-329-01-000, containing a total acreage of 3.09 from General Commercial (C-2) to Rural Residential (R-3). The property is generally located at 200 Quebec Road, Dalton, Georgia. The subject property has a preexisting building with 900 square feet of floor space. Detached single unit residential housing currently surrounds the site. The current sites existing land use is detached residential. The motion was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Brooker, Cowan, Jones and Waskul in agreement.
3. **Bid Award for Kirk Estates In-Kind Project:** Motion was made by Commissioner Brooker and seconded by Commissioner Jones to award the bid for the Kirk Estates In-Kind Project to Meco

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Builders, Inc. for \$164,497.00 and authorize the Chairman to sign the contract. Kirk Estates is a grading, base, and paving project for the City of Dalton under the In-Kind Service agreement (LOST). As directed by the Board, Whitfield County staff sought bids for construction of the project. Two qualified bids were received. The lowest responsive bidder was Mecco Builders, Inc. with a bid price of \$164,497.00. This amount would count toward the County's total in-kind service obligation to the City of Dalton. The County Public Works Department is capable of doing this work, but with several other high priority projects underway or ready for construction, this project would have to be delayed until 2011. Bidding the project out prevents the delay. The motion was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Brooker, Cowan, Jones and Waskul in agreement. **(SEE EXHIBIT "C")**

4. **Bid Award for Unit Priced Curb, Gutter, and Sidewalk:** Motion was made by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Brooker to award the bid for unit priced curb, gutter, and sidewalk to Northwest Georgia Paving, Inc. At the request of the Board, Whitfield County staff sought bids for unit-priced concrete curb, gutter, and sidewalk. These bids will serve as annual bids on other items at Public Works, such as tires. If the County has a curb and/or sidewalk project that it does not have the manpower to complete in a timely manner, the work could be contracted to the winning bidder. Bidders were asked to keep these prices good through December 31, 2011. Two qualified bids were received. The lowest responsive bidder for all items was Northwest Georgia Paving, Inc. of Calhoun. The motion was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Brooker, Cowan, Jones and Waskul in agreement.

PUBLIC COMMENT: After Chairman Babb opened the meeting up for public comment, Mr. Joe Forsee came forward as Director of the Northwest Georgia Regional Library to thank the Commissioners for their continued support and their help with the repaving of the Library's parking lot. There were no other comments from the public.

ADJOURN: Unanimous

MIKE BABB, CHAIRMAN
WHITFIELD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

SAMANTHA BEARDEN, COUNTY CLERK

DATE: / /