

**MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE WHITFIELD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD MONDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2010, AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING #2, 214 W. KING STREET**

**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:**

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

**Others Present:**

Citizens  
Dan Strain

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

**Motion to approved the minutes of the Regular Business Meeting of October 11, 2010, Special Called Meeting of October 18, 2010 and Special Called Meeting of October 25, 2010 was made by Commissioner Brooker and seconded by Commissioner Cowan. The motion was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Brooker, Cowan, Jones and Waskul in agreement.**

**AGENDA #1:**

1. **Resolution Adopting the FY2011 Operating Budget:** Motion was made by Commissioner Brooker and seconded by Commissioner Cowan to enact a Resolution formally adopting the Fiscal Year 2011 Operating Budget. The motion was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Brooker, Cowan, Jones and Waskul in agreement. **(SEE EXHIBIT "A")**
2. **Rocky Face Ridge Battlefield Preservation Easement:** Motion was made by Commissioner Cowan and seconded by Commissioner Waskul to approve the Rocky Face Ridge Battlefield Preservation Easement. In 2000, land was obtained through the American Battlefield Protection Program and a grant in Rocky Face to be preserved as battle field easement. As housekeeping, the easement still needs to be approved. The National Park Service, through its American Battle Field Protection Program, just recently approved the format of the Conservation Easement pertaining to Rocky Face Ridge. The document now will be forwarded to the Georgia Department of National Resources. The motion was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Brooker, Cowan, Jones and Waskul in agreement. **(SEE EXHIBIT "B")**
3. **Interpreter Contract:** Motion was made by Commissioner Cowan and seconded by Commissioner Waskul to approve a contract with KRNW Inc. for Spanish to English interpretation as a year to year contract for the Superior Court. The motion was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Brooker, Cowan, Jones and Waskul in agreement. **(SEE EXHIBIT "C")**
4. **City of Varnell Annexation Request for Tax Parcel 11-191-02-027:** Motion was made by Commissioner Brooker and seconded by Commissioner Cowan to motion for no land use classification objection to the City of Varnell regarding Tax Parcel 11-191-02-027. The property is owned by Karen J. Harris. For tax parcel number 11-191-02-027, the City of Varnell proposed

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- a zoning change from County R-2 to Varnell R-1. The motion was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Brooker, Cowan, Jones and Waskul in agreement.
5. **City of Varnell Annexation Request for Tax Parcel 11-172-02-024:** Motion was made by Commissioner Cowan and seconded by Commissioner Jones to motion for no land use classification objection to the City of Varnell regarding Tax Parcel 11-172-02-024. The property is owned by Lisa Anthony. For tax parcel number 11-172-02-024, the City of Varnell proposed a zoning change from County R-2 to Varnell R-1. The motion was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Brooker, Cowan, Jones and Waskul in agreement.
  6. **Limestone Valley Resource Conservation and Development Council Reappointments:** Motion was made by Commissioner Cowan and seconded by Commissioner Brooker to reappoint both Mr. Greg Jones and Mr. Billy Vinyard to the Limestone Valley Resource Conservation and Development Council. Their new terms will expire on December 31, 2012. The motion was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Brooker, Cowan, Jones and Waskul in agreement.
  7. **Contract with Northwest Georgia Regional Commission for Planning Services:** Motion was made by Commissioner Waskul and seconded by Commissioner Jones to approve a contract with the Northwest Georgia Regional Commission for Planning Services. The contract was set to expire on December 31, 2010 and needed to be renewed in order for the NWGRC to continue to provide planning and development assistance to the County. The current contract rate is \$48.00 an hour for a planner and GIS services and \$37.00 per hour for a planner technician's services. The services are only acquired on an "as-needed" basis. The motion was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Brooker, Cowan, Jones and Waskul in agreement. **(SEE EXHIBIT "D")**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** There were no public comments, however Chairman Babb chose to spoke regarding this being the final meeting for Commissioner Cowan and Commissioner Waskul. Chairman Babb commended them both for their time of public service and thanked them for all of the accomplishments that they brought to Whitfield County. Commissioner Cowan served for fourteen years and Commissioner Waskul served for four years. Both Commissioners also thanked the Board, Staff, and Citizens for being able to serve and announced plans to continue serving Whitfield County in some capacity.

**ADJOURN:** Unanimous

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MIKE BABB, CHAIRMAN  
WHITFIELD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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SAMANTHA BEARDEN, COUNTY CLERK

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