

MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE WHITFIELD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2010, AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING #2, 214 W. KING STREET

THE CHAIRMAN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO 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

Others Present:

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

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

Ms. Brenda Holcomb was presented the Employee of the Month certificate for December, 2009. Ms. Holcomb is employed in the Superior Court.

CONSENT AGENDA #1:

1. **Three (3) Full Size Sedans for the Sheriff's Office:** Motion was made by Commissioner Cowan and seconded by Commissioner Jones to approve the purchase of three full size sedans for the Sheriff's Department. The contract was awarded to local vendor and low bidder, Brooker Ford, for the amount of \$64,026. The motion was approved 4-0 with Commissioners Brooker, Cowan, Jones and Waskul in agreement.
2. **Bid Award for SPLOST Projects 5.1 and 1.6:** Motion was made by Commissioner Brooker and seconded by Commissioner Jones to award the bid for SPLOST projects 5.1 and 1.6 to Mecco Builders, Inc. Mecco Builders, Inc. was the lowest bidder at \$688,684.94. SPLOST Project 5.1 is located on Hurricane Road between Dug Gap Mountain Road and Mill Creek Road. It is a culvert replacement and horizontal improvement project. SPLOST Project 1.6 is the intersection of Mill Creek Road and Crider Road. It is an intersection safety improvement project. All engineering, environmental clearances, and right-of-way acquisitions have been completed, so the project is ready to move to construction. Mecco Builders, Inc. will provide the construction work. In discussion it was confirmed that Mecco Builders, Inc. qualifies as a local vendor based on established criteria. It was also confirmed that Mecco Builders, Inc. has submitted all necessary documents and plans. The motion to award the SPLOST Projects 5.1 and 1.6 bids to Mecco Builders, Inc. was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Brooker, Cowan, Jones and Waskul in agreement.
3. **Bid for Passenger Vehicle Tires and Service to Public Works for FY 2010 ITB # PW-10-TTS-1104:** Motion was made by Commissioner Cowan and seconded by Commissioner Brooker to accept the price list for passenger vehicle tires and service from Taylor's Tire & Service, Inc. Taylor's Tire & Service Inc. was the sole bidder. Passenger vehicle tires and service will be purchased from Taylor's Tire & Service Inc. unless comparable tires can be purchased from the State Contract. It was noted that Taylor's Tire & Services, Inc.'s prices are at or below the State Contract prices. The motion was approved 4-0 with Commissioners Brooker, Cowan, Jones and Waskul in agreement.
4. **Bid for Heavy Truck and Off-Road Tires and Service to Public Works for FY 2010 ITB # PW-10-TTS-1104:** Motion was made by Commissioner Waskul and seconded by Commissioner Brooker to accept the price list for heavy truck and off-road tires and service from Snider Tire unless comparable tires can be purchased from the State Contract. Snider Tire of Dalton, GA was the sole bidder. The motion was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Brooker, Cowan, Jones and Waskul in agreement.

5. **Bid for Providing Oil and Lubricants to Public Works FY 2010:** Motion was made by Commissioner Waskul and seconded by Commissioner Cowan to accept the price list for oil and lubricants from Ownbey Enterprises. The price list is for the lubricants that Public Works will use as needed throughout the remainder of 2010. Ownbey Enterprises was the low bidder and local vendor out of two submitted bids. The motion was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Brooker, Cowan, Jones and Waskul in agreement.

RESOLUTION:

1. **MPO Section Transmittal of Section 5303 Grant Application & Resolution:** Motion was made by Commissioner Waskul and seconded by Commissioner Brooker to pass a resolution to approve a grant application with the Department of Transportation, under Title 49 U.S.C., Section 5303. The resolution is requesting a Title 49 U.S.C. Section 5303 Metropolitan Planning Grant of \$25, 000 to aid in transportation planning. Mr. Bill Allen spoke on behalf of the Metropolitan Planning Commission and explained that in addition to the \$25,000 grant, the Planning Commission is requesting a 10 percent State share for this project in the amount of \$3,125, which will be provided by Whitfield County local General Fund. Mr. Allen further explained that this grant would provide Federal highway administration planning dollars to help support the planning program. The motion was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Brooker, Cowan, Jones and Waskul in agreement. **(EXHIBIT A)**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. **Mike Cowan:** Mr. Cowan wanted to note that there is often confusion about the activities of board members and the relationship of those activities to Whitfield County. Mr. Cowan called attention to the fact that the money used by the Sheriff's Department for three new sedans was from a Justice Grant; in particular, the Byrne Justice Assistant Grant (JAG) through the Federal government. Relating to this, Mr. Cowan pointed out that Whitfield County is a member of the National Association of Counties (NACo) and that the commissioners often attend NACo conferences. He wanted it to be known that the Byrne Justice Assistance Grant was almost cut, but that through the powerful lobbying of NACo, the grant was not only kept, but elevated.

ADJOURN: Unanimous



MIKE BABB, CHAIRMAN
WHITFIELD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



SAMANTHA BEARDEN, COUNTY CLERK

DATE: 08/25/2010