

MINUTES FOR SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE WHITFIELD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD MONDAY, JUNE 7, 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. Performance Measures:
 - a. Presentation given by Whitfield County Magistrate Court Judge Haynes Townsend
 - b. Presentation given by Whitfield County Coroner Bobbie Dixon
3. Adjourn

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

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 (ABSENT)
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 Cowan and seconded by Commissioner Waskul. Approval of the agenda was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Motion was made by Commissioner Cowan and seconded by Commissioner Jones to defer the approval of the minutes for June 1, 2010 to the next Board of Commissioners' meeting. The motion was approved 3-0, with Commissioners Cowan, Jones, and Waskul in agreement.

CONSENT AGENDA #1:

1. **5303 Transit Grant Resolution:** Motion was made by Commissioner Cowan and seconded by Commissioner Waskul to authorize the Chairman to sign a Resolution for the 5303 Transit Grant Application and a ten percent local match. The Resolution authorizes the Whitfield County Board of Commissioners on behalf of the Greater Dalton Metropolitan Planning Organization (GDMPO), to file an application with the United States Department of Transportation and the Georgia Department of Transportation for a grant under Title 49 U.S.C., Section 5303. The Resolution also approves the funding of the required ten percent local match (\$3,125.00) for the \$31,250.00 Federal and State 5303 Transit Grant. The Federal portion is \$25,000.00 or eighty percent of the total Grant, with ten percent of the total amount (\$3,125.00) being paid by the Georgia Department of Revenue and the remaining ten percent being paid locally. The 5303 Transit Grant adds to the budget that pays for the Metropolitan Planning Organization services used to administer and manage many of the planning projects that the GDMPO works on throughout the Fiscal year. The motion was approved 3-0, with Commissioners Cowan, Jones and Waskul in agreement. **(SEE EXHIBIT "A")**

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2. **5307 Transit Grant Resolution:** Motion was made by Commissioner Cowan and seconded by Commissioner Jones to authorize the Chairman to sign a resolution for the 5307 Transit Grant Reapplication and a ten percent local match. The Resolution approves funding of the required ten percent local match (not to exceed \$10,000.00) for the \$100,000.00 Federal/State 5307 Transit Grant. The Federal portion is not to exceed \$80,000.00 or eighty percent of the total Grant amount, with ten percent of the total amount, not to exceed \$10,000.00, being paid by the Georgia Department of Transportation, and the remaining ten percent, not to exceed \$10,000.00 being paid locally. It is yet to be determined if this ten percent local match will be divided up between Whitfield County and the City of Dalton. The term "not to exceed" is used since it is quite plausible that not all of the \$100,000.00 will be used to pay for the new Transit Study, which this grant is paying for, to replace and update the 2006 Transit Study already in existence. The 5307 Transit Grant funds can only be used to pay the subcontractor that will be hired to create the new Transit Study for the Greater Dalton/Whitfield County Urbanized Area, which means that these funds cannot go towards paying any of the Greater Dalton Metropolitan Planning Organization staff salaries, or assisting Whitfield County employee salaries. The 5307 Transit Grant can, and if approved, will pay the local salaries for time spent on this 5307 Transit Study and numerous other planning projects with the Greater Dalton Metropolitan Planning Organization staff will be working on throughout the Fiscal Year 2011. The motion was approved 3-0, with Commissioners Cowan, Jones and Waskul in agreement. **(SEE EXHIBIT "B")**

CONSENT AGENDA #2:

1. **Bid for Providing Uniform Services to Public Works:** Motion was made by Commissioner Waskul and seconded by Commissioner Cowan to accept the uniform bid from Aramark for a 36-month agreement with the option to extend to 60 months if agreeable by both parties. In discussion, Whitfield County's Public Works Supervisor, Alex Baker discussed that currently Ameripride provides the uniform service for Public Works although, they are not under contract. However, on April 22, 2010, Public Works opened bids for uniform services. Bids were received from four companies. Aramark and Unifirst were the top two bidders, with Aramark providing the lowest bid overall. Ameripride was the high bidder. As a comparison, the weekly rental for standard uniforms from Ameripride is presently \$6.87 per uniformed employee. Aramark will charge \$5.30 as a weekly rental fee for standard uniforms per employee. Aramark's pricing was the same for both 36-month and 60-month terms. Going with Aramark's agreement provides the County with a twenty-three percent saving over their current arrangement with Ameripride. The motion was approved 3-0, with Commissioners Cowan, Jones and Waskul in agreement.
2. **Public Works Surplus Vehicles and Equipment:** Motion was made by Commissioner Cowan and seconded by Commissioner Jones to declare Public Works' units number 4, 11, 73, and 231 as surplus and authorize the equipment to be sold on GovDeals.com. Because of age and/or repair costs, Public Works Supervisor, Alex Baker suggested that these items be deemed surplus and sold. Unit #4 is a fully depreciated 1996, Ford F-150 4WD Pickup. This vehicle is deemed as surplus because its mileage and repair costs exceed its present value. Unit #11 is a fully depreciated 1999, Dodge 1500 4WD Pickup. This truck is damaged due to a fire. Unit #73 is a fully depreciated 1998, International 2674 Tandem Dump Truck. The Dump Truck is damaged due to an accident. Unit #231 is a fully depreciated 1989 Caterpillar D4C Dozer. This unit is surplus because the part needed for repair is no longer available. The motion was approved 3-0, with Commissioners Cowan, Jones and Waskul in agreement.

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3. **Bid for Providing Tandem Insert Salt Spreaders to Public Works:** Motion was made by Commissioner Waskul and seconded by Commissioner Jones to accept a bid from Cherokee Truck Equipment Co. for two salt spreaders for a total cost of \$46,476.00. Before the motion was made, there was a discussion about the need for tandem insert salt spreaders between the Commissioners and Whitfield County's Public Works Supervisor, Alex Baker. In discussion, Mr. Baker established that because of the age and potential safety issues involved in our current salt spreaders, there was an important need for new salt spreaders. Mr. Baker mentioned that the County presently owns three tandem spreaders that are strictly sand and salt spreaders. He said that all three of the County's current spreaders are from 1985-1987 and have a pony engine. These spreaders are then mounted on 1972, model trucks and that is a safety issue. Mr. Baker said that the three trucks currently used with our salt spreaders are in poor shape and are parked for most of the year. Then, they are still expected to operate on the coldest days. Mr. Baker also mentioned that these trucks do not have seat belts. With the purchase of new stainless steel tandem inserts, we could use the PTO trucks and not have an extra pony engine. This reduces the number of moving parts that can tear up. Whenever the spreaders are not necessary, the tandem inserts can be taken out and treated until they are needed the next year. Mr. Baker said the advantage was that these could be regular maintenance vehicles that the drivers are used to and simply equipped with the spreaders at the appropriate time of year. This gives Whitfield County the flexibility to use these trucks throughout the year for other purposes. Mr. Baker said that ideally he plans to place Whitfield County's current salt spreaders on GovDeals.com to be sold. On April 22, 2010 Public Works opened bids for tandem insert salt spreaders. Bids were received from two companies: Cherokee Truck Equipment of Chattanooga, Tennessee bid \$23,238.00 each spreader. Municipal Equipment Sales of Woodstock, Georgia bid \$28,055.00. Since, Cherokee Truck Equipment Company was the low bidder, Mr. Baker suggested that the County accept their bid and purchase two tandem insert salt spreaders for \$46,476.00. The motion was approved 3-0, with Commissioners Cowan, Jones and Waskul in agreement.

4. **Bid of Providing Engines, Transmissions and Differentials to Public Works:** Motion was made by Commissioner Cowan and seconded by Commissioner Jones to accept a bid from Jasper Engines and Transmissions for all Chevrolet and Dodge parts that are needed by the Public Works Department. The motion also accepted two bids for Ford parts that may be needed in the future by the Public Works Department. Before the motion, Whitfield County Public Works Supervisor Alex Baker explained that on April 22, 2010, Public Works opened bids for engines, transmissions and differentials for light duty vehicles. Mr. Baker said that the main reason for bidding these items out is that whenever one of these items is needed by the Public Works Department, they have to go to suppliers at that time and check for the low bid. On an annual bid, suppliers could bid once a year and whenever a specific part was needed that bidder could be called upon. Separate bids were received for Chevrolet, Dodge, and Ford. Jasper Engines and Transmissions was the sole qualified bidder for Chevrolet and Dodge vehicle parts and was thus awarded the bid. For Ford parts, the Public Works Department received bids from both Jasper Engines and Brooker Ford. Because Brooker Ford is a local bidder, they were awarded the bid on the eight items that they either bid lower on than Jasper Engines and Transmissions or were within the four percent margin for a local bidder. Brooker Ford then agreed to match Jasper Engine's price for those eight items. Because of this arrangement, the Ford items were split between Jasper Engine and Brooker Ford. A breakdown of the Ford vehicle items can be seen in the EXHIBIT accompanying these minutes. The motion to approve the bids for all of these auto parts is effective until December 31, 2010, which is how long the bid prices are good.

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The motion was approved 3-0, with Commissioners Cowan, Jones and Waskul in agreement.
(SEE EXHIBIT "C")

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

ADJOURN: Unanimous

MIKE BABB, CHAIRMAN
WHITFIELD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

SAMANTHA BEARDEN, COUNTY CLERK

DATE: / /