

MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE WHITFIELD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD THURSDAY, MARCH 25, 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, 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 Brooker and seconded by Commissioner Cowan to approve the minutes for the Special Called Meeting of February 1, 2010. The motion was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Brooker, Cowan, Jones and Waskul in agreement.

CONSENT AGENDA #1:

1. **City of Tunnel Hill Annexation Requests (5 Parcels):** Motion was made by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Cowan to approve the issuance of a letter of no land use classification objection to the City of Tunnel Hill to annex five parcels, so long as residential zoning is maintained. The five parcels annexed are: 11-322-39-000, 12-003-28-000, 12-003-21-000, 12-003-20-000, and 12-003-25-000. All of these parcels are contiguous to the corporate limits of Tunnel Hill. The motion was approved 3-0, with Commissioners Cowan, Jones and Waskul in agreement.
2. **Appointment to the Whitfield County Board of Tax Assessors – Sharon Cooper:** Motion was made by Commissioner Waskul and seconded by Commissioner Cowan to appoint Ms. Sharon Cooper to the vacant seat on the Whitfield County Board of Tax Assessors. Ms. Cooper was appointed to serve a six-year term that will end March 25, 2016. The motion was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Brooker, Cowan, Jones and Waskul in agreement.
3. **Consideration of an Agreement for Scenic Byway Activities Between the Georgia Department of Transportation and Whitfield County:** Motion was made by Commissioner Waskul and seconded by Commissioner Cowan to approve acceptance of the Scenic Byway Grant from the Department of Transportation, provide the local match of \$54,258.33 from Contingency, approve the Sponsor's Resolution and authorize the Chairman to complete the paperwork. The Sponsor's Resolution authorizes the Whitfield County Board of Commissioners and the Georgia Department of Transportation to contract for funding under the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century. The Scenic Byway project to establish Trailheads at the Fishery, Prater's Mill, and Fort Mountain started by Resolution on February 11, 2002. Previously, Murray County and Whitfield County provided a match for the engineering and preliminary design work. The Federal Grant is for \$325,550.00. The local match requirement is \$81,387.50. Out of this amount, Whitfield County will pay two-thirds and Murray County will pay one-third. This is per a

Memorandum of Agreement dated July 10, 2006. Whitfield County's portion will be \$54,258.33, as suggested in the motion. Upon execution of this agreement with the Georgia Department of Transportation, Whitfield County, the lead agency, can now get the work completed. The motion was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Brooker, Cowan, Jones and Waskul in agreement. **(SEE EXHIBIT "A")**

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion was made by Commissioner Brooker and seconded by Commissioner Jones to enter into Executive Session to discuss land acquisition. The motion carried, 4-0. No action was taken in reference to the land acquisition. Motion was made by Commissioner Waskul and seconded by Commissioner Cowan to go out of Executive Session. The motion carried, 4-0.

ADJOURN: Unanimous

MIKE BABB, CHAIRMAN
WHITFIELD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

SAMANTHA BEARDEN, COUNTY CLERK

DATE: / /