

Minutes of Public Hearing  
Elbert County Board of Commissioners  
Wednesday, June 26, 2019

A Public Hearing was held to hear the Proposed FY 2020 Budget. Mr. Thomas stated due to property reevaluations and the roll back of the mill rate last year, revenues are down; and unfortunately supplies and fuel have increased. Several departments came before the board to request additional funds for their department, mostly for pay raises and additional help; but, also for technology updates and improvements that have not been done in several years. Chuck Almond, Lorrie Higginbotham, Rick Mewborne and Kris Williams were among the department heads requesting budget increases. Tommy Allgood asked if there is a proposed budget which Mr. Pitts replied there is a preliminary proposed budget. He also handed out some materials on the state law regarding budgets.

There being no further comments, Chairman Vaughn called the meeting to a close.

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**Chairman Vaughn called the meeting to order.** Present were Chairman Vaughn, Vice Chairman Horace Harper, Commissioner Casey Freeman, Jr., Commissioner Chris Alexander, Commissioner Kenneth Ashworth, Commissioner Freddie Jones, County Administrator Bob Thomas, County Attorney Bill Daughtry, County Clerk Tamara Butler, CFO Phil Pitts.

After the pledge to the United States flag the invocation was given by Commissioner Jones.

**Adoption of the Agenda.** Chairman Vaughn asked for motion to amend the agenda to add 4a) Discussion and approval of a Tax Anticipation Note (TAN). Commissioner Alexander made the motion to approve the agenda and to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Freeman seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

**Discussion and approval of a Continuing Resolution for the FY 2019 budget until the adoption of the FY 2020 budget.** Mr. Thomas stated that since we have not adopted the FY2020 budget by July 1st, a resolution “adopting a continuation budget” from 2019 has to be approved to continue business operations until such time that the new budget is adopted. Commissioner Harper made a motion to approve the Continuation Resolution for the FY 2019 budget. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

**Discussion and approval of Tax Anticipation Note (TAN).** The requested line of credit is \$3,000,000. Mr. Pitts stated that two bids were received from local banking institutions. Pinnacle Bank turned in a bid of 2.3% fixed rate interest. Northeast Georgia Bank turned in a bid of 2.54% fixed rate interest. Elberton Federal Savings & Loan and Regions Bank did not submit bids. Commissioner Harper made a motion to approve the offer from Pinnacle Bank. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

**Public Comments.** There were no public comments.

**Adjournment.** Commissioner Alexander made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Freeman seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.