

**Minutes of Called Meeting  
Elbert County Board of Commissioners  
Thursday, July 18, 2019**

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

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

**Adoption of the Agenda.** Commissioner Ashworth made a motion to adopt the agenda. Commissioner Harper seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 4-0.

**Vice Chairman Alexander asked for a motion to amend the agenda to switch items four (4) and five (5), so the discussion and approval of the 2020 budget will come before the discussion and approval to fund the Development Authority \$15,000; and also to add 5a) Discussion and approval of the purchase of software for the County Road Department.** Commissioner Jones made the motion to amend the agenda and to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Freeman seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 4-0.

**Discussion and approval of the 2020 Budget Resolution for Elbert County.** Mr. Pitts stated the final recommendation for the 2020 budget is \$11,787,535 with a one-time use of fund reserve of \$231,550. Commissioner Harper made a motion to approve the 2020 budget. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

**Discussion and approval to fund the Development Authority with \$15,000 for the period of July 1, 2019 to September 30, 2019.** Mr. Thomas stated this would be approval of \$15,000 for the first quarter and is included in the \$60,000 that is already budgeted. But he would recommend approving one quarter at a time. Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve \$15,000 for the first quarter (July – September 2019), Commissioner Ashworth seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 4-0.

**Discussion and approval of software for the Road Department.** Mr. Thomas stated implementing this software will help the road department keep track of hours of usage on equipment and everyday operations and work orders and can also be used in the shop to keep a record of maintenance on vehicles. Also, can be part of a website that citizens can call in and report road conditions or damage. The software will be purchased from Dude Solutions at a cost of \$4,489/annually. Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve purchasing the software. Commissioner Harper seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 4-0.

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

**Adjournment.** Commissioner Harper made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Freeman seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 4-0.