

**Minutes of Called Meeting  
Elbert County Board of Commissioners  
Monday, July 26, 2021 12:00**

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

After the Pledge to the United States flag the invocation was given by Commissioner Ashworth.

**Adoption of the Agenda.** Commissioner Freeman made a motion to adopt the agenda. Commissioner Harper seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

**Discussion and approval to purchase three (3) patrol cars for the Sheriff's Office.** Darren Scarborough stated he had a price of \$26,187 for each Dodge Charger. Price to equip each one is between \$4,000 to \$5000. The funds will come from SPLOST. Commissioner Alexander made a motion to purchase two (2) Dodge Chargers because of low funds in the SPLOST account. Commissioner Ashworth seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

**Discussion and approval of a Proclamation for two (2) members of the Elbert County Planning Commission.** Mr. Thomas recognized Robert Whitworth and Rod Daniel who have both served on the Planning Commission for many years. Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve the Proclamations for both members. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

**Discussion and approval of the 2022 Budget Resolution.** Mr. Pitts stated the proposed budget for FY2022 for all funds is \$27,433,637; the General Fund budget is \$13,697,155 for FY 2022. After some discussion regarding the increased raises for Public Safety workers and other departments; Mr. Pitts stated what needs to be approved is the Budget Resolution with recommended changes and those changes will be coming out of reserve. With that change the 2022 Budget Resolution is \$27,633,347. Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve the 2022 Budget Resolution with changes. Commissioner Harper seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Commissioner Alexander commented that all Public Safety officers full and part time would receive a \$2 per hour raise and \$1 per hour for all other full and part time employees, as part of the FY2022 budget.

**Public Comments.** Sheriff Andrews thanked the Commissioners for their support.

Adjournment. Commissioner Harper made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Ashworth seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0