

Minutes of Called Meeting
Elbert County Board of Commissioners
Monday, June 30, 2025

- 1) Chairman Lee Vaughn called the meeting to order. Present were Commissioner David Hunt, Commissioner Casey Freeman, Commissioner Chris Alexander, Commissioner Mike Scoggins, County Administrator Allen Hulme, County Attorney Bill Daughtry, CFO Macie Witcher, County Clerk Tamara Butler and media. Commissioner Freddie Jones came in after Item 4 on the agenda.
- 2) After the pledge to the United States flag the invocation was given by Mr. Daughtry.
- 3) **Adoption of the Agenda.** Commissioner Freeman made a motion to adopt the agenda. Commissioner Alexander seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.
- 4) **Public Comments.** Max Black commented that there were some areas in the budget that were “a lot of fluff”. Did not understand the transitions. He stated there is room for significant savings for the county that could translate for other uses within the county. He said with some efficiencies and working with other organizations, both volunteer and professional, there is still room to generate savings.
- 5) **Discussion and consideration of the Proposed FY2026 budget.** Mr. Hulme stated as discussed at the budget hearing, the proposed 2026 budget is up \$974,165; a 6% increase. The total proposed budget is \$33,184,800. Also, he explained that the majority of that increase is for personnel services such as health insurance and salary increases. Commissioner Alexander asked whether the retention bonuses were itemized. Mr. Hulme said that it was not budgeted separately; but if the Board wants it to be part of this budget approval, then it will not have to be approved separately later. Commissioner Freeman asked about growth in the county. Mr. Hulme said it is consistent with last year and went on to say that the increase in real growth and inflationary growth is around \$600,000. Commissioner Hunt made a motion to approve the FY2026 budget. Commissioner Scoggins seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.
- 6) **Adjournment.** Commissioner Alexander made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Commissioner Freeman. The motion passed unanimously.