

MINUTES FOR THE BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING OF THE WHITFIELD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2019, AT 5:30 P.M. AT 201 S. HAMILTON ST., 5TH FLOOR, DALTON, GA, 30720

SPECIAL CALLED WORK SESSION

The Chairman called the work session to order.

The following members were present:

R. Lynette Laughter, Chairman
Harold Brooker, Vice Chairman
Barry W. Robbins, Member
Roger Crossen, Member
Greg Jones, Member

Others Present:

Mark Gibson, County Administrator
Robert Smalley, County Attorney
Department Heads
Press
Citizens

Budget Workshop:

Chairman Laughter called the budget workshop to order at 5:30 p.m. Chairman Laughter noted that this budget workshop is being held to further discuss the 2020 budget that is scheduled to be adopted on Friday, December 20, 2019 during a special called meeting and public hearing a 12 Noon. Chairman Laughter also noted that a public hearing on the budget will be held on December 13, 2019 at 12:00 p.m. in the fifth floor of the Wells Fargo building located at 201 S. Hamilton Street.

Juvenile Court Administrator Robbie Walka addressed the Board about the request for additional funding for guardian ad litem and contract attorneys. Walka noted it is imperative for parents and children to have consistent and quality representation.

Public Works Director Dewayne Hunt presented the Board with a five and ten year average of the departments budget. Hunt also presented information about a leasing program of County vehicles rather than purchasing them on a yearly basis.

Parks and Recreation Director Brian Chastain presented the Board with a recreation sports participation chart for review. Chastain noted participation in all sports is growing.

County Engineer Kent Benson briefed the Board on the budgets of Building Inspection, and Enforcement, Stormwater and Erosion, Planning and Zoning, GDMPO, GIS and Transit.

Fire Chief Ed O'Brien presented the Board with an overview of the Fire Departments budget. O'Brien noted the department has been losing staff due higher wage offers in neighboring cities and counties.

The budget workshop was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

R. LYNETTE LAUGHTER, CHAIRMAN
WHITFIELD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BLANCA CARDONA, COUNTY CLERK

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