

MEETING MINUTES FOR THE BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING OF THE WHITFIELD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2019 AT 12 NOON AT 201 S. HAMILTON ST., 5TH FLOOR, DALTON, GA, 30720

BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

The Chairman called the meeting to order.
Pledge of allegiance to the Flag
Roll call to determine quorum

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 Public Hearing:

Chairman Laughter noted this public hearing was advertised in the newspaper and the proposed 2020 budget is posted on the County's website. By State law, a public hearing is required prior to adoption of the budget. Chairman Laughter further stated that the adoption of the proposed budget will be held on December 20, 2019 at noon.

Chairman Laughter opened the 2020 Budget Public Hearing.

Finance Director James Garvin presented the overall status of the 2020 budget. The LOST agreement that became effective January 1, 2013 reduced the County's percentage every two years and decreased to 61.556% this year. Garvin noted the 2020 budget would not have a deficit.

Mr. Jevin Jensen addressed the Board. Jensen asked if the 2018 CAFR would be ready soon.

Chairman Laughter explained that with Mr. Garvin being new to the Finance Director position and changing auditors the CAFR deadline was extended this year and hopefully will be ready soon.

Commissioner Crossen noted this is the first year a TAN (tax anticipation note) was not issued, in several years.

There being no other comments or questions, Chairman Laughter declared the public hearing closed.

ADJOURN: Unanimous

R. LYNETTE LAUGHTER, CHAIRMAN
WHITFIELD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BLANCA CARDONA, COUNTY CLERK

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