

MEETING MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING AND BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING OF THE WHITFIELD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20, 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 there have been several budget workshops and budget public hearings for the 2020 budget.

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.

There were no public comments, Chairman Laughter closed the hearing.

FOR CONSIDERATION

1. **Alcohol License Renewals - 2020:** Motion was made by Commissioner Brooker and seconded by Commissioner Crossen to approve 8 2020 Alcohol License Renewals. Exhibit "A" is a list of establishments currently in operation and holding a 2019 Alcohol License. There were not any reports of any violations regarding these establishments. The motion was approved 4-0, with Commissioners Brooker, Robbins, Jones and Crossen in agreement.
2. **2020 Budget Adoption:** Motion was made by Commissioner Crossen and seconded by Commissioner Brooker to adopt the 2020 budget as presented by Finance Director James Garvin. The total general fund revenues and fund balance for FY2020 is \$49,620,812 with \$269,128 surplus, special revenue funds are \$14,824,344, capital project funds of \$18,956,955, and proprietary funds of \$853,880. The motion was approved 4-1, with Commissioner Crossen, Jones and Brooker in agreement, with Chairman Laughter also voting to approve the budget as presented. Commissioner Robbins in dissent.

ADJOURN: Unanimous

R. LYNETTE LAUGHTER, CHAIRMAN

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