

MINUTES FOR THE EMERGENCY CALLED MEETING OF THE WHITFIELD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD MONDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2020, AT 6:00 P.M. AT BY ACCESSING THE FOLLOWING LINK [HTTPS://LIVESTREAM.COM/ACCOUNTS/25637515/EVENTS/7960637](https://livestream.com/accounts/25637515/events/7960637) AND VIA THE WHITFIELD COUNTY WEBSITE WWW.WHITFIELDCOUNTYGA.COM.

VIRTUAL – SPECIAL CALLED MEETING AND BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

The meeting was streamed online for public simultaneous access at Whitfield County’s website www.whitfieldcountyga.com. Whitfield County is currently under a public health state of emergency as the community responds to the COVID-19 pandemic and in an effort to adhere to the guidelines set forth by the CDC; this virtual meeting was held through video teleconferencing. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1(g) every effort will be made to have the public participate in the meeting and can be livestreamed using the following link: <https://livestream.com/accounts/25637515/events/7960637>

The following members were present:

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

Others Present:

Robert Smalley, County Attorney
Department Heads
Citizens
Press

Motion was made by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Brooker to approve the agenda. The motion was approved 3-0, with Commissioners Brooker, Jones and Robbins in agreement.

Budget Public Hearing:

Chairman Laughter noted this is the second public hearing held on the proposed 2021 budget. Chairman Laughter opened the 2021 Budget Public Hearing.

Finance Director James Garvin presented the overall status of the 2021 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 further noted that beginning 2021 the County’s LOST percentage will lower to 60.457%. Garvin also noted the revenues for 2021 are \$50,090,188 with expenditures of \$51,022,950.

There were no public comments, Chairman Laughter closed the hearing

FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. **Resolution – Pension Amendment:** Motion was made by Commissioner Brooker and seconded by Commissioner Jones to adopt agreement #2 to the Association County Commissioners of Georgia Defined Benefit Plan. This amendment will be effective as of January 1, 2021, to designate two new classes of Eligible Employees (Classes 4 and 5), who will be eligible for an unreduced early retirement benefit upon the attainment of age fifty-five (55) with twenty-five (25) years of Vesting Service Resolution to Amend the ACCG Defined Benefit Plan for Whitfield County Employees. The motion was approved 3-0, with Commissioners Brooker, Robbins and Jones in agreement.
2. **Adoption of 2021 Budget:** Motion was made by Commissioner Brooker and seconded by Commissioner Jones to adopt the 2021 budget, with the following changes; remove two (2) vehicles from the Engineers capital request, change the amount of the Library budget from \$312,000 to \$255,400 and to increase the Board of Elections contract services account to \$50,300 up from \$35,575. The total general fund revenues are \$50,090,188 and expenditures of \$50,721,324. The motion was approved 4-0, with Chairman Laughter and Commissioners Brooker, Robbins and Jones in agreement.

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3. **IT – Kronos Timekeeping Brower:** Motion was made by Commissioner Brooker and seconded by Commissioner Jones to approve purchasing a browser plug in for the Kronos Timekeeping Software. This is for a browser or browser plug-in for the Kronos timekeeping system. The current version requires flash to operate and flash will stop working December 31, 2020. The cost is \$25,000 for an unlimited user license. An upgrade to the current Kronos version will solve the flash issue, but the upgrade cannot be done until after February. The motion was approved 3-0, with Commissioners Jones, Brooker and Robbins in agreement.

4. **Donation to State Properties Commission – Driver Services Center Wagner Drive:** Motion was made by Commissioner Brooker and seconded by Commissioner Robbins to convey real property located 235 Wagner Drive to the State of Georgia Drivers Department Services, which will construct a new Dept. of Drivers Services building. The amount of property donated is approximately 7.77 acres. The motion was approved 3-0, with Commissioners Brooker, Robbins and Jones in agreement.

ADJOURN: Unanimous

JEVIN JENSEN, CHAIRMAN
WHITFIELD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BLANCA CARDONA, COUNTY CLERK

DATE: / /