

**Minutes of Called Meeting
Elbert County Board of Commissioners
Thursday, June 28, 2018 12:00 noon**

Chairman Tommy Lyon called the meeting to order. Present were Chairman Lyon, Vice Chairman Horace Harper, Commissioner Lee Vaughn, Commissioner Chris Alexander, Commissioner Kenneth Ashworth, Commissioner Freddie Jones, County Administrator Bob Thomas, County Attorney Bill Daughtry, County Clerk Tamara Butler, CFO Phil Pitts.

After the pledge to the United States flag the invocation was given by Commissioner Ashworth.

Adoption of the Agenda. Commissioner Harper made a motion to adopt the agenda. Commissioner Ashworth seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and review of a proposal to provide Accident and Sickness insurance for the Elbert County Volunteer Fire Department. Mr. Thomas that this is something that we have wanted to provide to our volunteer firefighters in the past; but funds have not allowed for it. The total annual premium will be \$4654.00 and will come out of this fiscal year's budget. Commissioner Alexander made a motion to approve Accident and Sickness insurance to our volunteer firefighters. Commissioner Ashworth seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Discussion of the proposed 2019 General Fund budget. Chairman Lyon asked for a motion to amend the agenda to include the amended budget for 2017. Commissioner Ashworth made the motion. Commissioner Vaughn seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Pitts stated as a reminder what was approved is less than what was already approved. Mr. Thomas wanted to point out that a new Purchasing Department was added to this budget. He also stated the budget for the Detention Center continues to go up due to increased food cost and inmate medical expense. Also, the increased fuel cost has had an impact on the budget. The total proposed budget is up 3% from last year. Mr. Thomas said he feels good about the proposed budget and commended all the departments for doing what they could to keep their budget down.

A public hearing will be held before the next regular meeting. It will be advertised in the local legal organ, then we will have to wait seven (7) days before we can officially adopt the budget. A called meeting will then be held.

Public Comments. There were no public comments.

Adjournment. Commissioner Harper made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Alexander seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.