

**Minutes of Called Meeting
Elbert County Board of Commissioners
Thursday, June 25, 2020**

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

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

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

Kerry Trapnell with Elbert Memorial Hospital gave an update on hospital activities and to ask that funding not be reduced and to work with them on the future of the hospital.

Discussion and approval of the Proposed 2021 Budget. Mr. Pitts stated what is being considered at this meeting is not a millage rate; but the proposed budget for the 2021 fiscal year which does have an impact on the millage rate. The proposed budget for FY2021 is \$21,930.510, with increases in budgets for several departments over last year. He also stated with the increase in revenue needs, the county will need at least 1 more mill than this year.

Chairman Vaughn previously stated the hospital is not in the budget but is something to be considered when voting on the upcoming millage rate. Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve the 2021 budget of \$21,930,510. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Public Comments. Daniel Graves asked for continued support of the hospital.

Executive Session. Commissioner Ashworth made a motion to enter Executive Session. Commissioner Alexander seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Upon returning, Commissioner Freeman made the motion to enter General Session. Commissioner Ashworth seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

No action was taken.

Adjournment. Commissioner Alexander made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Harper seconded. The motion passed unanimously.