



Jackson County Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 9, 2020 • 6:00 p.m.

The Jackson County Board of Commissioners held a called board meeting on Wednesday, September 9, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was held in the auditorium at the County Administrative Building, 67 Athens Street, Jefferson, GA.

Commissioners Present: Tom Crow, Chairman
Jim Hix, Commissioner District 1
Marty Seagraves, Commissioner District 4
Ralph Richardson, Jr., Commissioner District 3 - left at 7:15 p.m.

Commissioners Absent: Chas Hardy, Commissioner District 2

Staff Present: Kevin C. Poe, County Manager
Gina Roy, Assistant County Manager
Trey Wood, Finance Director

Media Present: Alex Buffington, Jackson Herald/Mainstreet News

I. Call to Order:

Chairman Tom Crow called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. New Business:

1. Review & Presentation of Proposed of FY 2021 Preliminary Budget: (Kevin Poe)

County Manager Kevin Poe addressed the board and presented the proposed FY 2021 Budget. The proposed budget for the General Fund totaled \$58,812,702 and the budget for all funds totaled \$88,154,820. Mr. Poe reported the recommended budget had an excess of expenditures over revenues in the amount of \$2,462,760. Budget highlights included a 3% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for all employees. The total increase in salaries as a result of this was approximately \$590,000. Health costs were increased by 12%. The budget also included \$5,865,000 for proposed capital projects, \$1,097,000 for proposed equipment purchases, and included the addition of seven (7) new, full-time positions.

Mr. Poe estimated an increase in property tax in the amount of \$3,295,332. The proposed new millage rate for the unincorporated area was 8.95 mills for the unincorporated area and 10.447 mills for the incorporated area. This was a 0.216 mill and a 0.366 mill decrease from the prior year. With the millage rate reduction, the increase in taxes was attributed to new growth in the digest. Mr. Poe reviewed the proposed expenditures for each department, which included the specific, proposed capital projects and equipment purchases. A full and complete copy of the budget summary is filed in the Addendum Book and is hereby a part of the official record.

I. ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Crow declared the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

All printed material/documentation presented is filed in Board Minute Addendum Book No. 13-P
(Year 2020) and hereby becomes a part of these official minutes.

Minutes Approved: September 21, 2020.

BOARD MEMBERS



Tom Crow
Tom Crow, Chairman

Jim Hix
Jim Hix, District 1 Commissioner

Chas Hardy
Chas Hardy, District 2 Commissioner

Ralph Richardson, Jr.
Ralph Richardson, Jr., District 3 Commissioner

Marty Seagraves
Marty Seagraves, District 4 Commissioner

Attest: Erica Johnson
Erica Johnson, Deputy Clerk