

**HABERSHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
6:00 P.M., MONDAY, JUNE 24, 2024
HABERSHAM COUNTY COURTHOUSE
JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM
295 LLEWELLYN STREET, CLARKESVILLE, GA 30523**

The Habersham County Board of Commissioners held a special called meeting on Monday, June 24, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Jury Assembly Room of the Habersham County Courthouse located at 295 Llewellyn St, Clarkesville, GA 30523.

Present was Chairman Ty Akins, Vice Chairman Bruce Harkness, Commissioner Bruce Palmer, Commissioner Dustin Mealor, Commissioner Jimmy Tench, County Manager Alicia Vaughn, County Clerk Brandalin Carnes, staff, members of the media and the public.

County Attorney Donnie Hunt was available over the phone.

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

Chairman Akins lead the invocation.

Commissioner Harkness lead the pledge of allegiance.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Harkness, seconded by Commissioner Mealor and voted unanimously (5-0) to approve the agenda as presented.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- a. Second Reading of the Proposed FY 2025 Budget

Chief Financial Officer Tim Sims gave a presentation on the proposed FY 2025 Budget.

Mr. Sims informed the Commission that the amount of budget requests that were made by all of the county departments and offices totaled \$44.65 million Of this, \$1.42 million were requests for 24 new positions and \$3.86 million were capital project request. Management has already cut \$5.48 million in these requests. Out of the \$3.86 million that was requested from the CIP Fund for projects, management has cut the list down to \$1.92 million to present to the Commission to determine what to include in the \$1.66 million that is being proposed for the CIP budget.

He had received worksheets back from each of the Commissioners and compiled their responses regarding which of the recommended position and CIP requests they would like to include or exclude from the budget. Based on these responses, it appears that there is a consensus for a merit/COLA increase for employees of 3% rather than 4%. Out of the twenty-two (22) position requests that were recommended, there only appears to be consensus among the Commission for the following fourteen (14):

- 6 Full-Time Firefighter/EMS positions for Emergency Services
- 2 Part-Time Animal Care Technicians for Animal Control
- 3 Full-Time Maintenance Workers for Facilities Maintenance
- 1 Full-Time IT Technician for Information Technology
- 1 Full-Time Network Service Administrator for Information Technology
- 1 Full-Time Public Information Officer

Additionally, there appeared to be consensus to include two new paramedic/EMT positions for Emergency Medical Services which would be paid for out of the Emergency Medical Services fund.

Mr. Sims stated that out of the \$3.86 million that was requested from the CIP Fund for projects, management has cut the list down to \$1.92 million to present to the Commission to determine what to include in the \$1.66 million that is being proposed to keep the CIP expenditures at the same level as the previous year. Based on the compilation of the responses that were received from the Commission, the cuts that they made to these requests kept them within \$41,091.00 of the \$1.66 million. This essentially means that the only increase to the budget this year would be for any new position requests that are approved.

Based on the compiled responses from the Commission for cuts and inclusions of position request and CIP request the proposed FY 2025 budget across all funds is \$85.42 million, which is a 16.2% increase from the FY 2024 budget of \$73.55 million. The only portion of the budget that is funded by property taxes is the general fund, which makes up 46% of the budget.

Chairman Akins asked the Commission if they had any questions regarding the proposed FY 2025 budget?

Commissioner Palmer expressed his dissatisfaction with the Partnership Habersham's level of involvement with the Development Authority, stating that he feels that it is a one-sided partnership. Though Habersham County contributes \$35,000/year and the Development Authority contributes \$15,000/year, he feels that both have little say or oversight as to how the funding is used. To his knowledge, the only elected official on the executive board is a councilman from Mt. Airy. He informed everyone that the county has requested financials several times in the past from Partnership Habersham and not been provided them. Partnership Habersham just recently sent one quarter's worth of financials; however, it is difficult to determine what is being done with funds from one quarter of a year's worth of financial information. He questioned whether it may be better to take the \$35,000 contributions they are making and put it towards hiring the County's own Economic Development Director. Commissioner Harkness stated that he had similar concerns as Commissioner Palmer. Chairman Akins stated that he realizes that there have been disagreements on how Partnership Habersham has done some things, however they were formed out of the good intention of bringing the Cities and County together with local business owners. He feels that they have done a lot of good for the community, including work force development. While he feels that some of Commissioner Palmer's concerns are valid, he is hoping that they can work through the issues while remaining a partner.

Commissioner Harkness stated that last year he had a list of concerns, but it was nothing compared to this year. When he met with the County Manager and Chief Financial Officer, he was given a four-page document, only three pages of which contained expenditures for the Commission to review. When he asked for a copy of the actual budget, he was then given a thirteen-page document. Commissioner Akins informed Commissioner Harkness that during the budget meetings each Commissioner received two, three-inch binders that listed individual line items for each department. Commissioner Harkness confirmed that he had received those binders and that he had attended the meetings, however he restated that the Commission was only given a three-page list of items to approve or disapprove. Commissioner Akins clarified that the three-page list consists of new position requests and new capital expense requests such as facility repairs, or equipment needed by a department. Making cuts to anything else would need to involve the Commission discussing cutting services, which they can do if Commissioner Harkness wishes? Commissioner Harkness stated that he doesn't wish to cut services, however in the future he feels that the Commission should be able to review the entirety of the budget. Mrs. Vaughn informed him that this is what occurs during the three days of departmental budget meetings, and while Commissioner Harkness heard some of the meetings, he was not present at all of them. Commissioner Harkness disagreed, stating that he was present for most of those meetings. He is concerned because there were several thousand line items to work through and he was just given the documents on Friday (June 21st). Commissioner Akins and Mrs. Vaughn informed Commissioner Harkness that he received those documents in March during the budget meetings, at which time they were reviewed in detail and the Commissioners were asked for their comments. Mrs. Vaughn further stated that

part of the reason why they have each of the department heads and elected officials come to present their budgets in detail during those meetings is so they can be available for any questions the Commission has. Commissioner Harkness stated that he didn't realize that by attending those meetings they were approving thousands of items. Chief Financial Officer Tim Sims informed him that the items to which he is referring are operational expenses. Commissioner Harkness questioned the line items for contracted services, subscriptions and dues in the Commission budget and Commissioner Akins informed him that a good time to have brought these questions up would have been at the budget meetings, however he also had all of April, May and most of June to bring these questions up. Commissioner Harkness stated that he attended the meetings, however Mrs. Vaughn corrected him saying that he only attended the meetings for the court system and had not been present for any of the meetings that involved departments under the control of the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Palmer stated that he understands that there is some dissent over the replacement of the natatorium doors, however he wanted to make sure that they were all aware that the doors in question are emergency exits that go to the outside of the facilities? These doors are rusted and if they are hanging up it prevents people from leaving the natatorium in the event of an emergency. Commissioner Akins stated that he had gone out and viewed the doors and agrees they are in bad condition.

Commissioner Palmer spoke in regard to the position request for the recreation department, stating that many of the complaints that they receive involve the Recreation Department is due to the fact that they don't have enough staff to operate programs and also be available at the aquatic center to answer questions or assist with any issues that arise.

Commissioner Palmer spoke in regard to the 3% cost of living adjustment (COLA), stating he feels that COLA's cause wage compression in the ranks of current employees by raising the starting pay of employees coming in. He feels that it is better to continue offering the merit increases as they have for several years. Commissioner Harkness stated that the reason he wishes to provide a COLA instead of a merit increase is because he feels that if an employee is doing their job, then they all deserve to have this increase without having to meet criteria as the employees feel the effect of inflation as well. He doesn't like the idea of this being decided by merit as he feels that it provides the opportunity for supervisors to make arbitrary decisions.

Commissioner Palmer also wanted to remind the Commission that they paid over \$300,000 for a private company to assist with reassessing all the commercial property in the County, just to consider rolling the millage rate back. While he understands that the residential property owners may get a small tax break, most of the rollback would give money back to the commercial property owners. At that point, the Commission would have been better off not even having touched it in the first place as they got no benefit out of it.

Chief Financial Officer Tim Sims wanted to reiterate to the Commission that the budget that is being presented tonight does include a rollback of the millage rate. It is only expected to be a partial rollback, but it is a rollback. They will not know how much of a rollback that this will be until they get the final digest numbers from the Tax Assessor's Office. At this time, they only have preliminary numbers to work with.

Chairman Akins opened the hearing up for comment.

Robert Lonergan- Mr. Lonergan informed the Commission that his property taxes were increasing by 20%. He wants to know why they are considering giving personnel 4% raises when his taxes are going up? He feels that the Commission should reduce their expenses by cutting personal use of county vehicles by employees, cutting spending on unnecessary equipment and unnecessary positions.

Paula Hanington- Ms. Hanington voiced that while she understands that only 46% of the budget is funded by property taxes, that it is still a large amount of money. Ms. Hanington reminded the Commission that she had brought up questions regarding the Recreation Departments gymnastics program at the last meeting. She does not understand why the taxpayers should make up the deficit between the \$496,000 budget for this

program and the \$231,00 in revenue it actually brings in. Ms. Hannington questioned the number of children who are served by this program, wondering if the same children are getting counted multiple times as participants due to the registration being broken up into separate sessions. She feels that this is an example of a government program that should be left to private enterprises and is asking that the gymnastic program be cut, and the funds reallocated in the budget. Chairman Akins stated that the Commission received numbers since their last meeting stating that there are over 1000 children served by the gymnastics program, however it could be possible that there are duplicates. He expressed that, while the Commission is open to ways to save money, programs such as this one are considered to be a “quality of life” type service and the majority of those services expend more money than they receive in revenue. He informed her that many of the sports programs that the County had absorbed such as baseball and softball used to be private, however those entities no longer wished to provide the program and asked the County to take them over. Commissioner Harkness inquired as to whether the Commission ever got the number of gymnastics participants? County Manager Vaughn informed him that she had provided this information to the Commission via email. There are multiple class offerings under the gymnastics umbrella including cheer leading and the summer camp, and the list she sent the Commissioners detailed the participants in each class. This list shows a total of around 1,000 participants over a years’ time. Commissioner Harkness informed her that he understands what she is saying, however he has a degree in accounting and still could not follow the numbers.

Kevin Gaddis- Mr. Gaddis stated that he spoke at the budget meetings last year and at that time he had voiced the need for the County to look into private partnerships. He feels that the government should be focused on providing only necessary services such as public safety, infrastructure, waste management and schools that are not provided by the private sector. The assessed value of his property went up by \$60,000 this year. He can see many people on social media talking about how they are living paycheck to paycheck and struggling, and he knows there are a lot of elderly people living in the community. Those people are having to cut their budget as they are unable to increase their revenue through taxation. He feels that the Commission should listen to Commissioner Harkness and go back and review the line items for all of the department and identify more unnecessary items that can be cut. Mr. Gaddis addressed County Manager Vaughn, informing her that he felt she was out of line in arguing with Commissioner Harkness as she works for him.

Peggy Fortson- Ms. Fortson is a member of the Recreation Board. She realizes that this Board has not been active in the past and had low meeting attendance, however it has been completely revised and she assures the Commission that they are now active and holding monthly meetings with constituents and plan to stay in communication with the Commission. She feels the staffing requests from the Recreation Department are critical as they are starting to run into liability concerns with not having the necessary personnel to safely run programs, and they are asking the Commission to reconsider approving this staffing. She also feels that not approving the funds to complete some of the requested facility repairs, including the ones for the pool, could provide a liability risk as well. In addition, she would like to for the Commission to approve the security cameras that are being requested by the IT Department as the explosive growth they have seen with the use of the pickleball courts has also led to reports of inappropriate behavior among young players in regard to their interactions with other players as well as their mistreatment of the facility.

Harold Tolbert- Mr. Tolbert stated that he has heard that the Board of Education is reimbursing the County for the School Resource Officers. He wants to know if the school system would be paying 100% for the School Resource Officers including their equipment, vehicles, vehicle maintenance, etc. Chairman Akins stated that it his understanding that the School Board is providing for some of their equipment needs. Mr. Topper inquired as to why another Public Information Officer was needed? He wanted to know whether the current Public Information Officer’s job description is to provide information to the public or if it is to go to accident scenes, direct traffic and be left in charge of hazmat accident scenes? Commissioner Akins stated that half of the PIO salary is paid for by the Sheriff’s Office. Mr. Tolbert stated that this money comes out of the same budget. He doesn’t understand why a second PIO is necessary.

Joey Brown- Mr. Brown voiced his concerns about the government taking over services that he feels should be provided by the private sector and then operating them at a loss. He wanted to know if the fitness center is truly paying for itself, as he can see where its budget has increased again. Chairman Akins assured Mr. Brown that one of the conditions for having kept the fitness center was that it had to show that it would fund itself. The Commission had received a financial breakdown that showed this at the time agreed to keep it going. Mr. Brown stated that his taxes went up by 25%. His mother-in-law's taxes went up by \$500 and she is elderly and on a fixed income. He feels that there should be a full roll back, not a partial one even if it means the Commission must go back and look at each item in the budget line by line.

There were no additional members of the public who wished to speak after Mr. Brown regarding the proposed FY 2025 budget.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were none who signed up for public comment. An announcement had been made at the beginning of the meeting to inform everyone that there would be an opportunity to speak regarding any topics in relation to the budget during the hearing portion of the meeting with no sign-up required. All those who wished to speak on other topics were asked to sign up for public comment. There were none who signed up for public comment for no budget related matters.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Consider/Approve Resolution 2024-06-002 Adopting FY 2025 Budget

Commissioner Harkness stated that his taxes have also increased by around 20%, and that his phone has rang off the hook from other individuals whose taxes are going up. While he realizes that this estimated increase is based on last year's millage rate and not the current year, he feels that there are still a lot of individuals on fixed incomes who will be taxed out of living in Habersham County. He expressed his displeasure with the budget process, stating that he attended at least portion of each of the three days of departmental budget meetings that were held, and that there was one day he attended where Chairman Akins was unable to attend the entire day himself. His primary issue is that the Commissioners are elected officials and that they are supposed to approve every single line item of the budget and he feels that he was not provided with the opportunity to do so. He informed the public that the Commission is reaching into their pockets and taking their money. He is trying to represent them to the best of his ability and that he refused to be bullied or cowed down and he has a right to express his opinion. Chairman Akin stated that he was sorry that Commissioner Harkness felt this way, because as the Chairman he has always worked to make sure all the Commissioners have an opportunity to speak, he has always encouraged them to do so and has never told them they couldn't.

Commissioner Palmer reminded everyone that until the millage rate is set, no one's taxes have went up. The tax estimates on the assessment notices that went out were based on last year's millage rate. The reason he had said the things he did earlier regarding the residential property is because most Habersham County residents have the homestead exemption value freeze. If they roll the millage rate back those individuals will not only not be having taxes assessed on the actual value of their residence, but they will also be getting the rollback on top of it. Commissioner Harkness stated that still, a lot of people's homes increased in value by 20%. Commissioner Palmer informed him if an individual has the homestead exemption freeze then then their taxable property value does not increase. Commissioner Harkness stated that his home value went up by \$120,000. Commissioner Palmer informed him that if he had the homestead exemption freeze then this wouldn't occur.

Commissioner Akins stated that based on the compilation of the individual responses that were turned in by the Commissioners, they already have a consensus on a lot of the items on the lists. They may have to discuss some items though. Commissioner Harkness stated that he was in consensus with a lot of items on the lists, and that the other Commissioners may get the budget to pass tonight, however he was going to be a no vote regardless.

RECESS

Motion by Commissioner Pamer, seconded by Commissioner Mealor, and vote unanimously (5-0) to take a 10-minutes recess at 7:25 p.m.

Motion by Chairman Akins, seconded by Commissioner Harkness, and voted unanimously (5-0) to come back from recess at 7:38 p.m.

Discussion was had at length regarding the position requests

Mrs. Vaughn informed the Commission that with Commissioner Harkness having already stated that he is voting “no” for the budget he can’t be counted towards a consensus on any individual items listed. Commissioner Harkness countered that he still felt that, as a Commissioner, he should be allowed to have an opinion on any item that affects the budget. Mrs. Vaughn informed him that he can have an opinion, but if he is saying that he is an automatic “no” vote for the budget than he has essentially voted no on all the items being discussed.

Commissioner Tench stated that he would have been willing to support hiring more firefighters, however he doesn’t feel like the south end of the county is being treated the same as the north, citing the poor condition of the fire station as an example. Commissioner Mealor stated that the purpose of adding these positions is to allow every fire station to be staffed to the point that each fire engine can have two people manning it.

The results of the discussions was that that there only appeared to be consensus to approve one (1) facilities maintenance tech, one (1) parks maintenance worker, one (1) public information officer, two (2) IT positions, one (1) animal control tech, and six (6) firefighters.

Discussion was had at length on the CIP requests.

Commissioner Harkness asked Commissioner Akins if he found out any information regarding the \$180,000 phone system replacement that was being requested? Chairman Akins stated that he had spoken with IT Director Tracy Williamson, and while the current phone system is only 4 or 5 years old, she had been told by the company that they were no longer going to provide any support for the system, and there would not have been any ability to add anyone onto it. The \$180,000 is the estimated cost to replace the phone system for the entire County and covers the replacement of the phones as well as the subscription that would be required for the system.

Chairman Akin asked if the budget would need to be presented again at a subsequent meeting with any changes that they proposed tonight? Mrs. Vaughn informed him that this was not necessary if they wished to vote tonight to approve the budget with the changes that they are making included.

Commissioner Mealor asked Mr. Sims for a total for the changes that they have made so far? Mr. Sims informed them that at this time the new cuts that they are making include removing one (1) facilities maintenance tech and one (1) animal care technician, which made the total for the new positions request go from \$755,259 to \$695,702. At this time, the discussions indicated that there have not been any new changes to the CIP requests, as Emergency Services Director Jeff Adams had removed his request for the ambulance remount prior to the meeting.

Discussion was had at length regarding a proposed merit increase and or Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for the employees.

While there had originally been a consensus for a 3% COLA for the employees, Mrs. Vaughn informed the Commission that they no longer had a consensus for this due to Commissioner Harkness stating that he is not voting for the budget. Commissioner Akins asked if a middle ground could be found as it appeared that everyone agreed that the employees should receive at least a 3% increase in some form. Commissioner Palmer feels that they should leave the 3% increase as merit based and give an additional 2% COLA increase. Commissioner Harkness feels that any increase that is given should be a COLA and not merit based. He feels that either an employee is doing a good job, or they no longer need to be working for the County. Commissioner Palmer brought up that everyone talks about what good employees the County has, he feels that they should get more than 3%. Commissioner Mealar took offense to the notion that not approving more than 3% means that he does not think the county employees are doing a good job, stating that he works at a corporate job, and they only got 3% themselves as it is a heavily inflated time. He stated that he is not voting for more than 3%.

Commissioner Mealar inquired as to how much a 3% would change the budget and Mr. Sims informed him that the 3% increase had been built into the budget already. Commissioner Mealar asked how far away the budget was from being able to have a full rollback? Mr. Sims informed him that they are .4 mills or \$768,000 away from a full rollback. This is pretty much around the amount that the commercial and industrial growth is expected to bring in.

Commissioner Harkness stated that he is concerned with the fact that he and others had their property taxes increase by 20% when there are people at the industrial park with millions of dollars of property that hasn't been adequately appraised. Chairman Akins, Commissioner Mealar and Commissioner Palmer all informed Commissioner Harkness that all the commercial and industrial property that those properties are now accurately appraised. Commissioner Mealar reminded Commissioner Harkness that they voted to approve spending \$300,000 to have a county wide reassessment of Commercial and Industrial properties in time for this budget. Commissioner Harkness stated he had not seen these figures. Commissioner Mealar said that the Commission never gets to see these figures, every year they end up having to approve a budget without knowing what the tax digest is. This was why he was fully in support of funding all the updates and resources that were requested by the Tax Assessors Office, in the hopes that maybe one day they can get these numbers in time for a budget for once. He stated that it is almost impossible to do an accurate budget without knowing the tax digest and he doesn't understand why this is an issue every year. Commissioner Akins echoed that every Commissioner voted to fund every position request and capital request that the Tax Assessor's Office has made. Commissioner Mealar stated that he isn't saying that the Commission shouldn't do a full rollback, however if they do than they are effectively getting no benefit from having accurately reassessed the commercial and industrial properties as they are just giving them their money back.

Commissioner Palmer inquired to Mr. Sims as to whether there would still be a partial rollback if the employees were approved a 5% combination merit/COLA. Mr. Sims stated there would. Commissioner Akins asked Commissioner Palmer if he would be willing to agree to a 4% combination merit/COLA. Commissioner Palmer did not respond to this, which lead to Commissioner Harkness accusing him of once again holding out for what he wants. Commissioner Palmer stated that whether Commissioner Harkness liked it or not he was going to do what was right for the County employees and if that meant holding out that was what he would do. Harkness disagreed, accusing Commissioner Palmer of trying to make himself look like a savior once again. Commissioner Palmer responded to this by saying that he was going to be a flat no vote on the budget. Commissioner Mealar informed Commissioner Harkness that this was inappropriate. Commissioner Harkness stated that every year this occurs, and Commissioner Palmer retorted that every year Commissioner Harkness states he is a "no" vote without ever getting into the details of the budget and without attending the budget hearings. Commissioner Harkness stated that he had intended the budget meetings, to which Commissioner Palmer replied that he had not attended all of them like he said he did and that the meetings were recorded.

Commissioner Palmer asked what had been taken out of the budget? Commissioner Mealor informed him one (1) facilities maintenance tech had been taken out and one (1) animal care tech from the general fund and from the special revenue funds all the emergency medical positions were removed. There is still one (1) facilities maintenance tech, one (1) parks maintenance worker, one (1) public information officer, two (2) IT positions, one (1) animal care tech and six (6) fire fighters (for the purposes of having two on each truck). Commissioner Tench stated that he was okay with these position requests. Mr. Sims informed them that the changes they had made cut an additional \$59,557 from the general fund.

Commissioner Palmer stated that he would be in favor of adding back an additional one (1) facilities maintenance tech for a total of two (2), an additional one (1) animal care tech for a total of two (2), and the one (1) parks and rec coordinator position if the rest of the Commission would agree to a 4% raise for employees though he feels they deserve more. Commissioner Mealor would not agree to a 4% raise or adding positions back that they had already cut out. Commissioner Mealor stated that they had talked about cutting gymnastics as it is losing money. He asked if they decided to terminate the gymnastics program at the end of the year how much money would they save? Mrs. Vaughn informed them that she had not heard back from County Attorney Hunt regarding their ability to get out of the five-year lease agreement they are in. Commissioner Harkness stated that he would still like to see the figures regarding how many children are served by this program, however knowing that it has a \$500,000 budget he feels that a private business should have an interest in taking it over. Commissioner Mealor stated that the pool itself has been a money pit from the beginning as well. Commissioner Harkness asked how much money was being saved each month from the solar panels that were installed, as they cost a lot of money. Mr. Sims informed him that they are still trying to get this information from the power company. Mrs. Vaughn reminded him that those were 100% funded by grant money.

Chairman Akins stated that at this point without having a consensus on the employee raises that they do not have a consensus on the budget. Commissioner Mealor suggested that they could try to make cuts from the CIP requests. Commissioner Akins stated that the goal needs to be getting a budget passed, and that this is a very conservative budget that includes a rollback. Commissioner Akins inquired as to the cost difference between a 3% and 4% salary increase for employees? Mr. Sims informed him it was a \$154,000 difference to the general fund and an additional \$53,000 for the special revenue funds.

Chairman Akins stated that it is apparent that the Commission has not had enough time to work things out otherwise they would be voting on the budget by now. Commissioner Mealor asked what the advertising requirements would be for holding another hearing for the budget? Mrs. Vaughn and Mr. Sims informed him there is a required 7-day advertising period before they can meet again to approve the budget. Mr. Sims informed him that if they can't vote on the budget tonight that they can vote to approve a continuing budget resolution to keep operations going under the current fiscal year's budget. Commissioner Akins stated that he felt like if they don't then it may be encouragement to get the numbers to the Commission about a month and half prior to these hearing starting.

Chairman Akins made a motion to adjourn at 8:28 p.m. and left the meeting, informing those present that County Attorney Hunt has told him in previous conversations that the only action necessary to adjourn a meeting is to make a motion.

- b. Consider/Approve Resolution 2024-06-003 for FY 2024 Budget Amendment

This item did not get discussed by the Commission.

- c. Consider/Approve Resolution 2024-06-004 Amending the Habersham County Fee Schedule for FY 2025

This item did not get discussed by the Commission.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

There were no additional comments.

CALL TO ORDER

It was later determined that the Monday, June 24, 2024 Board of Commissioners meeting was improperly adjourned and that it would be necessary to call the Monday, June 24, 2024 meeting back into order at the next meeting that was held by the Commission for the purpose of properly adjourning it.

The Habersham County Board of Commissioners held a special called meeting on Wednesday, June 26, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. in the Jury Assembly Room of the Habersham County Courthouse located at 295 Llewellyn St, Clarkesville, GA 30523.

Present was Chairman Ty Akins, Commissioner Bruce Palmer, Commissioner Dustin Mealor, Commissioner Jimmy Tench, County Manager Alicia Vaughn, County Clerk Brandalin Carnes, staff, members of the media and the public.

County Attorney Donnie Hunt was available over the phone.

Absent was Vice Chairman Bruce Harkness.

Chairman Akins informed everyone that Commissioner Tench made him aware that the June 24th meeting was improperly adjourned, and therefore it was necessary to call the Monday, June 24th meeting back into order so it could be properly adjourned.

Chairman Akins called the Monday, June 24, 2024 Board of Commissioners meeting back to order at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 26th.

Commissioner Tench lead the invocation.

Commissioner Palmer lead the pledge of allegiance.

ADJOURN

Motion by Commissioner Mealor, seconded by Commissioner Palmer, and voted unanimously (4-0) to adjourn the Monday, June 24, 2024 meeting at 5:32 p.m. on Wednesday, June 26, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

By: _____
Commission Chairman Ty Akins

Attest: _____
County Clerk Brandalin Carnes