

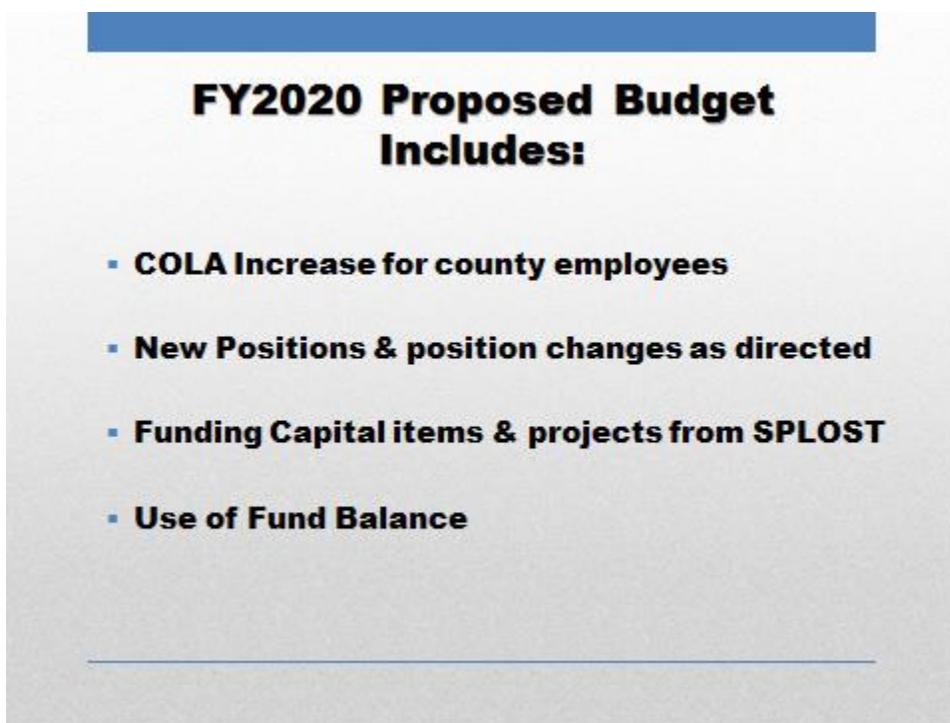
WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF THE FY 19/20 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING
&
CALLED MEETING HELD

MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2019 AT 4:30 P.M.

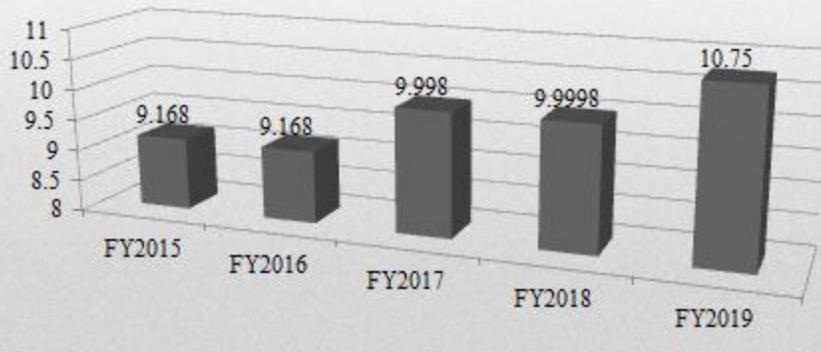
The White County Board of Commissioners held a FY 19/20 Budget Public Hearing and Called Meeting on Monday, June 10, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. in the Board Room at the White County Administration Building. Present for the meeting were: Chairman Travis Turner, Commissioner Terry Goodger, Commissioner Lyn Holcomb, Commissioner Edwin Nix, Commissioner Craig Bryant, County Manager Michael Melton, Finance Director Jodi Ligon, and County Clerk Shanda Murphy.

Chairman Turner called the meeting to order.

Ms. Jodi Ligon made the following presentation:



White County Millage Rate 5 Fiscal-Year History County Portion Only

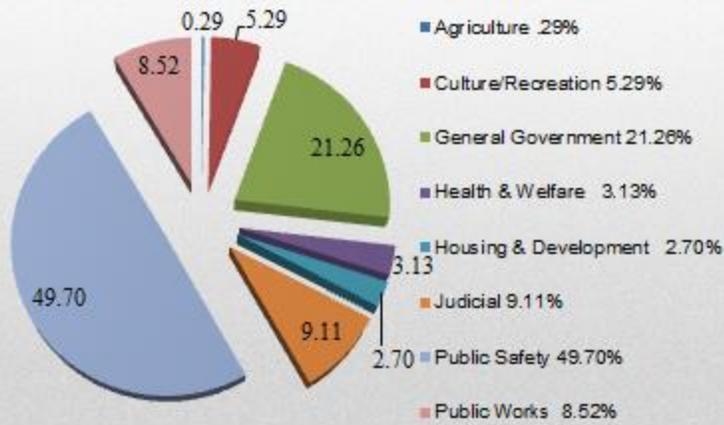


General Fund Approved Budget 5 Year History

Fiscal Year	Approved Budgets	Amended Budgets
FY2019	\$18,925,734	\$18,768,424
FY2018	\$16,938,774	\$16,938,774
FY2017	\$16,299,730	\$16,324,730
FY2016	\$15,867,394	\$15,867,394
FY2015	\$15,963,533	\$15,963,533

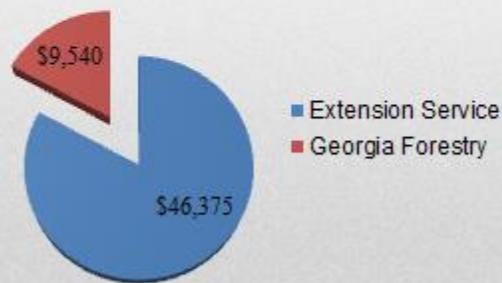
Function	Expenditures	% of Proposed Budget
Agriculture	\$55,915	.29
Judicial	\$1,747,369	9.11
Culture/Recreation	\$1,015,506	5.29
Housing & Development	\$517,681	2.70
General Government	\$4,079,484	21.26
Health & Welfare	\$600,643	3.13
Public Safety	\$9,538,610	49.70
Public Works	\$1,635,619	8.52
Total Expenditures	\$19,190,827	100 %

FY2020 General Fund Proposed Budget \$19,190,827



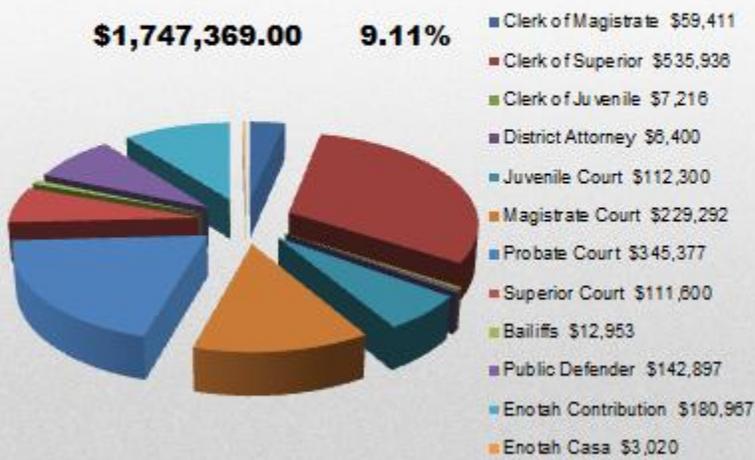
Agriculture

\$55,915 .29%



Judicial

\$1,747,369.00 9.11%



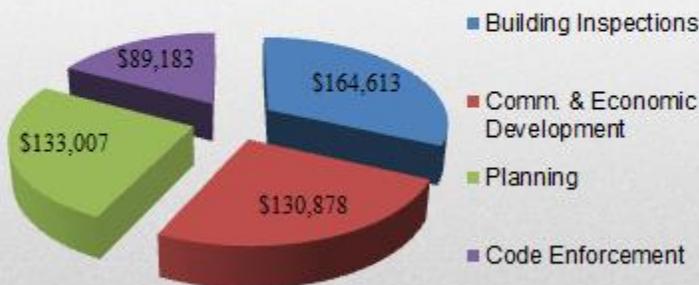
Culture & Recreation

\$1,015,506 5.29%



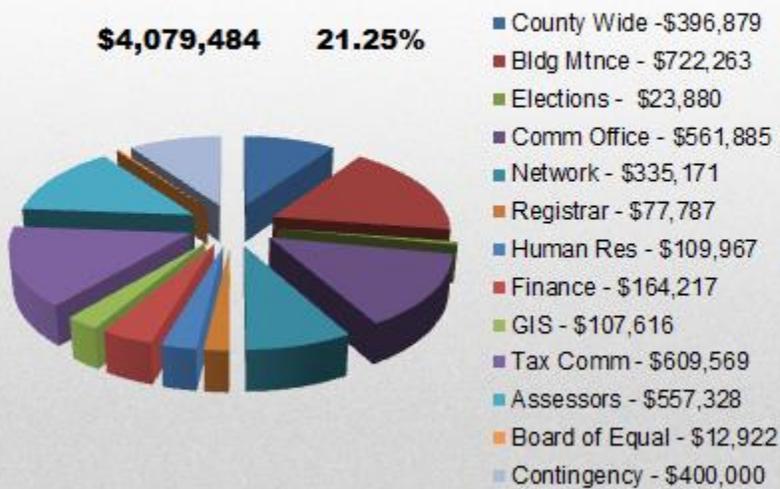
Housing & Development

\$517,681 2.70%



General Government

\$4,079,484 21.25%



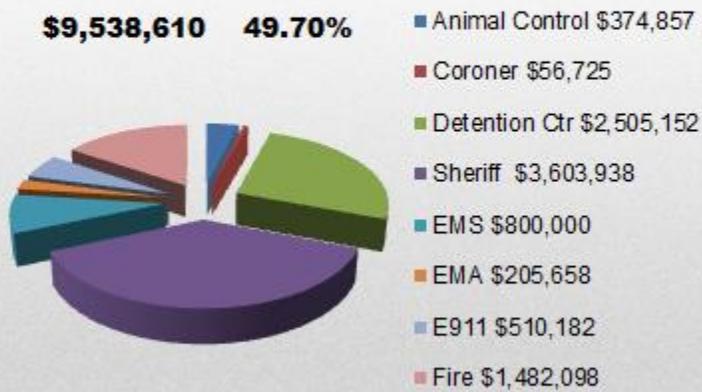
Health & Welfare

\$600,643 3.13%



Public Safety

\$9,538,610 49.70%



Public Works

\$1,635,619 8.52%



Separate Funds

Fund #	Fund Name	FY2020 Proposed Request
222	Jail Fund	\$ 29,000
224	Drug Education	\$ 65,000
225	Drug Task Force	\$ 847,682
250	Grants	\$ 20,000
275	Hotel/Motel	\$ 890,900
540	Solid Waste	\$ 104,211
570	E911	\$1,098,800
710	Enotah Judicial Circuit	\$ 790,850
205	Law Library	\$ 20,000
230	Juvenile Supervision	\$ 300
223	Inmate Welfare	\$ 20,555
210	Confiscated Assets	\$ 2,000
430	Debt Service (SPLOST)	\$1,043,227
	TOTALS	\$ 4,932,525

FY2020 Proposed Budget

General Fund - \$19,190,827

Other Funds - \$4,932,525

**Total FY2020 Budget -
\$24,123,352**

Comparison

FY2019 AMENDED BUDGET		FY2020 PROPOSED BUDGET	
GEN. FUND -	\$18,768,424	GEN. FUND -	\$19,190,827
SEP. FUND -	\$ 4,742,010	SEP. FUND -	\$ 4,932,525
TOTAL	\$23,510,434	TOTAL	\$24,123,352
			2.61% Increase from FY2019

Summary

FY2020 Proposed Expenditures - \$19,190,827
FY2020 Proposed Revenues - \$18,226,105

Proposed Fund Balance Use - \$964,722

Current Fund Balance Available: \$3,871,941

1.82 Month Reserve as Proposed (Pre-Audit)

Discussion

Ms. Ligon emphasized that the proposed budget presented was based on revenue reflecting the millage rate remaining at 10.75; however the final tax digest would not be available until July. There was discussion regarding the fund balance noted and that this amount was anticipated to increase once the FY 19 audit was completed.

Chairman Turner opened the floor for public comment.

Mr. Ridley Kinsey, 284 Forked Leaf Road Cleveland, GA – stated he was pleased to see the budget increase was at 2.6% versus the 10.6% increase for the FY 19 budget. He asked for the estimated percentage increase in the tax digest – Ms. Ligon stated that the preliminary tax digest showed an increase of 4%. Mr. Ridley asked if there were any estimates on the traffic coming into Yonah Preserve. Chairman Turner shared traffic count data which he routinely receives – illustrating that depending on the weather, 350 to 460 vehicles were counted daily when entering Yonah Preserve Trails. Mr. Ridley asked if there were any additional plans for the development of Yonah Preserve. Chairman Turner advised that the pavilion was near completion and was funded with hotel / motel tax funds. Mr. Ridley asked about an anticipated increase in hotel / motel tax revenue due to the recently adopted short term rental regulations. The Board discussed how this revenue had increased over the years; however they did not anticipate a direct increase due to the regulations adopted. There was confirmation that the Drug Task Force was self-funding and White County does not contribute funds to the operation. Mr. Ridley asked for a priority list of road improvements – Mr. Cangemi, Director of Public Works, detailed the current projects and projects in the bidding process.

With no additional public comments – Chairman Turner closed the floor. He announced that the proposed budget would be presented again on Monday, June 17, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. – followed by the Board considering the adoption of the proposed FY 19/20 budget.

Mr. Melton asked for guidance from the Board of Commissioners on application for the next round of trail grants through the Georgia Department of Natural Resources (DNR). There was a consensus of the Board that efforts needed to be focused on the development of a master site plan for Yonah Preserve prior to additional development on the property.

Mr. John Erbele asked about the status of plans for a fire station adjacent to Yonah Preserve (off of Mauldin Road) which had been previously discussed. Chairman Turner stated that the Board had discussed the project; however there are no plans at this time for the project – mostly due to other projects holding a higher priority (i.e. courthouse security renovations and expansion).

Chairman Turner announced that an addendum would be presented to the Board for the paving of Asa Dorsey Road (entire length from Lothridge Road to Hwy 254) due to a design change that made it possible to pave this entire section as opposed to the partial section paving which was bid.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Goodger there was a unanimous vote to enter into Executive Session in order to discuss personnel.

-See The Following Closed Meeting Affidavit-

Upon a motion made by commissioner Nix, seconded by Commissioner Goodger there was a unanimous vote to exit Executive Session.

Mr. Melton advised the Board that Habersham Electric would be installing electrical and fiber to Yonah Preserve Trails on June 18, 2019 and Charles Black construction would begin clean up around the pavilion site and begin securing the facility.

Mr. Melton presented a request from the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) – asking that the county pay for the power bill related to flashing curve lighting to be installed on Duncan Bridge Road just before the intersection with Blue Creek Road. The estimated cost would be \$11 per month. There was not a consensus on this request at this time. Mr. Melton would be following up with the Board on this request at a later date.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Holcomb, seconded by Commissioner Goodger there was a unanimous vote to adjourn the meeting.

The minutes of the June 10, 2019 Budget Public Hearing and Called Meeting are hereby approved as stated this 17th day of June, 2019.

WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Travis C. Turner, Chairman

Terry D. Goodger, District 1

Lyn Holcomb, District 2

Edwin Nix, District 3

Craig Bryant, District 4

Shanda Murphy, County Clerk