

**State of North Carolina
County of Avery**

The Avery County Board of Commissioners met on Monday, June 8, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Board Room, Avery County Administrative Complex, 175 Linville Street, Newland, NC. The meeting from June 1, 2020 had been recessed until June 8, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

Members Present: Martha Hicks, Chair; Tim Phillips, Vice-Chair; Dennis Aldridge; Wood Hall Young, Jr.; Blake Vance

Members Absent: None

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and Governor Cooper's Executive Order No.121 issued on March 27, 2020 limiting mass gatherings to no more than 10 people at a time, the public was not allowed to attend the meeting in person. The meeting was broadcast live and recorded on the Avery County Youtube Channel.

Call To Order

Chair Hicks declared the meeting to be back in session after the meeting had been recessed on June 1, 2020. Chair Hicks called the roll with all Board members being present.

Chair Hicks stated that on June 1, 2020 a public hearing was held for the Fiscal Year Budget 2020/2021 and that a twenty four hour public comment had been provided. The clerk stated that there had been no public comments sent in by email, fax or postal mail.

Chair Hicks stated that the budget was presented and was balanced with the ad valorem tax rate remaining at 48 cents and the fire tax rate remaining at 7 cents with an overall tax rate of 55 cents. This rate is the same as last years.

Chair Hicks asked if there was any more discussion on the budget.

Motion by Wood Hall Young, Jr. and second by Blake Vance to adopt the Fiscal Year Budget 2020/2021 as presented. Motion unanimously approved (5-0) Hicks—Aye; Phillips—Aye; Aldridge—Aye; Young—Aye; Vance—Aye

Motion by Blake Vance and second by Tim Phillips to adjourn this meeting at 10:05 a.m. Motion unanimously approved (5-0) Hicks—Aye; Phillips—Aye; Aldridge—Aye; Young—Aye; Vance—Aye

**Martha Hicks, Chair
Avery County Board of Commissioners**

Attest: _____
Cindy Turbyfill, Clerk

