

EFFINGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

SPECIAL CALLED MILLAGE MEETING MINUTES

August 25, 2020

The Board of Commissioners of Effingham County, Georgia, Mr. Wesley Corbitt, Mr. Forrest Floyd, Mr. Jamie Deloach, Mr. Reginald Loper and Mr. Phil Kieffer were present for the Special Called Commission meeting at 10:00 am on Tuesday, August 25, 2020 in the Commissioners Meeting Room at the Effingham County Administrative Complex. Mr. Roger Burdette was not present for the meeting.

PERSONS ATTENDING THE MEETING

Mr. Tim Callanan – County Manager, Mr. Edward Newberry - County Attorney, Ms. Stephanie Johnson – County Clerk, Mrs. Christy Carpenter - Finance Director, Mrs. Linda McDaniel – Tax Commissioner, Mr. Neal Groover – Chief Tax Appraiser, Mr. Brett Bennett, Ms. Sigrid Scott, Ms. Ann Armstrong, and Mr. Robert Dewey

I - CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Corbitt called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

II – INVOCATION

Chairman Corbitt gave the invocation.

III – PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

The Pledge of Allegiance was sounded in unison.

IV - AGENDA APPROVAL

Commissioner Loper made a motion to approve the agenda. Vice Chairman Deloach seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

V – PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Corbitt stated public comment should be limited to agenda items only.

VI – CORRESPONDENCE

Chairman Corbitt explained all correspondence and documents from the meeting are located in the Clerk's office and on the Board of Commissioner's website.

VII – PUBLIC HEARING – 3rd Public Hearing for Millage

County Manager Callanan spoke and gave a brief summation about the overall millage and gave details regarding the 2019 numbers for comparison. Although

the distribution configurations varied, the totals remained the same as in 2019. Mrs. Ann Armstrong, City of Guyton resident, asked questions regarding how the millage rate will affect her taxes. Chairman Corbitt and County Manager Callanan responded to her questions. Mr. Robert Dewey, unincorporated Effingham County resident, spoke about his concern for the increase in his assessment. Chairman Corbitt spoke to his concern.

Chief Tax Appraiser Neal Groover explained the assessment process and how it is figured, including the procedure for foreclosed properties, and detailed the Assessment Appeal, Homestead, Carter-Burns and Senior Citizen exemptions processes as well. There was no further discussion. The public hearing was closed at 10:14 AM.

VIII – NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION TO LEVY THE 2020 TAXES (01):

Finance Director Carpenter spoke to the approval of the documents related to the millage adoption.

Commissioner Floyd made a motion to approve the Resolution to Levy the 2020 Taxes. Commissioner Kieffer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE THE COUNTY MILLAGE RATE CERTIFICATION FORM FOR TAX YEAR 2020 (PT-35) (02):

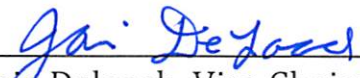
Vice Chairman Deloach made a motion to approve the County Millage Rate Certification Form for Tax Year 2020 (PT-35). Commissioner Floyd seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE THE COMPUTATION OF MILLAGE RATE ROLLBACK FORM FOR THE TAX YEAR 2020 (PT-32) (03):


Vice Chairman Deloach made a motion to approve the Computation of Millage Rate Rollback Form for Tax Year 2020 (PT-32.1). Commissioner Loper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

IX - ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, at 10:22 am, Vice Chairman Deloach made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Floyd seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.



Jamie Deloach, Vice Chairman



Stephanie D. Johnson, County Clerk