

**WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING & CALLED MEETING**

**HELD FRIDAY, AUGUST 14, 2015 AT 8:30 A.M. & 9:00 A.M.**

The White County Board of Commissioners held a Public Hearing and Called Meeting on Friday, August 14, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. (Public Hearing) and 9:00 a.m. (Called Meeting) in the Board Room at the White County Administration Building. The Public Hearing was the third in the series of three public hearings held as required by state law. The purpose was to present the proposed 2015 millage rate for White County and consider adoption of the 2015 millage rate for White County. Present at these meetings were: Chairman Travis Turner, Commissioner Terry Goodger, Commissioner Lyn Holcomb, Commissioner Edwin Nix, Commissioner Craig Bryant, Finance Director Vicki Mays, and County Clerk Shanda Murphy. County Manager Michael Melton was not in attendance due to being out of town.

Chairman Turner called the public hearing to order.

Ms. Vicki Mays, Finance Director, made a presentation of the proposed 2015 Millage Rate for White County (see attached).

Chairman Turner opened the floor for public comments regarding the proposed 2015 millage rate.

Ms. Teresa Stansel, 2521 Adair Mill Road Cleveland, GA: Ms. Stansel submitted a remonstrance for the record as an “objection to White County 2015 millage rate increase, property zoning classification, and to property values. She also asked that the Board of Commissioners adopt a resolution to begin holding all public hearings at 6:00 p.m. in order to allow the working public to attend.

Commissioner Bryant noted that not a single member of the public was in attendance at the previous public hearing advertised and held at 6:00 p.m.

Ms. Fiorella Weaver, 1405 Adair Mill Road Cleveland, GA: Ms. Weaver asked for an explanation of the difference between the White County Millage Rate and the Board of Education Millage Rate and she asked for an explanation of the criteria used in order to classify property as residential, agriculture, commercial, etc.

Chairman Turner stated that the proposed 2015 millage rate as presented would maintain the County’s millage rate at 9.186 as it was set for 2014 and would be the seventh consecutive year in which the millage rate had not increased. He also explained that the Board of Education determined their millage rate (based upon their approved budget and the digest established by the Assessor’s Office) just as the County does; however the County as the Governing Authority was required to adopt a resolution which included the County, School, and State millage rates. Chairman Turner stated that the Assessor’s Office based property assessments on fair market value and they do not report directly to the Board of Commissioners.

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Ms. Kim Fletter 1401 Adair Mill Road Cleveland, GA: Ms. Kim Fletter stated she had just moved back to the White County area and was trying to get up to date on the happenings. She stated that she had been on the County website and noted that the County had adopted a Comprehensive Plan which she described as part of agenda 21 and being “evil”.

Chairman Turner explained that when the Land Use Plan was adopted the only properties which had a classification differing from that already in use by the Assessor’s Office where those properties whose owners specifically had made such a request.

With no further public comment, Chairman Turner adjourned the public hearing.

At 9:00 a.m. Chairman Turner called the Called Meeting to order.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Goodger, seconded by Commissioner Holcomb there was a unanimous vote to adopt County Resolution Number 2015-08 (as follows) setting the 2015 millage rate for White County (County, State, School) thereby providing authorization for the Chairman to execute:

- PT 32.1 Form, Computation of Millage Rate Rollback and Percentage Increase in Property Tax – 2015;
- PT 35, County Millage Rate Certification for Tax Year 2015;
- Certification of Use of Insurance Premium Tax in the Unincorporated area of White County; and
- Certification of Pending Appeals.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-08**

**A RESOLUTION SETTING THE YEAR 2015 MILLAGE RATE**

**WHEREAS**, the White County Board of Commissioners is the taxing Authority of White County; and

**WHEREAS**, the digest for the taxable year 2015 has been established; and

**WHEREAS**, the White County Board of Commissioners has adopted a budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, wherein there is included a portion of revenues to be derived from property taxes; and

**WHEREAS**, the White County Board of Education has approved an M&O millage rate for the taxable year 2015, along with a school bond millage rate;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the White County Board of Commissioners hereby sets the taxable year 2015 millage rate for the incorporated and unincorporated areas as follows:

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<b>County portion</b>	-	<b>9.168;</b>
<b>State portion</b>	-	<b>.05;</b>
<b>School portion</b>	-	<b>17.482;</b>
<b>School Bond portion</b>	-	<b>0.0; and</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b><u>26.70.</u></b>

**RESOLVED**, this 14th day of August 2015.

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Attest:

s/Shanda Murphy  
Shanda Murphy, County Clerk

s/Travis C. Turner  
Travis C. Turner, Chairman  
s/Terry D. Goodger  
Terry D. Goodger, District 1  
s/Lyn Holcomb  
Lyn Holcomb, District 2  
s/Edwin Nix  
Edwin Nix, District 3  
s/Craig Bryant  
Craig Bryant, District 4

-End of Resolution-

Chairman Turner expressed the Board's appreciation to the constitutional officers and department heads in the budget and millage rate setting process as all do a great job with providing the needed services with the budget set forth.

Upon a motion made Commissioner Nix, seconded by Commissioner Holcomb there was a unanimous vote to approve \$8,049.96 in repairs to North Georgia Powerstroke to V62 (2004 Ford F450) for the White County Road Department – to be paid from the Road Department's vehicle maintenance / repair line item (general fund) and to include a two (2) year warranty.

Commissioner Bryant stated that he would like for the Board to consider authorizing the Road Department to develop a price and plan for constructing a paved pull off at Bean Creek Church where a historical marker would be placed later. The Board was in support of Mr. Palmer getting an estimate and plan together for this.

Ms. Marilyn Scher, 2656 Panorama Drive Sautee, GA: Ms. Scher expressed her concerns about the traffic and safety at the intersection of Hwy 75 and Duncan Bridge Road. She requested a right turn lane onto Duncan Bridget Road or for consideration of a by-pass from Hwy 75 to Alternate 75. Chairman Turned explained that both roads mentioned were state routes and he would contact State Department of Transportation Officials in order to request evaluation of this area.

The Board provided authorization to the Finance Department to pay Mr. Eric Vandiver \$23,375.00 (2014 SPLOST) for the project approved for window replacements at the White

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County Historic Courthouse so that he could order the needed materials in advance of doing the work.

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

The minutes of the Public Hearing and Called Meeting held Friday, August 14, 2015 are hereby approved as stated the 31<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2015.

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s/Travis C. Turner  
Travis C. Turner, Chairman

s/Terry D. Goodger  
Terry D. Goodger, District 1

s/Lyn Holcomb  
Lyn Holcomb, District 2

s/Edwin Nix  
Edwin Nix, District 3

s/Craig Bryant  
Craig Bryant, District 4

s/Shanda Murphy  
Shanda Murphy, County Clerk