

**WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING AND CALLED MEETING HELD**

**MONDAY, AUGUST 1, 2016 AT 8:00 A.M.**

The White County Board of Commissioners held a Public Hearing for the setting of the 2016 Millage Rate and a Called Meeting on Monday, August 1, 2016 at 8:00 a.m. in the Board Room at the White County Administration Building. Present at the meeting were: Chairman Travis Turner, Commissioner Terry Goodger, Commissioner Lyn Holcomb, Commissioner Edwin Nix, Commissioner Craig Bryant, County Manager Michael Melton, Finance Director Vicki Mays, and County Clerk Shanda Murphy.

Chairman Turner called the meeting to order.

Mr. Melton made a presentation for the proposed 2016 Millage Rate Increase (see attached presentation) from the current millage rate of 9.168 (rollback of 9.108) to 9.998.

Chairman Turner opened the floor for public comment.

Mr. Jimmy O'Neil, 192 Spencer Road Cleveland, GA: Mr. O'Neil spoke in favor of the millage rate increase, above 10 mills if necessary. He encouraged the Board of Commissioners to determine the realistic needs for operation of the county government – then set a millage rate based on that cost. He cautioned the Board on depletion of reserve funds.

Mr. Melton stated that the millage increase to 9.998 was based on a projected fund balance of 2.8 months being retained.

Commissioner Bryant exited the meeting.

Chairman Turner reviewed the Public Hearing Schedule – Thursday, August 4, 2016 at 8:00 a.m., Monday, August 8, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. with millage adoption scheduled for Monday, August 8, 2016 at 6:15 p.m.

The floor was closed for public comment.

Information was presented and discussion had regarding the prospect of the Fire Department purchasing a 1988 International 4 Guys Tanker in the amount of \$42,000.00 from a department in Pennsylvania. Mr. David Murphy, Director of Public Safety, stated that two (2) personnel would be traveling this week to inspect the vehicle which would replace a tanker at the Shoal Creek Fire Station which was no longer operational. There was discussion regarding making a less specific motion in order to allow the department to evaluate other vehicles if the one in Pennsylvania did not check out to be acceptable.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Goodger, seconded by Commissioner Nix there was a unanimous vote to authorize up to \$75,000.00 to the White County Fire Department for purchase of a tanker within the next ninety (90) days.

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

The minutes of the August 1, 2016 Public Hearing and Called Meeting are hereby approved as stated this 8<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2016.

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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