

**Minutes of Called Meeting  
Elbert County Board of Commissioners  
Friday, September 21, 2018**

Chairman Tommy Lyon called the meeting to order. Present were Chairman Lyon, Vice Chairman Horace Harper, Commissioner Lee Vaughn, Commissioner Chris Alexander, Commissioner Kenneth Ashworth, Commissioner Freddie Jones, County Administrator Bob Thomas, County Attorney Bill Daughtry, County Clerk Tamara Butler, CFO Phil Pitts.

After the pledge to the United States flag the invocation was given by Chairman Lyon.

**Adoption of the Agenda.** Commissioner Vaughn made a motion to adopt the agenda. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

**Discussion and approval of the 2018 millage rate for the Elbert County Board of Commissioners and the Elbert County Board of Education.** Mr. Thomas stated we have advertised the rollback millage of rate of 11.125 and if approved no public hearing is necessary since last years rate was 11.976. Commissioner Alexander asked about the reevaluations in process; Mr. Thomas replied that the Tax Assessors office is going through the appeals now and it could mean less revenue than last year. Mr. Pitts stated the State mandates that you use the digest as it exists; you can't do any projections on what will happen during the appeals process. The 11.125 mil rate does include the .5 mil for Economic Development. Commissioner Vaughn made a motion to approve the rollback millage rate of 11.125. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Thomas then stated the Elbert County Board of Education is also going with the rollback millage rate of 15.87 compared to last year's rate of 16.942. Commissioner Ashworth made a motion approve the Board of Educations mil rate of 15.87. Commissioner Vaughn seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Thomas stated the current mil rate for the hospital is 2.5 mils. Chairman Lyon asked for a recommendation for the hospital's mil rate. Commissioner Harper made a motion to give the hospital 2.3 mils. The motion died due to the lack of a second motion.

Commissioner Ashworth made a motion to give the hospital 1 mil. Commissioner Alexander seconded the motion. Commissioner Harper, Commissioner Vaughn and Commissioner Jones opposed; therefore, the motion did not pass by the vote of 2-3.

Commissioner Vaughn made a motion to give the hospital 2.1 mils. Commissioner Harper seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried by a vote of 3-2 with Commissioner Alexander and Commissioner Ashworth opposing.

**Public Comments.** Daniel Graves spoke for the hospital authority thanking the Commissioners for the support; but said is disappointed that they will be \$100,000 short of where they were last year according to the digest. Max Black also spoke on behalf of the hospital.

**Executive Session.** Chairman Lyon asked for a motion to enter Executive Session. Commissioner Ashworth made the motion. Commissioner Harper seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Upon returning Chairman Lyon asked for a motion to enter General Session. Commissioner Ashworth made the motion. Commissioner Alexander seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Chairman Lyon stated no action was taken during Executive Session.

**Adjournment.** Commissioner Ashworth made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Alexander seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.