

**Minutes of Called Meeting  
Elbert County Board of Commissioners  
Thursday, September 26, 2019 5:30 P.M.**

Chairman Lee Vaughn called the meeting to order. Present were Chairman Vaughn, Vice Chairman Chris Alexander, Commissioner Casey Freeman, Commissioner Kenneth Ashworth, Commissioner Freddie Jones, County Administrator Bob Thomas, County Clerk Tamara Butler, CFO Phil Pitts.

After the pledge to the United States flag the invocation was given by Commissioner Jones.

**Adoption of the Agenda.** Chairman Vaughn asked for a motion to amend the agenda to change item 7) Public Comments to come before Discussion and Approval of the 2019 millage rates for the Elbert County Board of Education, Elbert Memorial Hospital and Elbert County Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Alexander made the motion to approve the amended agenda and approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

**Public Comments.** There were no comments.

**Discussion and approval of the 2019 millage rate for the Elbert County Board of Education.** Mr. Thomas stated he had received a letter from Mr. W. Keith Martin, CFO for Elbert County School District announcing the millage rate for the 2019-2020 fiscal year based on the 2019 assessed value for the Elbert County School District was set at **15.933**. This rate equals the rollback millage. Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve the Board of Education's 15.93 millage rate. Commissioner Harper seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

**Discussion and approval of the 2019 millage rate for Elbert Memorial Hospital.** Commissioner Freeman made a motion to give the hospital **1.8 mils**; he stated at a 95% collection rate that would total \$913,687. Commissioner Harper seconded the motion. Commissioner Ashworth stated that he couldn't support it since the taxpayers have voted to give only 1 mil in support of the hospital. Upon voting the motion carried 4-1 with Commissioner Ashworth voting against.

**Discussion and approval of the 2019 millage rate for the Elbert County Board of Commissioners.** The Elbert County Board of Commissioners establishes a millage rate at **10.504** for the unincorporated portion of the county and **10.743** in the incorporated portion. This is a total millage rate of **28.237** for the unincorporated portion of the county and **28.476** for the incorporated portion. There is **NO** additional assessment for Economic Development. Commissioner Alexander made a motion to approve the 2019 millage rate as presented. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

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