

**Minutes of Public Hearing
Elbert County Board of Commissioners
Wednesday, September 16, 2020**

A Public Hearing will be held to discuss the 2020 millage rate.

There were no public comments.

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

After the pledge to the United States flag the invocation was given by Mr. Daughtry.

Chairman Vaughn asked for a motion to amend the agenda to move public comments to the beginning of the meeting. Commissioner Freeman made the motion to amend the agenda and to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Alexander seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

Public comments. Kerry Trapnell and Daniel Graves both spoke to the wishes of the hospital and the past financial support. Mr. Trapnell stated a local hospital should never have to beg the county for support to help cover the cost for health care and indigent care. Mr. Ricky Oglesby stated he supports the hospital, but not at the expense of taxpayers.

Discussion and approval of the 2020 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 2020-2021 fiscal year based on the 2020 assessed value for the Elbert County School District was set at **15.932**. This rate equals the rollback millage. Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve the 2020-2021 millage rate as set forth by the Board of Education. Commissioner Ashworth seconded. The motion carried 4-0.

Discussion and approval of the 2020 millage rate for Elbert Memorial Hospital. Chairman Vaughn asked for a motion to give millage support to the hospital. There was no motion made for support of the hospital.

Discussion and approval of the 2020 millage rate for the Elbert County Board of Commissioners. The Elbert County Board of Commissioners establishes a millage rate of **11.250** for the unincorporated portion of the county and **11.646** for the incorporated portion of the county. This is less than what was advertised in the paper. Commissioner Ashworth made a motion to approve the 2020 millage rate for the Elbert County Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Freeman seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

Chairman Vaughn stated that he was sure many in the audience was disappointed the hospital millage rate was cut; but assured them that if the hospital gets into a situation and needs funds the county will be willing and able to help.

Adjournment. Commissioner Harper made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Alexander seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.