

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

A Special Called Meeting was held by the Spalding County Board of Commissioners in Room 108 in the Courthouse Annex, Monday, July 26, 2007 beginning at 5:45 o'clock p.m. Commission Chairman Eddie Freeman presided, and Commissioners Edward Goss, Jr., Johnie McDaniel, Gwen Flowers-Taylor and David Phillips were present. Also present were County Manager William P. Wilson, Jr., Assistant to the County Manager Paul Van Haute, Administrative Services Director Jinna and Executive Secretary Teresa Watson.

I. Call to Order

II. Welcome to Guests

III. Order of Business

Mr. Wilson noted that at 5:30 p.m. today was the third required public hearing on the proposed property tax increase. With the school board's slight reduction in millage rate, the overall increase is \$18.62 on a home in Spalding County valued at \$100,000.

Commissioner Phillips said he felt he was responsible for this budget principally and that it demonstrated a good compromise.

Commissioner Flowers-Taylor stated she still wants information from, and a dialogue with, the Tax Commissioner on the issue of possibly raising the ceiling for disabled/older citizens who are encountering great difficulties when they receive a COLA from Social Security and/or SSI benefits.

Mr. Wilson advised that 13.89 is the County M&O millage rate for 2007. The Fire District experienced no change and the school board millage rate had a slight reduction.

1. Consider adoption of the 2007 Spalding County Tax Levy.

Motion to approve the 2007 Spalding County Tax Levy was made by Commissioner Phillips, seconded by Commissioner Flowers-Taylor, and carried by a vote of 3-2 with Commissioners Goss and McDaniel opposing.

2007 SPALDING COUNTY TAX LEVY

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Spalding County, Georgia, and it is hereby resolved by said authority, that there be levied on all property located and situated in said County on the first day of January 2007 whether said property be real, or personal, or mixed, the following rates of taxation for the purposes herein named and that the same be collected by the Tax Commissioner of said County at the same time and in the same manner as the tax levied by the State of Georgia, is collected, and when collected that the same shall be deposited by the Tax Commissioner with the treasurer of Spalding County, and that the treasurer's official receipt be taken therefor; to-wit:

1. To pay the expenses of administration of the county government; 1.40 mills or \$1.40 per \$1,000.00 of taxable property.
2. To pay principal and interest of any debt of the county and to provide sinking fund therefor; 0.52 mills or \$0.52 per \$1,000.00 of taxable property.
4. To build and repair public buildings and bridges; 0.78 mills or \$0.78 per \$1,000.00 of taxable property.
5. To pay the expenses of courts, the maintenance and support of inmates and to pay sheriffs and coroners and for litigation; 7.40 mills or \$7.40 per \$1,000.00 of taxable property.
6. To build and maintain a system of county roads; 1.29 mills or \$1.29 per \$1,000.00 of taxable property.
7. For public health purposes in said county, and for the collection and preservation of records of vital statistics; 0.61 mills or \$0.61 per \$1,000.00 of taxable property.
8. To pay county police; *NO LEVY*
9. To support indigent individuals; *NO LEVY*
10. To pay agricultural and home demonstration agents; 0.04 mills or \$0.04 per \$1,000.00 of taxable property.
11. To provide for payment of old-age assistance to aged persons in need, and for the payment of assistance to needy blind, and to dependent children and other welfare benefits, all as provided by the constitution and laws of Georgia; 0.03 mills or \$0.03 per \$1,000.00 of taxable property.
12. To provide for fire protection for forest lands and for the further conservation of natural resources; 0.01 mills or \$0.01 per \$1,000.00 of taxable property.
13. To provide medical or other care, and hospitalization, for the indigent sick people of the County; *NO LEVY*
14. To acquire, improve and maintain airports, public parks, and public libraries; 0.96 mills or \$0.96 per \$1,000.00 of taxable property.

- 15. To provide for worker's compensation and retirement of pension funds for officers and employees; 0.72 mills or \$0.72 per \$1,000.00 of taxable property.
- 16. To provide reasonable reserves for public improvements as may be fixed by law; *NO LEVY*
- 17. To pay pensions and other benefits and costs under a teacher retirement system or systems; *NO LEVY*
- 19. To provide for ambulance services within the county; *NO LEVY*
- 20. To provide for financial assistance to county or joint county and municipal development authorities for the purpose of developing trade, commerce, industry, and employment opportunities; .13 mills or \$.13 per \$1,000 of taxable property.
- 25. To provide services and systems for fire protection for Fire Protection District "A"; 3.04 mills or \$3.04 per \$1,000.00 upon the taxable property in such fire district.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that on recommendation of the Board of Education of Griffin-Spalding County School System, the following rates of taxation be likewise levied and collected, and when collected that the same be paid to the Board of Education of said County, as provided by law, to-wit:

- 3. For education purposes, as provided by the Constitution and laws of Georgia; 18.81 mills or \$18.81 per \$1,000.00 of taxable property.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this order be spread upon the minutes and that the same be advertised and posted in accordance with Section 48-5-232 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated (1982) and the pertinent laws of Georgia.

This the 26th day of July 2007.

III. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn at 5:51 p.m. by Commissioner McDaniel, seconded by Commissioner Flowers-Taylor, carried by a vote of 5-0.

County Clerk

Chairman

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