

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL-CALLED MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA, HELD ON FRIDAY, JULY 27, 2007, IN THE COMMISSION MEETING ROOM ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE CHATHAM COUNTY COURTHOUSE, LEGISLATIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING, 124 BULL STREET, SAVANNAH, GEORGIA.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Pete Liakakis called the meeting to order at approximately 9:40 a.m., on July 27, 2007.

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II. INVOCATION

County Manager Russ Abolt gave the invocation.

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III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

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IV. ROLL CALL

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Pete Liakakis, Chairman
 Dr. Priscilla D. Thomas, Vice Chairman, District Eight
 B. Dean Kicklighter, Chairman Pro Tem, District Seven
 Helen L. Stone, District One
 James J. Holmes, District Two
 Patrick Shay, District Three
 Patrick K. Farrell, District Four
 Harris Odell, Jr., District Five
 David M. Gellatly, District Six

Also present: R. E. Abolt, County Manager
 Jonathan Hart, County Attorney
 Sybil E. Tillman, County Clerk

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V. REQUEST BOARD ADOPT YEAR 2007 MILLAGE LEVY RESOLUTION FOR THE BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION FOR THE CITY OF SAVANNAH AND THE COUNTY OF CHATHAM PURSUANT TO ADVERTISEMENT HAVING BEEN PUBLISHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH O.C.G.A. 48-5-32.1

IN ADDITION, FORM PT-35 COUNTY MILLAGE RATE CERTIFICATION AND FORM PT 32.1 COMPUTATION OF MILLAGE RATE ROLLBACK AND PERCENTAGE INCREASE IN

PROPERTY TAXES FOR TAX YEAR 2007 MUST BE CERTIFIED AND SUBMITTED TO THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE FOR DIGEST APPROVAL FOR THE TAX YEAR 2007.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, Mr. Chairman, I would like to make a comment and make a motion to approve. Chairman Liakakis said, I will need to read some figures and then we will go with that.

Chairman Liakakis said, Ladies and Gentlemen, this hearing is being held in compliance with State law. The Board of Public Education for the City of Savannah and the County of Chatham has announced publicly its intention to reduce the millage rate by 2.022 mills from the 2006 aggregate millage rate. The recommended millage rates for tax year 2007 are as follows:

(A) The proposed millage rate for the General Fund is 13.795 mills. This is a reduction of .716 mills from the current rate of 14.511 mills. This is equal to the calculated rollback millage rate of 23.795 mills.

(B) General Obligation Bond Debt, 0.00 mills. This is a reduction of 1.306 mills from the current millage rate of 1.306 mills. The calculated rollback millage rate is 1.220 mills.

The aggregate millage rate is 13.795 mills. This is a reduction of 2.022 mills from the 2006 aggregate millage rate. The five-year history of levy was advertised on July 13, 2007, as required by State law and incorporated the recommended rates.

Chairman Liakakis said, now I will take that motion to adopt this staff recommendation.

Commissioner Kicklighter said, I will make a motion to approve. Commissioner Gellatly said, second.

Chairman Liakakis said, we have a motion on the floor to approve the Board of Education's millage rates. Is there any discussion? Let's go on the board. The motion carried unanimously. Chairman Liakakis said, the motion carries.

AGENDA ITEM: V-1
AGENDA DATE: July 27, 2007

TO: Board of Commissioners
THRU: R. E. Abolt, County Manager
FROM: Linda Cramer, Finance Director

ISSUE:

Adoption of year 2007 millage levy resolution for the Board of Public Education for the City of Savannah and the County of Chatham pursuant to advertisement having been published in accordance with O.C.G.A. 48-5-32.1.

In addition, Form PT-35 County Millage Rate Certification and Form PT 32.1 Computation of Millage Rate Rollback and Percentage Increase in Property Taxes for Tax Year 2007 must be certified and submitted to the Georgia Department of Revenue for digest approval for the tax year 2007.

BACKGROUND:

A tax levy resolution must be submitted to the State of Georgia Department of Revenue, and is scheduled for delivery by the Tax Assessor's Office during the week of July 30, 2007.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

- (1) At its July 26, 2007 meeting, the Board of Public Education adopted a resolution for the millage levy for tax year 2007.
- (2) The recommended millage rates for tax year 2007 are as follows:
 - (a) General Fund, 13.795 mills. This is a reduction of .716 mills from the current rate of 14.511 mills. This is equal to the calculated rollback millage rate of 13.795 mills.
 - (b) G.O. Bond Debt, 0.00 mills. This is a reduction of 1.306 mills from the current millage rate of 1.306 mills. The calculated rollback millage rate is 1.220 mills.
- (3) The aggregate millage rate is 13.795 mills. This is a reduction of 2.022 mills from the 2006 aggregate millage rate.

VI. ADJOURN AND CONVENE IN GREEN ROOM TO DISCUSS BUDGET PRIORITIES AND PROJECTS.

Commissioner Stone made a motion that the special meeting be adjourned. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Chairman Liakakis declared the meeting adjourned at 9:46 a.m.

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APPROVED: This _____ day of _____, 2007

Pete Liakakis, Chairman
Chatham County Commission

Sybil E. Tillman, County Clerk