

PUBLIC HEARING
ELBERT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
THURSDAY, AUGUST 29TH, 2013 - 6:00 P.M.

This was the third public hearing held for Elbert County citizens to give input on the proposed millage increase. The first and second public hearings were held on August 21st at 11:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. By law, there has to be three public hearings held in order to move forward with this proposal. Three-fourths of the mill will be for economic development, and one-fourth will be for employee compensation. These hearings have been held at the Elbert County Government Complex.

MINUTES
ELBERT COUNTY BOC CALLED MEETING
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Chairman Tommy Lyon called the meeting to order. Present were Chairman Lyon, Vice-Chair Horace Harper, Commissioner Harold Reynolds, Commissioner Chris Alexander, Commissioner Kenneth Ashworth, Commissioner Freddie Jones, County Attorney Bill Daughtry, County Clerk Judy Vaughn, County CFO Phil Pitts and County Administrator Bob Thomas.

After the Pledge to the United States Flag, the invocation was given by Bob Thomas.

Approval of agenda. Commissioner Harper made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Before voting on approval of the agenda, Chairman Lyon called for a motion to amend the agenda by adding under 4a) “approval of the millage rate set by the Board of Education”. Commissioner Ashworth made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and vote on the proposed millage rate increase. Before discussing the proposed millage rate increase, Commissioner Ashworth made a motion to put this item on the ballot for the primary election to be held in March, 2014, to allow the citizens of Elbert County to vote on the proposed millage increase. Commissioner Reynolds seconded the motion to have this on a ballot for the public to vote on. Upon voting the motion failed 3-2, with Commissioners Harper, Alexander and Jones against having it put on a ballot. Chairman Lyon then called for a motion to set the millage at the original rate of 10.411 for the unincorporated and incorporated parts of the County. Chairman Ashworth made a motion to approve leaving the millage at the current rate. Commissioner Harper seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 3-2, with Commissioner Reynolds and Commissioner Alexander against.

Approval of the millage rate set by the Elbert County Board of Education. It is law that the millage rate set by the Elbert County Board of Education be approved by the Elbert County Board of Commissioners. On this day, August 29th, 2013, the Board of Education set their millage rate for 2014, digest year 2013, at 16.722 mills. This was duly advertised by the BOE. Commissioner Harper made a motion to approve the millage rate of 16.722 set by the Elbert County Board of Education. Commissioner Ashworth seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

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