

**Public Hearing
Elbert County Board of Commissioners
Wednesday, August 26, 2015 - 12:00 P.M.**

This was the third and final hearing held for Elbert County citizens to express their concerns about the proposed 1 mill tax increase. The hearing was held in the Commission Meeting Room at the Elbert County Government Complex, 45 Forest Ave., Elberton, GA. 30635

**Minutes
Called Meeting of the Elbert County Board of Commissioners
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Chairman Tommy Lyon called the meeting to order. Present were Chairman Lyon, Vice-Chairman Horace Harper, Commissioner Lee Vaughn, Commissioner Chris Alexander, Commissioner Kenneth Ashworth, Commissioner Freddie Jones, County Attorney Bill Daughtry, County Administrator Bob Thomas, County Clerk Tamara Butler, County CFO Phil Pitts.

After the pledge to the United States flag, the invocation was given by County Attorney Bill Daughtry.

Adoption of agenda. Commissioner Harper made a motion to adopt the agenda. Commissioner Vaughn seconded the motion. Upon voting the motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and approval of a proposed 1 mill tax increase and adoption of the Elbert County overall mill rate. Before the vote on the 1 mill tax increase for the hospital for 3 years; Commissioner Vaughn requested that the hospital come before the board quarterly to give an update on its financial progress concerning indigent care and bad debts. County CFO Phil Pitts asked for the county millage rate which Chairman Lyon stated is 12.439 and that there will be called meeting on September 3, 2015 after the Board of Education announces its millage rate. Chairman Lyon then asked for a vote on the 1 mill tax increase. Commissioner Harper, Commissioner Jones and Commissioner Vaughn voted in favor; Commissioner Alexander and Commissioner Ashworth voted against. Therefore, the increase passed by a 3 to 2 vote.

Public Comments. There were no comments at this time.

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