

**MINUTES**

**Troup County Board of Commissioners**

**Called Meeting**

**July 9, 2013**

**Troup County Government Center**

Troup County Board of Commissioners Chairman Richard Wolfe called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Board Members Present:**

Richard Wolfe, Chairman  
Claude F. Foster III, Commissioner  
Buck Davis, Commissioner  
Morris Jones, Commissioner

**News Media Present:**

Matt Strother, LaGrange Daily News

**Board Members Not Present:**

Richard English, Vice-Chairman

**Staff Present:**

Tod Tentler, County Manager  
Scott Turk, Finance Officer/County Clerk  
Mark DeGennaro, County Attorney  
Dexter Wells, Divisions Manager  
Cheryl May, Accounting/ Deputy Clerk  
Sonya Conroy, Deputy Finance Officer  
James Emery, County Engineer

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

**Consideration of FY 2014 Millage Rate:**

County Manager Tod Tentler presented a resolution for a proposed property tax millage rate increase. The proposed increase includes a .175 increase to the base maintenance and operations M&O millage plus .256 mills for debt service and .66 mills for sanitation, a total of about .75 mills increase over last year. The proposed millage provides a level of transparency about the cost of providing sanitation services, and allows funding to begin to pay for deferred maintenance and capital costs.

Chairman Wolfe asked if there was anyone who would like to speak concerning the increase. Local resident, Joe Franklin stated this increase was relatively small increase in taxes but was still unfair burden on tax payers who are mostly making less than they did in

previous years. He also felt the appeals process for property valuations is too long and complicated and hedges on the homeowner giving up rather than fighting a value increase. Mr. Jerry Nix was upset that the county's advertisement for the tax increase only mentioned a \$7 increase for a \$100,000 property and a 10.394 millage rate. Finance Officer Scott Turk indicated the state provides the language for advertisements for the county to advertise its M&O millage, which doesn't include the sanitation and debt service millage that contributes to the total 11.31 mills. Mr. Nix responded he was very frustrated to only see \$7 increase and thinks he didn't need to come then he finds out it's actually \$20 increase.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further matters to discuss, Commissioner Davis made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Jones seconded. Unanimous.

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Richard Wolfe, Chairman

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
G.S. Turk, Clerk