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September 24, 2015 PM

Public Hearing and Called Session

MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Monroe County Board of Commissioners met in called session on September 24, 2015 at 6:01 p.m. with the following present: Chairman Mike Bilderback, District 1 Commissioner Larry Evans, District 3 Commissioner John Ambrose, District 4 Commissioner Jarod Lovett, County Attorney Ben Vaughn, County Clerk/Administrator Anita Cauthen, Deputy Clerk/HR Janet Abbott and Finance Director Ashley Wooley.

Public Hearing for tentative millage rate

Commissioner Evans motioned to open the public hearing to discuss the tentative millage rate, seconded by Commissioner Ambrose and approved 4-0.

The following residents spoke in opposition of a tax increase: Jimmy Hendrix of Amethyst Drive; Ken Martin of Blount Road; Hank Stevens of English Road; Paul Parnel of Frank Bunn Drive; Harry Faircloth of Amethyst Road; Kenneth Whitehead of Hwy 87; Kathy Darden of Abercrombie Road; Nipper Bunn of Frank Bunn Drive; and Gary Jerkins of Bolingview Road.

Commissioner Ambrose motioned to close the hearing, seconded by Commissioner Evans and approved 4-0.

Commissioner Evans stated to the audience that he heard the concerns that no one wants a large increase, but also understands that no one wants a decrease in service. He feels the Board needs to increase at least 1 mil.

Commissioner Ambrose feels the increase should be $1 \frac{1}{4}$.

Commissioner Lovett feels the increase should be $1 \frac{1}{4}$.

Chairman Bilderback urged the Board to reach a compromise.

Commissioner Evans motioned to raise the millage by 1 mil, for a millage rate of 10.831, and to dedicate the Insurance Premium Tax to Solid Waste, seconded by Commissioner Lovett. Motion was approved 3-1 with Commissioner Ambrose opposed,

stating he believed the County would not be able to accomplish what is needed unless there was a larger increase.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm, on motion by Commissioner Evans, seconded by Commissioner Ambrose and approved 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Anita Cauthen, County Clerk/Administrator