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Board of Commissioners

PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing was held by the Spalding County Board of Commissioners in their office in the Courthouse Annex, Thursday, September 27, 2001 beginning at 5:00 o'clock p.m. with Commissioners, Michael Kendall, Johnie McDaniel and Dick Morrow present. Commissioners Martha McDaniel and Chairman Merrill Massengale were absent. Also present were County Manager William Wilson, Assistant County Manager Michael Sabine and County Clerk Phyllis Doane.

Vice Chairman Johnie McDaniel called the meeting to order and welcomed the guest in the absence of Chairman Massengale.

The purpose of the public hearing was to receive public comment on an increase in property taxes by 1.86 percent.

Ms. Lynn Scott gave her address as 1414 Line Creek Road, Brooks, GA, Spalding County side. She made comments regarding the article published in the *Griffin Daily News* stating that a refund was given from the school system and the increase from the county won't cost the taxpayers anything. She said this would like comparing apples with oranges.

She said that she understands that there is currently nothing the property owners can do in response to the commissioners' decision to raise taxes rather than cut expenses in order to balance this year's budget. She said that most of the homeowners have worked hard, planned well and have had to be frugal. She said a major concern is for next year's taxes and the ability of the elected officials to stay within the budgets that they have planned, submitted and approved. She said that she has heard one (1) department, if it continues spending funds based on the first three months of this fiscal year could exceed their budget by \$1M dollars. She challenged the County Commissioners to plan a budget well and stay within their budget.

It was pointed out to Ms. Scott that 55% of this year's budget is for the Sheriff Dept. and the court system. She was told that she needed to go out to the Sheriff's Department and sit down and talk with Sheriff Stewart about staying within his budget.

Upon motion by Commissioner Morrow, seconded by Commissioner Kendall the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 5:13 p.m.

County Clerk

Vice-Chairman

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SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

The Board of Commissioners of Spalding County, Georgia, held a Special Called meeting on Thursday, September 27, 2001 in their office in the Courthouse Annex in the City of Griffin, Spalding County, Georgia, beginning at 5:30 o'clock p.m. with Commissioners Martha McDaniel, Dick Morrow, Johnie McDaniel and Michael Kendall present. Chairman Massengale was absent. Also present were County Manager William Wilson, Assistant County Manager Michael Sabine and County Clerk Phyllis Doane.

Agenda Topics

I. OPENING (CALL TO ORDER) – Vice Chairman Johnie McDaniel in the absence of Chairman Massengale.

II. WELCOME TO GUESTS

a. NEW BUSINESS

1. To consider adoption of the 2001 Spalding County Tax Levy. *Upon motion by Commissioner Martha McDaniel, seconded by Commissioner Morrow the following Tax Levy was unanimously approved by a vote of 4-0.*

2001 SPALDING COUNTY TAX LEVY

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Spalding County, Georgia, and it is hereby resolved by said authority, that there be levied on all property located and situated in said County on the first day of January 2001, whether said property be real, or personal, or mixed, the following rates of taxation for the purposes herein named and that the same be collected by the Tax Commissioner of said County at the same time and in the same manner as the tax levied by the State of Georgia, is collected, and when collected that the same shall be deposited by the Tax Commissioner with the treasurer of Spalding County, and that the treasurer's official receipt be taken therefor; to-wit:

1. To pay the expenses of administration of the county government; 1.05 mills or **\$1.05** per \$1,000.00 of taxable property.
2. To pay principal and interest of any debt of the county and to provide sinking fund therefor; 0.31 mills or **\$0.31** per \$1,000.00 of taxable property.
4. To build and repair public buildings and bridges; 0.52 mills or **\$0.52** per \$1,000.00 of taxable property.
5. To pay the expenses of courts, the maintenance and support of inmates and to pay sheriffs and coroners and for litigation; 5.37mills or **\$5.37** per \$1,000.00 of taxable property.
6. To build and maintain a system of county roads; 0.95 mills or **\$0.95** per \$1,000.00 of taxable property.
7. For public health purposes in said county, and for the collection and preservation of records of vital statistics; 0.67 mills or **\$0.67** per \$1,000.00 of taxable property.
8. To pay county police; **NO LEVY**
9. To support indigent individuals; **NO LEVY**
10. To pay agricultural and home demonstration agents; 0.03 mills or **\$0.03** per \$1,000.00 of taxable property.
11. To provide for payment of old-age assistance to aged persons in need, and for the payment of assistance to needy blind, and to dependent children and other welfare benefits, all as provided by the constitution and laws of Georgia; 0.03 mills or **\$0.03** per \$1,000.00 of taxable property.
12. To provide for fire protection for forest lands and for the further conservation of natural resources; 0.01 mills or **\$0.01** per \$1,000.00 of taxable property.
13. To provide medical or other care, and hospitalization, for the indigent sick people of the County; **NO LEVY**
14. To acquire, improve and maintain airports, public parks, and public libraries; 0.74 mills or **\$0.74** per \$1,000.00 of taxable property.

15. To provide for worker's compensation and retirement of pension funds for officers and employees; 0.08 mills or **\$0.08** per \$1,000.00 or taxable property.

16. To provide reasonable reserves for public improvements as may be fixed by law; **NO LEVY**

17. To pay pensions and other benefits and costs under a teacher retirement system or systems; **NO LEVY**

19. To provide for ambulance services within the county; **NO LEVY**

20. To provide for financial assistance to county or joint county and municipal development authorities for the purpose of developing trade, commerce, industry, and employment opportunities; 0.12 mills or **\$0.12** per \$1,000.00 of taxable property.

25. To provide services and systems for fire protection for Fire Protection District "A"; 3.08 mills or **\$3.08** per \$1,000.00 upon the taxable property in such fire district.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that on recommendation of the Board of Education of Griffin-Spalding County School System, the following rates of taxation be likewise levied and collected, and when collected that the same be paid to the Board of Education of said County, as provided by law, to-wit:

3. For education purposes, as provided by the Constitution and laws of Georgia; 18.94 mills or **\$18.94** per \$1,000.00 of taxable property.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this order be spread upon the minutes and that the same be advertised and posted in accordance with Section 48-5-232 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated (1982) and the pertinent laws of Georgia.

This the 27th day of September 2001.

(L.S.) Martha W. McDaniel, Commissioner

(L.S.) M. Michael Kendall, Commissioner

(L.S.) Dick Morrow, Commissioner

(L.S.) Johnie A. McDaniel, Commissioner

2. To consider amendment of the FY 2002 Capacity Agreement with Georgia Dept. of Corrections for additional State inmates. The amendment is for the county to provide complete care and custody of an additional 234 State inmates daily at the new C.I.

Upon motion by Commissioner Martha McDaniel, seconded by Commissioner Morrow the amendment was unanimously approved by a vote of 4-0.

County Manager Wilson brought to the Board's attention that the tax equity study is almost complete and we would like to schedule a joint City/County Meeting on October 15, 2001 at 5:30

p.m. Location not known at this time. He said that the plans are to pass out the study to the City and the County the Friday before the meeting for review before the meeting.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Commissioner Morrow, seconded by Commissioner Martha McDaniel the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 5:33 P.M.

County Clerk

Vice-Chairman

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