



Board of Commissioners

**PUBLIC HEARING**

A public hearing was held by the Spalding County Board of Commissioners in their office in the Courthouse Annex, Wednesday, August 27, 2003 beginning at 11:30 o'clock a.m. with Commissioners Dick Morrow, Michael Kendall, and Eddie Goss present. Also present were County Manager William Wilson, and County Clerk Phyllis Doane. Commissioners Cecil Davis and Johnie McDaniel were absent.

**Agenda Topics**

**I. CALL TO ORDER – Chairman Morrow**

**II. WELCOME TO GUESTS – Chairman Morrow**

**III. ORDER OF BUSINESS**

1. To receive public comment on proposed property tax increase.

Chairman Morrow commented that the purpose of this meeting is to receive comments on the proposed millage rate of 13.53, which will increase taxes 13.60% over the rollback millage rate.

Mr. Mark Kapiloff came forward and gave his address as 840 Hillcrest Avenue. Mr. Kapiloff stated he was a City resident and was disappointed to see that the Board of Commissioners had to raise property taxes again this year. His property is valued at \$200,000 and pays one percent (1%) in taxes, which is \$2,000. He made a comparison of taxes with other cities in the Northeastern United States from a section called "Residential Sales" that appears every Thursday in the *New York Times*. He compared taxes on a \$200,000 home in New York City area would be \$1700; however, taxes in other cities in the Northeast are less than Spalding County in some cases and more in other cases. He asked the Board to look at this and take it into consideration.

Chairman Morrow explained why the taxes would have to be raised this year. On the expense side the Sheriff's budget is up \$800,000 and we have had to increase the funding of Workers Comp in the amount of \$400,000, which comes to a total of \$1.2 Million. On the revenue side sales tax is down approximately \$500,000 and loss of the City resuming their State Court brings a revenue shortfall of \$300,000, which comes to a total of \$800,000. These two combined brings a shortfall of \$2 Million for the Maintenance and Operations of Spalding County.

**IV. ADJOURNMENT**

*With no further comments being made, motion made by Commissioner Goss, seconded by Commissioner Kendall and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting.*

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County Clerk

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Chairman

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**PUBLIC HEARING**

A public hearing was held by the Spalding County Board of Commissioners in their office in the Courthouse Annex, Wednesday, August 27, 2003 beginning at 6:00 o'clock p.m. with Commissioners Dick Morrow, Michael Kendall, and Eddie Goss present. Also present were County Manager William Wilson, and County Clerk Phyllis Doane. Commissioners Cecil Davis and Johnie McDaniel were absent.

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Mr. Robert Morgan came forward and stated he was from the City of Orchard Hill. He said that raising property taxes again this year will keep citizens from voting for the next SPLOST. He said raising property taxes to make up a \$2 Million shortfall for operation of the County would not benefit the City of Orchard Hill; however, the \$34 Million SPLOST would.

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County Clerk

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Chairman

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