

Cherokee County Board of Commissioners SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

July 25, 2013

CHEROKEE HALL 6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

CHAIRMAN AHRENS

Chairman Ahrens called the regular meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Those present included Commissioner Harry B. Johnston; Commissioner Raymond Gunnin; County Manager Jerry Cooper; and County Clerk Christy Black. (Commissioners Nelms and Poole were absent.) Also present were Agency Directors/Department Heads; the media; and the public.

(1) Consider adoption of all 2013 Millage Rates.

Mr. Cooper said the purpose of the meeting was to approve the total millage rates for the County, including the School Board's rates. The School Board met last night and approved the millage rate: M&O at 19.450 and School Board Bond at .400. Total School Board M&O and Bond Millage of 19.850.

Commissioner Johnston made a motion to adopt the millage rates as stated by the County Manager totaling combined school and County Government millage rate of 29.797; Commissioner Gunnin seconded and there was unanimous approval, 3-0.

Mr. Cooper commended the BOC rolling back the millage rate and saving the tax payers that much more as opposed to counties that say they don't raise taxes but they don't roll back millage rates.

Chairman Ahrens added that they have to consider the element of inflation every now and then. If inflation is not taken into account over a number of years, you set yourself back. Commissioner Johnston commented that over the last 13 years, the County adjusted the M&O rate, with two equally off-setting exceptions for inflationary or deflationary change in the digest, which

means they only allowed revenues to increase by the amount of real growth. Based on that, the County has effectively absorbed all inflation in general M&O for 13 straight years.

ADJOURN

The Chairman asked if there was any further business. Hearing none, Commissioner Gunnin made a motion to adjourn at 6:08 p.m.; Commissioner Johnston seconded and the motion received unanimous approval.

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE 2013 MILLAGE RATE

FOR CHEROKEE COUNTY, GEORGIA

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of Cherokee County, Georgia that they do hereby accept the proposed millage submitted by the Cherokee County Board of Education; and adopt such County millage rates applicable for the Fiscal Year beginning January 1, 2013 and ending December 31, 2013 and shall be as follows:

General Government M&O	05.798
Fire District M&O	03.373
Park Bond	00.776
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT, FIRE DISTRICT M&O, and PARK BOND MILLAGE	09.947
School Board M&O	19.450
School Board Bond	00.400
TOTAL SCHOOL BOARD M&O and BOND MILLAGE	19.850
TOTAL COMBINED MILLAGE RATE	29.797

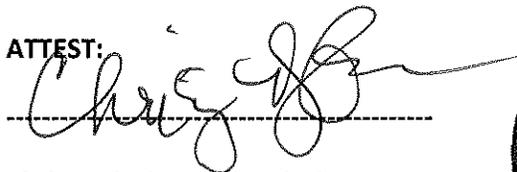
SO ORDAINED THIS THE 25th DAY OF JULY, 2013

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



L.B. Ahrens, Jr., Chairman

ATTEST:



Christy Black, County Clerk

