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The regular meeting of the Dooly County Commissioners was held this date at 9:00 a.m. at the Dooly County Commissioners office. Members present were: Vice Chairman Charles Anderson, Commissioner David Barron, Commissioner Eugene Cason, Chairman Terrell Hudson, and Commissioner Harry Ward. Also present were: Administrator Stephen Sanders, Clerk Linda Woodson, Interim Attorney-William Gregory, and Vienna News Observer, Tim Franzeen.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Terrell Hudson called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was given by all.

PRAYER

Commissioner Ward led the Board in prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Upon motion by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Cason, the board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as printed.

MINUTES

Upon motion by Commissioner Cason and seconded by Commissioner Ward, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Regular minutes and Executive Minutes of September 18, 2014.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

The Financial/budget for September will be available at the next board meeting.

DOOLY COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Kenny Calhoun, EMA Director met with the Commissioners to inform them of a GEMA grant award for the county. This mitigation grant is to upgrade the county's current early warning tornado system that is a nine siren system, that includes new radio receivers in the control boxes. The cost of the system is about \$40,500.00. Because the county is in Tier 1 status, the county is required to pay 15% of this cost, which is \$6,000. The funds are to be expensed from the EMA as capital outlay. This new technological system will alert the local authorities in the county as soon as the National Weather service puts out a warning for Dooly County. One of the criteria for consideration for the grant, the County Commissioners has to send a letter stating they support this project. Upon motion by Commissioner Cason and seconded by Commissioner Anderson, the board voted unanimously to send a letter by 11-14-14 in support of the Early Warning Tornado System for Dooly County.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion by Commissioner Cason and seconded by Commissioner Ward, the board voted unanimously to go into executive at 9:39 a.m. to discuss and update on a pending litigation matter with Interim Attorney Bert Gregory.

REGULAR MEETING

Upon motion by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Anderson, the board voted unanimously to call the Regular Meeting back into session at 10:20 a.m. Upon motion by Commissioner Cason and second by Commissioner Ward, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Minutes of the Executive Session as read by Clerk Linda Woodson in the Executive Session. (The Affidavit of Chairman is hereby attached to these minutes as Exhibit "A").

PUBLIC DEFENDER

Administrator Sanders has received a request from Burton Baker, Interim Public Defender for the Cordele Judicial Circuit to hire a juvenile attorney using the funds that were to be reimbursed to Dooly County. The Public Defender serves Dooly, Crisp, Ben Hill and Wilcox County. Dooly County share amount is \$1684.32. Upon motion by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Cason, the board voted unanimously to allow the Public Defender's office to retain the \$1,684.32.

Recess

The board recessed at 10:24 a.m. The regular meeting resumed at 11:00 a.m.

PUBLIC HEARING #3

The Dooly County Board of Commissioners has tentatively adopted a millage rate which will require a 3.89% increase in property taxes. The proposed 2014 Millage Rate is 17.305 mills (an increase of 0.105 mills from the 2013 Millage Rate of 17.200 mills). All concerned citizens are invited to the public hearings on this tax increase. Public Hearing #3 will be held at 11:00 AM on Friday, October 3, 2014, at the Dooly County Commissioners' office. No public comments were received. The public hearing closed at 11:02 a.m.

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MILLAGE RATE

Upon the three public hearings, the Commissioners has adopted the 2014 millage rate of 17.305. Administrator Sanders advised the board that the Dooly County Board of Education set their millage rate at 16.404 mills on last night at their regular board meeting. This is a roll back of 0.010 mills from last year. The 2014 Tax Levy is:

17.305 Mills - Board of Commissioners

16.404 Mills - Board of Education

0.100 Mill - State of Georgia

33.809 Mills

Administrator Sanders further advised that millage rate was due to fixed revenues and the amount needed from property taxes to balance the budget. Upon motion by Commissioner Cason and seconded by Commissioner Barron, the board voted unanimously to adopt the 2014 Millage Rate. Faye Mixon, the Tax Commissioner will take this report to Atlanta on Monday, October 6th and upon their approval, (hopefully) the tax notices should be printed and mailed out by October 20, 2014 for taxes to be paid starting December 20, 2014.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Commissioner Cason and seconded by Commissioner Barron, the board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 11:06 p.m.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners is scheduled for Thursday, October 16, 2014 at 9:00 AM at the Dooly County Commissioners' Office at 113 N. Third Street in Vienna.

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COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 4

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DISTRICT #1