

MINUTES
MERIWETHER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

August 30, 2023
5:00 P.M.

Commissioners Present: Chairman Bryan Threadgill, Vice Chairman Gene King,
Commissioner Rosla Plant, and Commissioner Emmett Collins
Commissioners Absent: Commissioner Adam Worsley
Staff Present: Interim County Administrator Theron Gay and County Clerk Beverly
Thomas, Finance Director Bill Gregory, and John Gorton, Tax Commissioner Deann
Cruse
Staff Absent: Attorney Nathan Lee

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Threadgill called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

II. ADOPT AGENDA

Motion was made by Rosla Plant and seconded by Emmett Collins to adopt
the Agenda. All were in favor.

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. None

IV. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Motion was made by Rosla Plant and seconded by Vice Chairman King to go into
a Public Hearing to set the Millage Rate for 2023. All were in favor.
Interim Administrator Gay stated this Public Hearing is for the final approval for our
Digest submission to the State. The Tax Commissioner already has everything moving
forward for that. Interim Administrator Gay stated we are here today to talk about this
and answer any questions from the audience. We will be using the roll back rate which is
the rate the State Law requires if you are going to keep your tax collections level. They
allow you to add and pick up revenue on new properties that are added. The overall
Revenue percentage increase is about 6.41%. We should collect about \$499,000 in
additional revenue and have a total collection of about \$8.2M-\$8.6M. The roll back rate
was calculated at 12.73 mils. We has the rollback of 2.45 mils of Local Option Sales Tax
from the gross digest of 15.180 mils. The milage rate that staff is recommending to the
Board is the roll back rate which is 12.73 mils. That is down from last years rate of
13.034 mils. The Five-Year History has been properly advertised. Staff was available to
answer any questions and at the end and staff requested the Board close the Public
Hearing and adopt our milage rate and the milage rate that has been set by the Board of
Education. State law requires the governing body to adopt the School Board's milage rate
in with the County's milage rate. The Tax Commissioner has everything ready to submit
and Interim Administrator Gay complimented Tax Commissioner Cruse for doing good
job with this.

There were no questions from the Board members or from anyone in the audience. No one signed up to speak.

Motion was made by Vice Chairman King and seconded by Rosla Plant to go out of the Public Hearing. All were in favor.

The Board of Education number is 17.363 mils.

Motion was made by Vice Chairman King and seconded by Rosla Plant to approve the County Rollback at 12.73 mils and allow the Chairman to sign. All were in favor.

Interim Administrator Gay stated he had listed the Fire District/Fire Bond as well.

Chairman Threadgill asked if we needed to approve that and Interim Administrator Gay stated we did not but wanted the Board to know it would be adopted as part of the overall package.

Motion was made by Vice Chairman King and seconded by Rosla Plant to approve the Board of Education Rollback at 17.363 mils and allow the Chairman to sign. All were in favor.

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Rosla Plant and seconded by Emmett Collins to go into Executive Session at 5:05 p.m. for litigation, personnel, and tax matters. All were in favor.

Motion was made by Rosla Plant and seconded by Emmett Collins to go out of Executive Session at 5:30 p.m. All were in favor.

Motion was made by Emmett Collins and seconded by Vice Chairman King to go back into Regular Session at 5:34 p.m. All were in favor.

There was no action taken while in Executive Session

VI. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, motion was made by Vice Chairman King and seconded by Emmett Collins to adjourn the meeting at 5:34 p.m. All were in favor.

Approved by: Majority vote of the Board of Commissioners

Attest: Beverly Thomas, County Clerk

Date: September 13, 2023