

THE SPECIAL CALL SESSION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSION
OF
UNICOI COUNTY, TENNESSEE
SEPTEMBER 6, 2011

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Unicoi County Board of Commissioners met in Special Call Session at the Unicoi County Court House on Tuesday, September 6, 2011, at 5:30 p.m. Present and Presiding, the Honorable Sue Jean Wilson, Chairman, the Honorable Greg Lynch, County Mayor, the Honorable Mitzi Bowen, County Clerk, Doug Shults, County Attorney, and the following Commissioners:

ROLL CALL: Esq. Dwight Bennett, "Yes", Esq. Doug Bowman, "Yes", Esq. Kenneth Garland, "Yes", Esq. Mickey Hatcher, "Yes", Esq. Bill Hensley, "Yes", Esq. James Howell, "Yes", Esq. Loran Thomas, "Yes", Esq. Gene Wilson, "Yes", Esq. Sue Jean Wilson, "Yes".

9- Present

0- Absent

Esq. Doug Bowman opened the meeting with Prayer and the Pledge to the Flag was led by Esq. James Howell.

Agenda Item #4

Recognize Visitors and Citizens

None present.

Agenda Item #5

Set Tax Rate for Unicoi County

Motion made by Esq. James Howell, said motion seconded by Esq. Dwight Bennett to set the tax rate for Unicoi County at 2.5537 cents for the fiscal year 2011-2012. General Fund 1.000, Waste/Sanitation 0.1600, Hwy/Public Works 0.0507, Gen Purpose Schools 0.8487, General Debt Service 0.4943.

Esq. Mickey Hatcher addressed the commission stating there is a lot of things in here we have discussed and certainly, again, we don't agree with everything that is in here. At this point and time, I think it is necessary to move forward and certainly we can always fine tune somewhat but I don't think we can do much better unless we cut services.

ROLL CALL: Esq. Dwight Bennett, "Yes", Esq. Doug Bowman, "Yes", Esq. Kenneth Garland, "No", Esq. Mickey Hatcher, (Conflict of Interest Pledge Recited) "Yes", Esq. Bill Hensley, "Yes", Esq. James Howell, "Yes", Esq. Loran Thomas, "Yes", Esq. Gene Wilson, "Yes", Esq. Sue Jean Wilson, "Yes". The Conflict of Interest Pledge is as follows: ***Because I am an employee of (name of government office) I have a conflict of interest in the proposal about to be voted. However, I declare that my argument and my vote answer only to my constituents and the citizens this body represents...***)

8- Yes

1- No

Motion Passed (Copy in file)

Esq. Bill Hensley addressed the commission stating when we began this back in March we were looking at .21 cents. I expect the county to be better off from a property tax standpoint in the 2012-2013, fiscal year. Esq. Hensley said if we get what I call some

extra money, money that is unforeseen coming in, I'll be the first person to reduce that tax rate and give those pennies back to the taxpayers. I would also like to thank Mr. Bowman and Mr. Hatcher on your diligent work you have put on this to help lower the tax rate.

Agenda Item #6
Recommend a County Budget

Motion made by Esq. Gene Wilson, said motion seconded by Esq. James Howell to Accept the County Budget as is, in packet. (Copy in file)

ROLL CALL: Esq. Sue Jean Wilson, "Yes", Esq. Gene Wilson, "Yes", Esq. Loran Thomas, "Yes", Esq. James Howell, "Yes", Esq. Bill Hensley, "Yes", Esq. Mickey Hatcher, (Conflict of Interest Pledge Recited) "Yes", Kenneth Garland, "No", Esq. Doug Bowman,(Conflict of Interest Pledge Recited) "Yes", Esq. Dwight Bennett, (Conflict of Interest Pledge Recited)"Yes. ***Because I am an employee of (name of government office) I have a conflict of interest in the proposal about to be voted. However, I declare that my argument and my vote answer only to my constituents and the citizens this body represents...***)

8- Yes

1- No

Motion Passed

Agenda Item #7
Motion for adjournment

Motion made by Esq. Gene Wilson, said motion seconded by Esq. Dwight Bennett to adjourn the Special Call meeting of September 6, 2011.

GREG LYNCH, COUNTY MAYOR

MITZI BOWEN, COUNTY CLERK

SUE JEAN WILSON, CHAIRMAN