

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court

Special Session – Budget Workshop

Friday, September 15, 2017

9:00 A.M.



Hamilton County Commissioners met in a special session for the public hearing on the Hamilton County Proposed Tax of .5605 and also a budget workshop on September 15, 2017 at 9:00 A.M. with the following members present: County Judge Mark Tynes, Commissioner's Johnny Wagner, Keith Allen Curry, Lloyd Huggins and Dickie Clary.

Tynes called the meeting to order and a quorum was established.

The public hearing began at 9:01 A.M.

Tynes said the only public comment that he would like to make is in regards to one of the public comments in the last meeting from one of our citizens, that in effect, we have quote/unquote raised the taxes because we are not using the effective tax rate. We are proposing to use the same tax rate in Fiscal Year 2017 budget. However, he thinks that it is appropriate to note that the freeze adjusted taxable totals from the appraisal district are down considerably from what they were the previous year and the total tax that is at least going to the general fund as far as tax dollars is some eighteen to twenty thousand dollars less. In 2017 the total was \$2,376,130.00 and proposed in 2018 is \$2,357,383.00 so although we are maintaining the current tax rate the total property taxes going to the general fund are less.

There were no other public comments and the public hearing was closed at 9:02 A.M.

The court moved to agenda item #3 which is the budget workshop.

Tynes said that the only thing he had for the budget workshop looking in the special funds item 046 which is the transaction fee for JOP/SO and after researching this the fund was created prior to Judge Lively's terms in office. After researching the fund it was originally created to pay for the download of tickets from the Justice of the Peace. This fund has never been used to actually pay for these tickets. The charges came out of 043 which is the Justice Court technology fund. Therefore item 046 has effectively and immediately gone away and all that activity is being moved to fund item 043.

The court also talked about some other special funds categories (such as the court reporter) that they were going to look into.

Tynes asked the court if there was anything else that they would like to address today. No one really had any changes to suggest.

Tynes stated that he knew that Commissioner Curry had made some changes in his budget and auditor Reeves encouraged the court that if they had any changes that they needed to make to please come see him.

Tynes adjourned the court at 9:17 A.M.

W. Mark Tynes
County Judge

Kiesha F. Bagwell
County Clerk
