



**MINUTES
JULY 25, 2017
6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT FOR MEETING: Chairman Debbie Whitlock, Commissioners Michelle Ivester, and Dean Scarborough; County Clerk Beth Rider; County Administrator Phyllis Ayers; County Attorney Brian Ranck

**PUBLIC HEARING
PROPERTY TAX INCREASE**

Administrator Phyllis Ayers opened the public hearing at 6:13 p.m. for anyone wishing to speak in favor or opposition of the proposed tax increase.

Ms. Sue Mullinax stated she was a resident of Stephens County and she appreciated what the board was trying to do and that we are not a wealthy county. Ms. Mullinax did not agree with the purchase of the Senior Center bus or the center in general. Ms. Mullinax stated she works for the Stephens County Hospital and they have had lay-offs and cuts and she wished she was a county employee and was able to get a 5% increase and insurance premium paid instead of 5% decrease from her check. She thanked the board for listening.

No one else spoke in favor or opposition of the tax increase. Ms. Ayers closed the public hearing.

Chairman Debbie Whitlock called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. and welcomed those present.

I. New Business

1. BOARD TO CONSIDER MOTION TO ADOPT COUNTY MILLAGE RATE AT 14.91 MILLS AND THE STEPHENS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION RECOMMENDED MILLAGE RATE OF 17.30 MILLS AND AUTHORIZE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS INCLUDING THE 2017 TAX LEVY AND LETTER OF INSURANCE PREMIUM ROLLBACK

A motion was made by Commissioner Ivester, seconded by Commissioner Whitlock to adopt the county millage rate at 14.91 mills and the Stephens County Board of Education recommended millage rate of 17.30 mills and authorize Chairman to sign all necessary documents including the 2017 tax levy and letter of insurance premium rollback. **Motion carried 2-1; Commissioner Scarborough opposed.**

A motion was made by Commissioner Ivester, seconded by Commissioner Scarborough to adjourn. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Approved this _____ day of _____, 2017

Debbie Whitlock, Chairman

Attest:

Beth Rider, County Clerk