

**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
PIKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

The Pike County Board of Commissioners held a Special Called Meeting on Wednesday, September 28, 2022 at 11:30 a.m. in the Courthouse, Main Courtroom, at 16001 Barnesville Street, Zebulon. Vice-Chairman Tim Daniel convened the meeting and Commissioners Tim Guy, Jason Proctor and James Jenkins attended. County Manager Brandon Rogers and County Clerk Angela Blount were also present. (O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1(e) (2)) Due to unforeseen circumstances, County Attorney Rob Morton and Chairman Briar Johnson were unavailable to attend the meeting.

- 1. **CALL TO ORDERVice-Chairman Tim Daniel**
- 2. **INVOCATION.....Silent Invocation**
- 3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCEVice-Chairman Tim Daniel**
- 4. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA - (O.C.G A. 50-14-1 (e) (1))**

Motion/second by Commissioners Proctor/Guy to approve the agenda, motion carried 4-0.

- 5. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - a. **PUBLIC HEARING:** To receive public input on the notice of proposed property tax increase.

Spoke at Public Hearing:
Tom Brown
Martin Collins
Steve Davis
Joe Parks
Roger Green

Commissioner Jason Proctor stated he agrees with the citizens regarding a tax increase, he does not want to see one either. Proctor mentioned fuel costs have increased with inflation and the ambulance service cost for the county has doubled. Commissioner Proctor requested the County Mananger and Department Heads to look back over the budget and see if there is a way to cut some things in the budget. Commissioner Guy agrees with Commissioner Proctor, inflation has gone out of the roof. Commissioner Guy asked the County Mananger to explain one reason for the increase. Commissioner Daniel reminded the public that this is just the county portion of the tax bill, not the entire tax bill. County Manager Brandon Rogers stated all the services in the county have increased with fuel costs being the main cause. Employees are hard to retain because there are so many positions available in the workforce, therefore the county did a cost-of-living adjustment for the employees this year. Every line item in the budget is affected by the inflation the economy is suffering from. CM Rogers stated new housing in the county is more of a burden on the tax base than people realize. For additional housing, it is figured 2-4 people per household, that puts more people on the roads, more in the school system and more people calling emergency services. The services the county has to offer are taxed every time another house is added to the county. The county does not have a heavy commercial tax base. CM Rogers stated around 90% of the tax base comes from residential and 10% from commercial. Commissioner Jenkins noted he has been sitting on the Board for ten years and has not yet voted for a tax increase and he is not going to start now. Commissioner Daniel thanked everyone for attending the Public Hearing.

- 6. **EXECUTIVE SESSION - NONE**
- 7. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion/second by Commissioners Proctor/Guy to adjourn at 11:52 a.m., motion carried 4-0.

J. Briar Johnson, Chairman

Angela Blount, County Clerk