

**HARRIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CALLED SESSION**

August 2, 2018

4:00 PM

Commissioners Present: J. Harry Lange, Susan Andrews, Martha Chewning, Becky Langston, Jim Woods. Staff Present: Randy Dowling, County Manager; Clint Chastain, Finance Officer; Wayne Morris, Chief Tax Appraiser; Nancy D. McMichael, County Clerk.

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** Chairman Lange called the Called Session to order and explained that the purpose of this meeting was to discuss the 2018 millage rate. He then turned the meeting over to Randy Dowling, County Manager, and Wayne Morris, Chief Tax Appraiser.
2. **MILLAGE RATE.** Discussion included that if the current millage rate of 8.64 remains the same, the Board will be required to advertise and hold three public hearings because it will generate a .1% increase over last year; that changing the millage to the 8.63 rollback will only require advertising as to when the millage rate will be set; that the rate of 8.63 will fund the budget that was approved in June; that property values in the Pine Mountain area went down about \$6 million; that values in the southern part of the County have increased; that exemptions for conservation use, forestry, and disabled veterans are about \$2 million a year; that to address employee compression will cost about \$575,000 a year; that to address employee longevity will cost about \$1.7 million; and that the County is on track to reduce the need to balance future budgets with transfers from other funds. Following discussion, the motion to move forward with the rollback millage rate of 8.63 and to advertise accordingly was made by Commissioner Woods, seconded by Commissioner Langston, and passed unanimously.
3. **ADJOURNMENT.** There being no further business, Chairman Lange adjourned the meeting.

J. Harry Lange, Chairman

Attest:

Nancy D. McMichael, County Clerk