

**Jasper County Board of Commissioners  
Special Millage/Tax Levy Meeting Minutes  
August 26, 2010  
6:00 P.M.**

**Commissioner Present: Chairman Charles Hill  
Vice Chairman: Carl Pennamon  
Commissioner: Jack Bernard  
Commissioner: Mary Patrick  
Commissioner: Alan Cox**

**Staff present: County Manager Dennis Recker  
County attorney James Alexander**

**Minutes prepared by: Carole Norris**

**Chairman Charles Hill called the meeting to order.**

**Approval of Agenda:**

Commissioner Alan Cox made a motion to amend the agenda to add the discussion of the 2010 reductions and was seconded By Commissioner Bernard. Passed unanimously. Approved the moving of the executive session to the 6:00 P.M. meeting from the 5:00 work session meeting.

**2010 Millage and Tax Levy approval:**

2010 Millage and Tax Levy approval will be discussed after the executive session. Passed unanimously.

The motion to set the Millage and Tax Levy was made by Commissioner Pennamon to set the rate at 16.010 with a rollback resulting in a levy of 14.48 mills for the incorporated area of Jasper County and further resulting in a levy of 13.98 mills for the unincorporated area of Jasper County. Seconded by Commissioner Patrick. There was a discussion about where to cut and Commissioner Cox wants to cut Chamber Dues, Economic Development Authority, Family Connection, Hospital, Library, Recreation and the Senior Center. Commissioner Patrick thinks that the Constitutional Officers should also be cut along with everyone else. Passed 3-2 with Commissioners Pennamon, Hill and Patrick voting for the motion and Commissioners Bernard and Cox voting against the motion.

**Executive Session:** Motion to go into executive session for personal and threatening litigation made by Commissioner Bernard and seconded by Commissioner Pennamon. Passed unanimously.

**Results of Executive Session:** Motion to come out of Executive Session by Commissioner Patrick and seconded by Commissioner Bernard. Passed unanimously. Commissioner Patrick made a motion in order to clarify the previous motion by Commissioner Pemnamon at the previous meeting regarding employee unpaid holiday pay the following budget amendment is needed for all county functions FY 2010 at the legal level of budgetary control per state law. The following are the results of the reductions: Senior Center \$1210.00, Landfill \$2530.00, Tax Commissioner \$1310.00, Tax Assessor \$4640.00, Registrar \$540.00, Government Buildings \$710.00, Planning & Zoning \$590.00, Code Enforcement \$840.00, Sheriff's Department \$22,800.00, Jail \$8200.00, Animal Control \$640.00, Public Works \$12,720.00, Superior Court \$3115.00, Probate Court \$1160.00, Emergency Management \$600.00, Recreation \$1300.00, Emergency Medical \$1307.00, Fire \$600.00, Executive \$3050.00, Finance \$1910.00, District Attorney Office \$685.00 and Courthouse Security \$790.00 with the total being \$83640.00. Sabrina was to email and write up the official budget resolution. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion and it passed 4-1 with Commissioners Bernard, Hill,

Patrick and Cox voting for the motion and Commissioner Pennamon against the motion.

Commissioner Cox's motions was that in Executive session it came out that the Commissioner would make a motion that they would offer Mr. Gregory Wood the job of County Manager subject to obtaining an agreeable start date from Mr. Wood. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Patrick. Commissioner Cox amended his motion to come back and approve the hiring of Mr. Wood after he accepts the job. Passed unanimously.

**Back to tax Levy:**

Back to the Tax Levy motion Commissioner Pennamon wanted to amend the motion to include levying for the school board. The levy for the school will be 16.43 mills and the bond at .00900 mills. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Patrick. The vote was 3-2 with Commissioners Hill, Patrick and Pennamon voting for and Commissioner Bernard and Cox voting against.

Adjourn:

A motion to adjourn by Commissioner Bernard and seconded by Commissioner Pennamon. Passed unanimously and the meeting ended at 7:05 P.M.