

**OFFICIAL MINUTES**  
PUBLIC HEARING  
August 9, 2012, 6:00 p.m.  
2012 Tax Millage

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners met on the above date in for a Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m. at the Emergency Services Center, with the following board members present:

J. Elaine Mays, Chairman, Dist. 8  
Merrill E. Baker, Jr., Dist. 1  
Mark NeSmith, Dist. 4  
Mary Jo Beverly, Dist. 6

Moses L. Gross, Vice-Chairman, Dist. 2  
Kenneth E. Hickey, Dist. 3  
Hershel P. Ansley, Dist. 5  
Phillip V. Brown, Dist. 7

Staff present was Michael J. Stephenson, County Manager and M. Twink Monahan, County Clerk. Chris Hurst, WPAX Radio and Patti Dozier, Times-Enterprise, were also present.

Chairman Mays called upon Commissioner NeSmith who gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Mays opened the public hearing to receive input from citizens concerning the 2012 Tax Millage increase.

County Manager Michael Stephenson reviewed the County's millage history, unexpected expenses and revenue deductions, annual fund expenses and revenues, budget cut history, roll-back explanation and millage comparison to like populated counties. This information was distributed to all citizens present.

Chairman Mays called for comments.

The chairman recognized the following citizens who would like to see no increase in millage rates for a variety of reasons:

Shirley NeSmith, Thomas County-Coolidge, presented a petition containing 209 signatures objecting to the proposed increase. Others recognized in objection were Richard Pearson, Thomas County; Marshall Berman, Thomas County; Paul Deese, Thomas County; Bill Sullivan, Thomasville; William Sicheloff, Thomas County and Nancy Huffman, Boston.

Chairman Mays called for comments from the board. Commissioner Hickey expressed his appreciation and thanks for the County Manager, Michael Stephenson.

Chairman Mays closed the Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m.

  
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J. Elaine Mays, Chairman

  
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M. Twink Monahan, County Clerk