

**GATES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 24, 2012**

The Gates County Board of Commissioners reconvened in a Special Meeting at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, May 24, 2012 from May 21, 2012 in the main courtroom, 202 Court Street, Gatesville. The purpose of the meeting was to continue a budget work session on the 2012-2013 Proposed Budget. Commissioners Twine, Jordan, Hora, Owens and Jernigan were present. Also present was County Manager, Toby Chappell, Finance Officer, Sandy Pittman and Finance Technician, Marie Rountree.

A prayer was led by Commissioner Jordan.

Chairman Twine called the meeting to order.

Sandy Pittman, Finance Officer, presented Budget Amendments 60-64.

Commissioner Owens made a motion to approve Budget Amendments 60-64 as presented. Commissioner Jernigan seconded the motion, motion carried without opposition.

Wesley Boone and Lulu Eure, representing Gates Partners For Health, requested additional funding to cover Esther Lassiter's salary and other services for County citizens.

Pitt Godwin, Attorney, was requested by the Board to discuss how to reduce the number of hours he is present during Commissioners' Meetings. Mr. Godwin will receive legal questions in advance and have a specific time during the day meetings from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. to be in attendance. The new process at the June 6 meeting.

Timmy Hedgepeth, Water Department Supervisor, and Gus Simmons, Cavanaugh and Associates, discussed water and sewage rates. Mr. Simmons suggested as a means to prepare for future expenses in wastewater it would be advisable to establish the minimum usage fee at \$10 and all remaining usage to be calculated at \$6.00/1000 gal. He also made the suggestion to have an impact fee for new water customers at \$1,000 and new sewer customers at \$1,000.

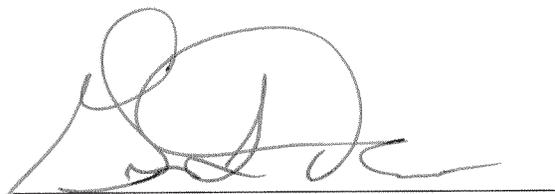
Commissioner Hora made a motion to eliminate the \$1,000 impact fee for new water customers and to keep all other new fees as presented. Commissioner Jordan seconded the motion. Commissioner Hora voted for the motion. Chairman Twine and Commissioners Jordan, Owens and Jernigan voted against the motion. Motion did not carry by a majority vote.

Ed Webb, Sheriff, requested to use approximately \$20,000 to keep a part-time Deputy on staff, they could also assist in the office.

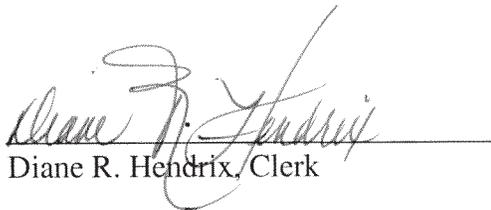
After the Board was polled there was a unanimous vote not to raise the tax rate.

Commissioner Jordan made a motion to readjust the 2012-2013 proposed budget line items to cover requests made by the Sheriff, Gates Partners for Health, fund a Department of Social Services position; an additional \$50,000 allocated for the schools from fund balance. Commissioner Jernigan seconded the motion. Commissioners Jordan, Owens and Jernigan voted for the motion. Chairman Twine and Commissioner Hora voted against the motion. Motion carried by a majority vote.

Commissioner Jordan made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Owens seconded the motion, motion carried without opposition.



Graham L. Twine, Chairman



Diane R. Hendrix, Clerk

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