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COMMISSIONERS COURT DOCKET
SEPTEMBER 8, 2020
SPECIAL SESSION

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY

BE IT REMEMBERED that on this the 8th day of September, 2020, the Honorable Commissioners Court of Montgomery County, Texas, was duly convened in a Special Session in the Commissioners Courtroom of the Alan B. Sadler Commissioners Court Building, 501 North Thompson, Conroe, Texas, with the following members of the Court present:

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| County Judge | Mark Keough |
| Commissioner, Precinct 1 | Mike Meador |
| Commissioner, Precinct 2 | Charlie Riley |
| Commissioner, Precinct 3 | James Noack |
| Commissioner, Precinct 4 | James Metts |
| Also County Clerk's Office | Amber Twiddy |

CITIZENS – AGENDA ITEM 3

Eric Yollick addressed the court concerning the tax rate and budget. He did not want the court to pass a tax increase. He would like the quorum busted if it appeared that the court would pass an increase.

COMMISSIONERS COURT IS RECESSED FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FOLLOWING:

AGENDA ITEM 4A: CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE FOR TAX YEAR 2020.

Dennis Tibbs addressed the court concerning taxes and appraisals. He asked why certain elected officials and board of directors have not received an appraisal increase and why employees of the appraisal district received a token increase. He asked the court to ask the appraisal district why it appears elected officials are getting special treatment.

Adrian Kaiser read a resolution from the Montgomery County Republican Party supporting a tax rate no higher than the effective tax rate.

Calvin Russell addressed the court concerning the tax rate. He would like the court to break the quorum to boycott a tax increase.

Ginger Russell also addressed the court concerning the tax rate. She stated that their property values have increased. She listed other entities that also increased. She asked the court to give the tax payers a break.

Walter Boyd addressed the court on various topics.

Dr. Billy Graff addressed the court concerning the tax rate. He stated that due to the loss of many jobs and businesses that this may not be the year to finance various projects in the County. He asked the court to show compassion and lower the tax rate.

Lorena Perez McGill addressed the court concerning the tax rate. She stated that she would like the court to properly fund the budget for needed services.

COMMISSIONER MEADOR LEFT THE COURTROOM.

Commissioner Noack asked Jim Carmen with the Howard Hughes Corporation to speak about how Covid has affected businesses.

Jim Carmen told the court of impacts from Covid on various entities and tenants. He asked the court to minimize the impact on the customers of the Howard Hughes Corporation. He stated many businesses have closed permanently.

NOTE: DISCUSSION IN FULL CAN BE HEARD ON AUDIO OF MINUTES ON THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY WEBSITE.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC, THE PUBLIC HEARING WAS CONCLUDED AND COMMISSIONERS COURT RECONVENED.

COMMISSIONER MEADOR RETURNED TO THE COURTROOM

1. MOTION FAILED – ACCEPT BUDGET – COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 3

Motion by Commissioner Noack, seconded by Judge Keough, to accept the budget as discussed during the workshops with the changes on the memo on file. Commissioner Meador, Commissioner Riley, and Commissioner Metts voted “No”. Motion failed.

2. TAX RATE APPROVED – COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 2

Motion by Commissioner Riley, seconded by Commissioner Metts, to approve a tax rate in the amount of .4312 with an additional draw down of fund balance for a total budget of \$350,555,386.00. Line item adjustments will be made if needed to satisfy fund balance requirements at all times. Commissioner Meador voted “Aye”, Commissioner Riley voted “Aye”, Judge Keough voted “Aye”, Commissioner Noack voted “Aye”, and Commissioner Metts voted “Aye. Motion carried.

3. RESOLUTION AND ORDER APPROVED – TAX RATE FOR M&O – TAX ASSESSOR/ COLLECTOR

Motion by Commissioner Riley, seconded by Commissioner Noack, to set by Resolution and Order the 2020 Ad Valorem Tax Rate for Maintenance and Operations at .3652 cents per \$100 evaluation. Motion carried.

4. RESOLUTION AND ORDER APPROVED – TAX RATE FOR DEBT SERVICE – TAX ASSESSOR/ COLLECTOR

Motion by Commissioner Riley, seconded by Commissioner Meador, to set by Resolution and Order the 2020 Ad Valorem Tax Rate for Debt Service at .0660 cents per \$100 evaluation. Motion carried.

5. RESOLUTION AND ORDER APPROVED – ALLOCATING 2020 AD VALOREM ADOPTED TAX RATE – TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR

Motion by Commissioner Riley, seconded by Commissioner Meador, to approve a Resolution and Order allocating and fixing the 2020 Ad Valorem Adopted Tax Rate of 0.4312 cents per \$100.00 valuation for specific purposes and funds as follows:

- .3142 cents on each \$100.00 valuation for the General Fund,
- .0510 cents on each \$100.00 valuation for the Road Maintenance Fund and
- .0660 cents on each \$100.00 valuation for Interest and Sinking Fund (Debt Service).

Motion carried.

6. BUDGET ADOPTED – FY2021 – BUDGET OFFICE

Motion by Commissioner Riley, seconded by Judge Keough to adopt a budget \$42,500 less than the amount approved as the total budget in motion number 2, \$350,555,386.00. Motion carried.

7. COURT ADJOURNS

Motion by Commissioner Noack, seconded by Commissioner Riley, to adjourn this session of Court. Motion carried.

The above and foregoing minutes were read and approved by the Court.

ATTEST:

Mark Turnbull, County Clerk

Ex-Officio Clerk - Commissioners' Court
Montgomery County, Texas

BY: Mark Turnbull
COUNTY CLERK

Mike Meador
COUNTY JUDGE

Mike Meador, County Judge Pro Tem

